Pointed or conical (*Cochlicella acuta*) and small pointed (*Cochlicella barbara*) snails

**Description:** Pointed snails have fawn, grey or brown conical shells up to 18 mm long. The ratio of the shell length to its base diameter is always greater than two.

Small pointed snails have fawn, grey or brown conical shells up to 10 mm long. The ratio of the shell length to its base diameter is always two or less.

**Damage:** Contaminate grain at harvest.

**Monitoring:** Small pointed snails can be a major problem in higher rainfall areas (greater than 500 mm).

**Management:** There are a wide range of management options available to control numbers including baiting within two weeks of the first rains, burning and chaining in summer.

Roll, slash, chain or cable stubbles when air temperatures are above 35 °C to knock snails onto the soil.

Cable or harrow before burning to turn over rocks. Ensure summer weeds are killed before burning. Burning is most effective early in the season.

Snails less than 7 mm in length are unlikely to be controlled by baiting. No thresholds have been established for baiting conical snails.

Harvester modifications and grain cleaning/crushing can be used to reduce grain contamination.

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Pointed snail.

Small pointed snail.