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Insects and weather! Insects are numerous or few, depending on their food plants, their enemies and the weather, or a combination of these. Weather is perhaps the most important. A late frost in spring may occur after the eggs are hatched, starving the young and indeed all leaf-eaters, by killing the vegetation on which they feed. Heavy rains cause destruction of great numbers of insects by washing the very young from trees and herbs. Cool, dry weather, by delaying the growth of all vegetation, also reduces the number of insects; high temperature and light rainfall favor their development. Man, in civilized countries, greatly limits the numbers of some, and others he entirely exterminates.
