

Fusarium wilt (yellows)	Root-knot nematode	Sclerotinia rot	Verticillium wilt
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BEET CYST NEMATODE

Heterodera schachtii

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?



Stunted growth and yellowing of aboveground plant

DAFF Archive, Bugwood.org



Increase in fine "whisker-like" roots with small white spherical cysts L. Tesoriero, Crop Doc Consulting

WHERE WILL I SEE SYMPTOMS?





FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR DISEASE DEVELOPMENT



• 21-27°C In warm conditions can have up to five generations in one growing season.



 Seedlings particularly susceptible

DISTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?







SURVIVAL TIME WITHOUT HOST

More than 10 years

12 SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS

FARM HYGIENE

Stop movement of contaminated soil, water, plants and equipment



SOIL TEST

Conduct a pre-sowing soil test to help predict level of risk



HOST-FREE ZONE

Control volunteer host plants and weeds



PLANT TRAP CROPS

Plant nematode resistant crops that prevent reproduction



CROP ROTATION

Select non-host rotation or cover crops



 Select fields that have not grown a host crop in at least 5 years

CHEMICAL FUMIGATION

Always use with care and as per label



• Not always effective as cysts can be difficult to penetrate. Check APVMA or Infopest website for registered

products

BIO **FUMIGATION**

Grow a biofumigant crop



• Use non-brassica crops e.g. biofumigant sorghum varieties

IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH

Add organic matter or amendments to boost beneficial microbes



PREPARATION PLANTING

CROP

FALLOW/COVER

CROP SELECTION Choose a resistant/less



ADJUST DATE

Adjust planting/harvest date to reduce infection risk



· Plant when soil temperatures are lower and nematodes are less active

SOIL **SOLARISATION**

Cover soil with a tarp and kill harmful pathogens



HOST RANGE

Brassica crops and weeds, silverbeet, beetroot and rhubarb

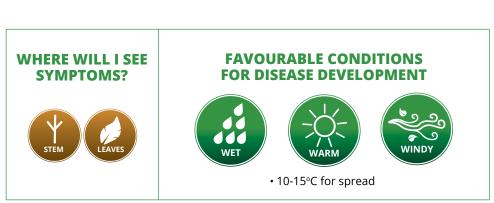
BLACK LEG (PHOMA LEAF SPOT)

Leptosphaeria maculans (Phoma lingam)

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?



Leaf lesions may appear as (a) grey circular spots containing many small black dots or (b) white to brown spots with many tiny black dots in the centre L. Tesoriero, Crop Doc Consulting





Stem and stalk develop sunken brown to purple lesions which eventually turn black and split L. Tesoriero, NSW DPI



CROP FALLOW/COVER

PLANTING PREPARATION

FARM HYGIENE

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DRAINAGE

Plant on raised beds or well-draining soil





Cover soil with a tarp and kill harmful pathogens



PLANTING Ensure no plant residues from host crops at planting

NO RESIDUE

AT



USE CLEAN SEED OR SEEDLINGS

Source seed/ seedlings from a certified reputable



 Solarise for 4-6 weeks preplanting with soil temperature ideally reaching 30°C +









HOST RANGE

POST-PLANT

Crop and weed brassicas including cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, canola mustards, radish, turnip and shepherd's purse





Digging up wilted plants reveals knot-like swelling (galls) on the root system S. Grigg, Ag-Hort Consulting







FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR DISEASE DEVELOPMENT







• 20-26°C



Scattered areas of wilted plants may be seen across the field

S. Grigg, Ag-Hort Consulting





HOW DOES IT SPREAD?







SURVIVAL TIME WITHOUT HOST

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20 SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS 21

FALLOW/COVER

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CROP **ROTATION**

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CHEMICAL FUMIGATION

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PLANTING PREPARATION

DRAINAGE

Plant on raised beds or well-draining soil



CROP SELECTION

Choose a resistant/less susceptible cultivar



• Chinese cabbage is highlu suscpetible

SOIL PH

Use amendments to adjust soil pH



Adjust pH to 7.0-7.5

SOIL TEST

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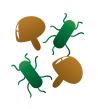


NO RESIDUE AT **PLANTING**

Ensure no plant residues from host crops at planting



BIOCONTROL PRODUCTS



CHEMICAL TREATMENT

Use registered soil drench at planting



· Consult APVMA or InfoPest website for current registered products

AVOID PLANT INJURY

Avoid any physical damage to plant



GOOD **NUTRITION**

Ensure plants' nutritional needs are met



IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

Monitor crop and soil to optimize amount and timing



REMOVE INFECTED PLANTS

Contain and dispose of infected plant material away from field



DAMPING OFF/WIRESTEM

Pythium spp. / Rhizoctonia solani

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?



