

Sweet potato whitefly (*Bemisia tabaci*)

- ❑ Intercepted in shipments from HI; also widespread in CA.
- ❑ Hosts: **Basil**; La Lot; Taro; *Philodendron*; Betel; *Plumeria*; Malongai; Saluyot; Ginger; *Ficus microcarpa*; and a wide variety of crops elsewhere.
- ❑ Field ID: “Pupa” oval, yellowish green, about 1 mm long, on underside of leaf, lacking marginal fringe of wax, with body usually **slightly constricted at anterior third**. Adult with yellow body becoming waxy white with age, red eyes, and white wings which are held angled over the body.



Newly emerged adult (lateral view)



Newly emerged adult
(dorsal view)

