





# Red Imported Fire Ant Biology and Impact

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# Mating Flight





# Oviposition - Egg laying







# Development





# Queen Fire Ant







# Mound Development







# Brood and Adult Ants





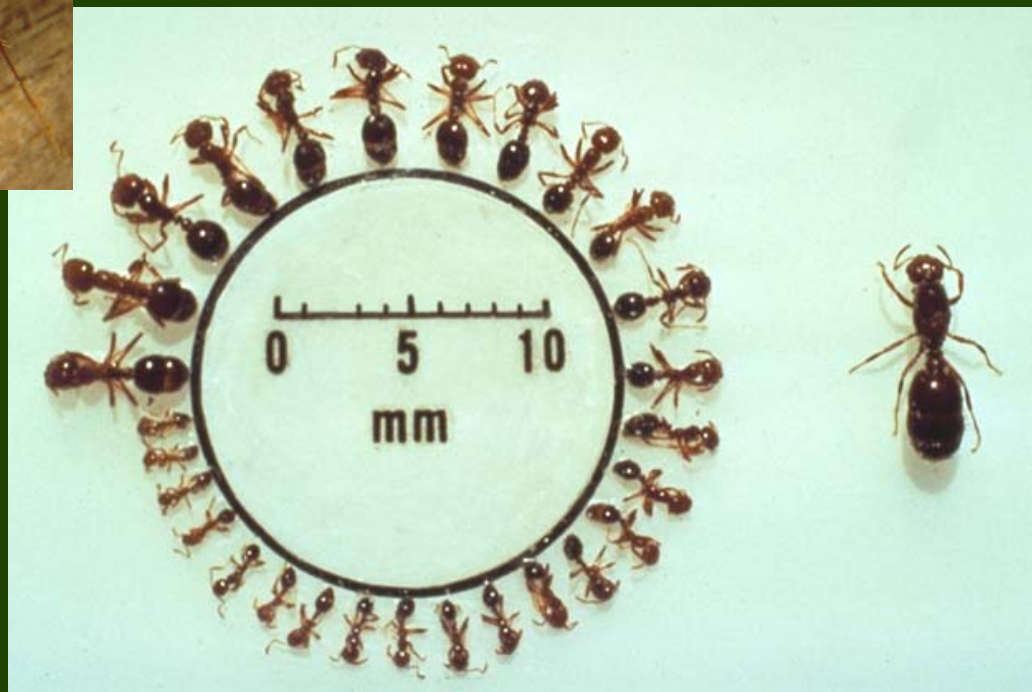
# Caste Development and Life Stages







# Worker Ants





# Mound Structure







# Colony Migration





# Biting and Stinging





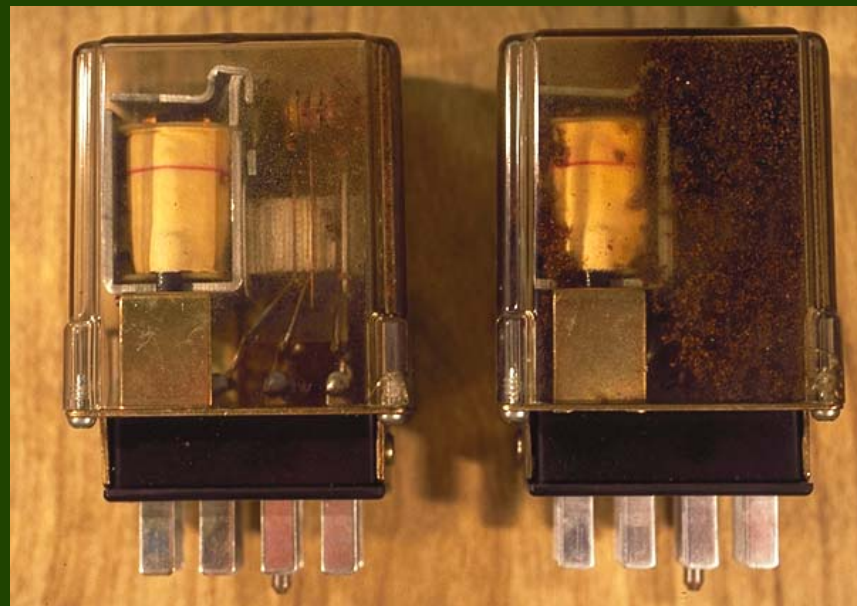


# Around Home





# Impact on Electrical Units







# Impact to Wildlife





# Impact on Plants







# Hay Production





# Impact on Other Arthropods







# Integrated Pest Management





# Community- Wide Fire Ant Managemen t Programs