Brassica seedlings showing symptoms of wilting and death caused by damping off. B.Winter, Stuart Grigg Ag-Hort Consulting







FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR DISEASE DEVELOPMENT







• 13-15°C



Stem discolouration and rot evident at stem base, in this case caused by *Rhizoctonia* spp. Stem eventually collapses leading to wilt and plant death L. Tesoriero, Crop Doc Consulting

DISTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD



• Small areas (3-4 infected plants) may also be visible

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?









SURVIVAL TIME WITHOUT HOST

SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS 25 24 SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS

FARM HYGIENE

Stop movement of contaminated soil, water, plants and equipment



CROP ROTATION

Select non-host rotation or cover crops



· Oats are a good rotation option to reduce Rhizoctonia spp.

HOST-FREE ZONE

Control volunteer host plants and weeds



· Consult APVMA or InfoPest website for current registered products

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CHEMICAL IMPROVE FUMIGATION SOIL HEALTH

Add organic matter or amendments to boost beneficial microbes



BIO **FUMIGATION**

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PLANTING PREPARATION

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TRANSPLANTS

Use seedling transplants - not direct seeding



NO RESIDUE AT **PLANTING**

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USE CLEAN SEED OR SEEDLINGS

Source seed/ seedlings from a certified reputable



SOIL TEST

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CHEMICAL TREATMENT

Treat seed/ seedlings with registered fungicide



POST-PLANT

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

Monitor crop and soil to optimize amount and timing



REMOVE INFECTED PLANTS

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AVOID PLANT INJURY

Avoid any physical damage to plant



GOOD NUTRITION

Ensure plants' nutritional needs are met



BIOCONTROL PRODUCTS



CONTROL PESTS

Control insect pests that spread spores



HOST RANGE

Crop and weed brassicas including cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, canola mustards, radish, turnip, shepherd's purse



Cutting open the stem reveals brown discolouration of the internal tissue L. Tesoriero, Crop Doc Consulting







FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR DISEASE DEVELOPMENT



• >22°C Varies between types of Fusarium



 Especially potassium deficiency



 Ammonium fertilisers can favour disease



Often lower leaves appear stunted, wilt and turn yellow more on one side of the plant. May be confused with water stress or nutrient deficiency L. Tesoriero, Crop Doc Consulting

DISTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?







SURVIVAL TIME WITHOUT HOST



BIOCONTROL PRODUCTS

BIO **FUMIGATION** Grow a

biofumigant crop



 Use non-brassicas e.g. biofumigant sorghum varieties

CROP **FARM HYGIENE**

HOW DO I CONTROL IT?

Stop movement of contaminated soil, water, plants and equipment







HOST-FREE ZONE

Control volunteer host plants and weeds



 Consult APVMA or InfoPest website for current registered products

FERTILISER

SELECTION

CHEMICAL

FUMIGATION

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CROP SELECTION

Choose a resistant/less susceptible cultivar



NO RESIDUE PLANTING

Ensure no plant residues from host crops at planting



 Calcium supplements may help suppress diseases

GOOD **NUTRITION**

Ensure plants' nutritional needs are met



 Avoid acidifying ammonium fertilisers

CHEMICAL TREATMENT

IMPROVE

SOIL HEALTH

Add organic matter

or amendments to

boost beneficial

microbes

Use registered soil drench at planting







POST-PLANT

FALLOW/COVER

PREPARATION

PLANTING

CONTROL PESTS

Control insect pests that spread spores



• Particularly important at the seedling stage

REMOVE INFECTED **PLANTS**

Contain and dispose of infected plant material away from field



AVOID PLANT INJURY Avoid any physical

Ensure plants'



