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Troubleshooting Corn Stand Problems – Stephen Vantassel
Vertebrate Crop Damage

Step 1
Regularly Monitor Fields

Step 2
Correctly Identify Damage

Step 3
Initiate Appropriate Control

Deer Damage to Corn

Early Damage

Late Damage

Raccoon Damage to Corn

• Husks peeled
• Stalks broken in varied directions
• Damage peaks during milk phase

Bird Damage to Corn

Seedlings may snap in dry conditions
Firecracker husks – thin peels (vs raccoon)
Shallow holes dug around entire seedling
Cup-like damage to kernels

NOTE:
While most wildlife damage crop edges, bird damage can occur anywhere in a field.