

# Pickleworm

## (*Diaphania nitidalis*)

- ❑ Commonly intercepted in shipments from Dominican Republic and Florida.
- ❑ Hosts: Quenepas or Spanish lime (*Melicocca bijuga*); Tindora fruit or Ivy gourd (*Coccinia cordifolia*); Cucumber; Pickling cucumber; Indian cucumber; Zucchini.
- ❑ Field ID: Larva **burrows into fruit** and stems and feeds to a lesser extent on foliage. Larva about 5-15 mm long, **yellow** with dark brown spots on body [turns black when preserved in alcohol]; when ready to pupate, spins a thin cocoon.



larva inside fruit

infested fruit with  
pickleworm



larva



adult