

## ***Symmetrischima capsicum* (Povolny): Gelechiidae) a new pest for Jamaica.**

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### **[Abstract]**

Recently, larvae of the pepper bud moth, *Symmetrischema capsicum* have been found feeding within the buds of cultivated pepper in Jamaica. Ninety-four percent of hot pepper farms sampled were infested with an average infestation of 21.9%. Larval infestation was found in *Capsicum chinense* (Scotch Bonnet, West Indian Red) and *Capsicum annum* (Sweet pepper, Jalapeno pepper). The small larvae feed upon the reproductive structures causing the buds to fall off or fail to produce fruit.