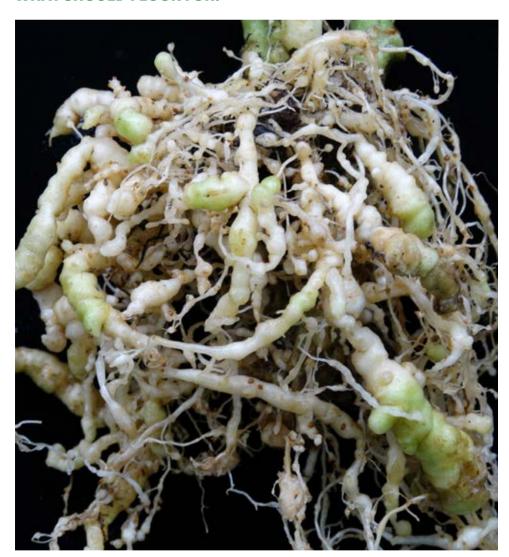


HOST RANGE

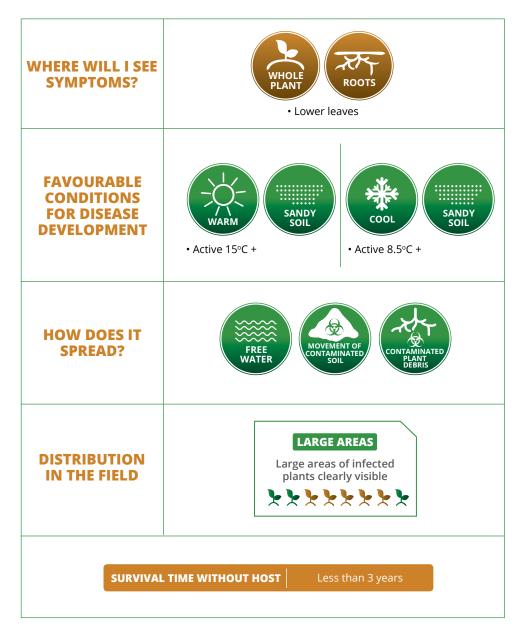
Crop and weed brassicas including cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, canola mustards, radish, turnip, shepherd's purse

WARM-CLIMATE SPECIES: Meliodogyne incognita | Meloidogyne javanica | Meloidogyne arenaria

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?



Aboveground, scattered areas of stunted, yellow and wilted plants may be visible. Belowground, infection with root-knot nematode results in swelling and galls on the root. S. Nelson FLICKR



FARM HYGIENE

Stop movement of contaminated soil, water, plants and equipment



HOST-FREE ZONE

Control volunteer host plants and weeds



PLANT TRAP CROPS

Plant nematode resistant crops that prevent reproduction



ADJUST DATE

Adjust planting/harvest date to reduce infection risk



• Maximise growth in cool conditions when nematode activity is low. Harvest early in high risk situations

SOIL TEST

Conduct a pre-sowing soil test to help predict level of risk



· If numbers are high consider fallow or non-host break crop



· Use non-brassicas e.g. biofumigant sorghum varieties

CROP ROTATION Select non-host rotation or cover crops



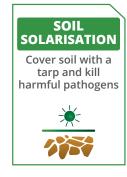
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FALLOW/COVER









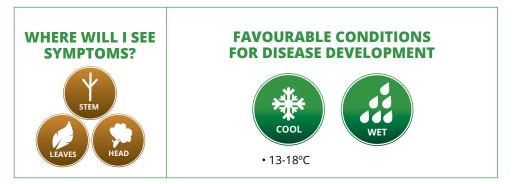


HOST RANGE

Very wide with over 2000 plant species acting as hosts to root-knot nematode



Symptoms begin as water-soaked lesions which eventually rot and collapse R. Lancaster, DPIRD







Characteristic white fluffy growth with black fruiting bodies (sclerotia) as seen on (a) a cauliflower head and (b) kale head. *S. sclerotiorum* produce sclerotia up to 25mm long and *S. minor* produces much smaller sclerotia (up to 3mm long)

a: R. Lancaster, DPIRD; b: G. Holmes, California Polytechnic State University, Bugwood.org



36 SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS SOIL-BORNE DISEASES IN VEGETABLE CROPS 37

CROP **FARM HYGIENE**

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ROTATION Select non-host rotation or cover crops

CROP

· Minimum 3 year break from host crop

HOST-FREE ZONE

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CHEMICAL FUMIGATION

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IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH

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PLANTING PREPARATION

POST-PLANT

FALLOW/COVER











TREATMENT



CHEMICAL





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HOST RANGE

Very wide (more than 400 different plant species). Infects most brassica vegetable crops and many weeds e.g. shepherd's purse, thistles, mustard and pigweed



Pale green to yellow discolouration between veins. Eventually leaf will wilt and die, often only on one side of the plant. Discoloured vascular tissue can also be seen at the base of the plant. L. Tesoriero, Crop Doc Consulting

FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS WHERE WILL I SEE FOR DISEASE DEVELOPMENT **SYMPTOMS?**







• Air 23-25°C optimum for infection



• pH >7



Ammonium fertilisers can favour disease



Cutting open the stem reveals brown flecks of discoloured vascular tissue, often in a V-shape Ohio State University Extension

DISTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?





SURVIVAL TIME WITHOUT HOST

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NO RESIDUE AT **PLANTING**

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· Ammonium fertilisers help suppress disease

POST-PLANT











HOST RANGE

Brassica crops and weeds, tomatoes and olives