

## Signs of Infestation of the House Mouse

- ✓ **Gnaw Marks.** New gnawing or holes tend to be rough whereas, old gnawings are smooth from wear.
- ✓ **Droppings.** Fresh droppings are soft and moist whereas, old droppings are dried and hard; house mouse's about 1/8-1/4 inch long, rod shaped, and with pointed end VS American cockroach about 1/8 inch long with ridges.
- ✓ **Tracks/Footprints.** Front foot is 4-toed and the print is in front of the hind print with 5-toes. Fresh tracks are clear and sharp whereas, old tracks are at least partially obscured by dust.
- ✓ **Rub Marks.** These are usually less noticeable and smaller in size than those of rats.
- ✓ **Burrows.** Indoors they often nest in various materials such as insulation. If active, free of dust and cobwebs. The entrance is usually packed and compressed with material and rub marks are sometimes visible.
- ✓ **Runways.** They frequently use the same paths, usually along walls, among stacked merchandise, etc., and into interior objects. Active runways are free of dust and cobwebs, with fresh droppings. Tracks may or may not be visible.
- ✓ **Damaged Goods.** Mice prefer seeds or cereals.