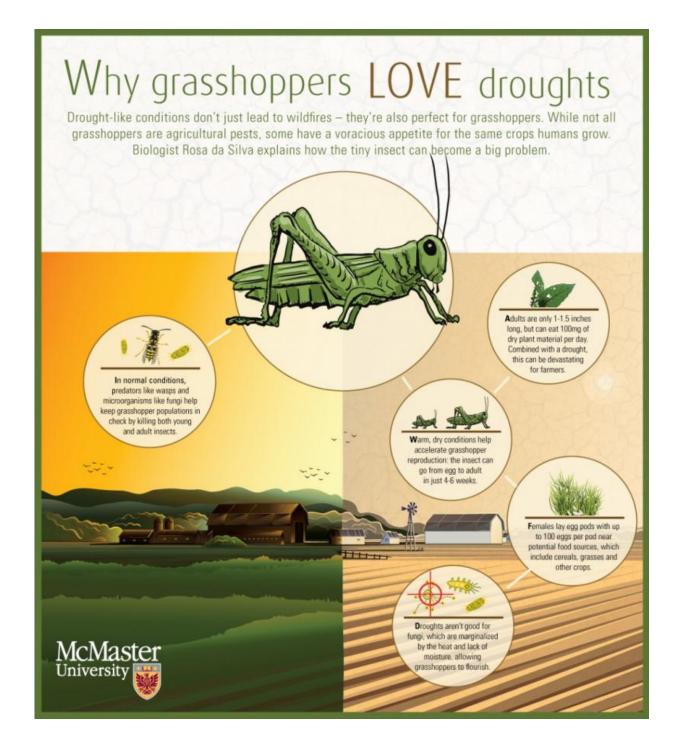


Image: Why grasshoppers are plaguing Alberta's farms

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Western farmers, particularly those in Alberta, have had a rough



summer.

Hot, dry conditions are hurting crops, wildfires are forcing people from their homes and now grasshopper populations are reaching <u>epidemic</u> <u>proportions</u>.

Most types of grasshoppers aren't considered "pests", but a handful of them are - and the insects can cause a great deal of damage.

In the infographic above, McMaster biologist Rosa da Silva explains why grasshoppers flourish in droughts, and why that's bad news for farmers.

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