Cutworms

Cutworms are typically about 1 inch long and dark colored. They feed on young tissues only at night, causing large irregular holds in blueberry buds. During the day, larvae spend their time in the leaf litter or upper soil layers under bushes, moving from the ground up into the plant at night and then back to the ground. They tend to be more of a problem in weedy fields, particularly if the ground has been left undisturbed and there are good 'sheltering' and protected areas. For this reason, it is important to inspect bushes for bud injury during budbreak to bloom.