



## THE ANT THAT ATE AMERICA

1. How is the ant affecting people's everyday lives? .....
2. How did the ant get from South America to North America? .....
3. The ant overwhelms its opposition with sheer numbers. Often with an army nearly ..... million strong.
4. What have scientists nicknamed the ant & why? .....
5. Conservationists are concerned about the ant threatening wildlife. What animals are the ants threatening? .....
6. What is the ant sting like? .....
7. What is the ant sting process? .....
8. People have invented special boots & gloves to reduce the risks of stings. How do they work? .....



9. How long does it take for a reaction to an ant bite to occur? .....
10. .... people die from stinging insects each year.
11. Why are people "suing" over Fire Ants? .....
12. Why are ant attacks increasing in the South? .....
13. Why do ants move indoors? .....
14. What other problems do the ants cause? .....
15. How do ants affect farmers? .....



16. Residents try to control the ants by using insecticide (Diazinon) of petrochemicals. What did the government do in the 1950's/ 60's to try to control fire ants?  
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17. What problems did the use of Myrex insecticide cause? .....

18. What natural element is curbing their spread into other parts of America? ....

19. A number of factors are aiding the spread of fire ants including the transport of infected plants and mulch and the clearing of forests. How is the clearing of forests helping the fire ant? .....

20. Ants in the bottom of the mound have special jobs to do – what are these jobs?  
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21. Queen ants lay eggs at a rate of ..... per minute. She will produce ..... eggs in her lifetime.



22. How are scientists attempting to keep Fire Ants in check in the South? .....

23. Circle what you think scientists are trying to do – eradicate the ant or control its spread.

24. The fire ant is slowly adapting to different climates and could easily spread to other parts of America previously believed safe because of climatic barriers. The fire ant was discovered in Australia at the Port of ..... in ..... 2001.

