



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 4 - The mole



Appearance:

Black velvety and blind

Breeding:

In the spring long straight surface tunnels are sometimes made by males in search of females. They breed from February to June and 1 litter is usual. Pregnancy lasts about 4 weeks. They can have 2-7 young but normally 4. The young are furless pink-skinned and eyes are closed at birth. Fur develops between 2-3 weeks and the young leave the nest when they are 5 weeks old.

Food:

Worms, but not brandling worms.

Where do Moles live?

Adult moles are solitary and live mostly underground in their tunnel system.

Tunnel systems vary from 400-2,000m².

There are 2 types of main tunnel: Surface tunnels distinguished by the ridges of soil formed on the surface.

Deep tunnels are 5-20cm below the surface and mole hills are found on the surface from the soil excavated from the digging.

Diseases:

None attributed to this animal.

Damage:

Mole hills and runs are a hazard for horses and other livestock as they can cause leg injury. Moles also throw up stones which can damage mowers. Their activities can also spoil turf and greens. Disturbed soil can contaminate silage

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