Time to Scout for Black Cutworm Caterpillars

Corn is out of the ground and averaging V2-V3 growth stage in SWNY. We are at the point now where black cutworm caterpillars may be present in your corn fields causing damage. Fields that favor cutworm outbreaks include fields planted into cover crop, fields previously sod or pasture, and weedy fields. Treatment of fields is suggested if 5% or more of the plants have been cut. Since the larvae are active at night, insecticides should be applied late in the day for best control. Scout your corn for cut plants in SWNY.