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## *Locust Update September 3rd 2010*

Hi <<First Name>>

The Australian Plague Locust Commission have released **revised forecast development dates for locusts** during spring 2010 with some changes from the mid August forecast. An extract of locations and dates is below - full details and more information is available from the APLC and other State and National websites by going to the MSF Locust Link page by clicking [here](#).

| <b>Location - NSW</b>      | <b>Hatching</b> | <b>Mid-instar</b> | <b>Fledging</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Broken Hill-Wilcannia      | 15 September    | 30 September      | 22 October      |
| Ivanhoe-Hillston           | 25 September    | 13 October        | 2 November      |
| Hay-Balranald              | 5 October       | 21 October        | 4 November      |
| <b>Location - Victoria</b> | <b>Hatching</b> | <b>Mid-instar</b> | <b>Fledging</b> |
| Mildura-Ouyen              | 25 September    | 14 October        | 5 November      |
| Swan Hill-Boort            | 6 October       | 25 October        | 14 November     |
| Echuca-Bendigo             | 24 October      | 6 November        | 25 November     |
| Shepparton-Tungamah        | 20 October      | 3 November        | 22 November     |
| Nhill-Warracknabeal        | 17 October      | 1 November        | 20 November     |
| <b>Location - SA</b>       | <b>Hatching</b> | <b>Mid-instar</b> | <b>Fledging</b> |
| Renmark-Morgan             | 26 September    | 12 October        | 4 November      |
| Pinnaroo-Karoonda          | 2 October       | 21 October        | 10 November     |
| Keith-Bordertown           | 17 October      | 1 November        | 25 November     |

Peak hatchings dates are a guide only, as **hatchings will extend for several weeks before and after the dates given**. Forecast dates are based on development models for known or possible egg laying by adult populations and assume sufficient soil moisture for development after diapause.

Dates are estimated using recorded temperatures to 30 August and long-term average temperatures. **Dates indicate the majority of the population entering the life stage**. Actual egg laying occurred over an extended period during autumn. Egg development rate is sensitive to temperature variation in late winter and early spring and early hatchings have occurred in recent years.

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