Everything You Need To Know To Effectively Manage Cucurbit Diseases In 2023

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Disease factsheets and articles

If you were a big fan of the pioneering Vegetable MD Online website, much of that content has been moved here. We are in the process of moving over the rest.

- (LIHREC) indicates information from the Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center Vegetable Pathology website.
- List also includes some herbs (parsley, basil) and abiotic disorder
- Some content is available as printer-friendly .pdf versions.

Get started:

General tips on diagnosing plant diseases

Diseases and management practices affecting multiple crops

- Phytophthora Blight and Its Management in Cucurbit Crops and Other Vegetables
- Reduced-tillage for Managing Phytophthora Blight and Other Soil-Borne Pathogens
- Biofumigation for Managing Phytophthora Blight and Other Soil-Borne Pathogens
- White Mold and Its Management in Cabbage, Beans, and Other Vegetables
- Diseases of Winter Greens: Downy Mildews, Powdery Mildews, Cladosporium Leaf Spot, and Root Rot
- Table: Fungicides for Cucurbit Crops
- Table: Mobile Fungicides for Managing Three Major Cucurbit Diseases:
 Powdery Mildew, Downy Mildew, and Phytophthora Blight
- Weeds and Crops Susceptible to Viruses in the Northeast
- Disease-resistant varieties
- Managing Pathogens Inside Seed with Hot Water
- Treatments for Managing Bacterial Pathogens in Vegetable Seed
- Do Rotations Matter within Disease Management Programs?
- Cropping Sequences and Root Health
- On-Farm Soil Bioassays for Assessing Root Pathogens
- General Guidelines for Managing Fungicide Resistance
- When is the Best Time to Apply Fungicides for Foliar Diseases?
- Managing Diseases With Sulfur: Is There A Role For Burners + Evaporators?
- Organic Management of Vegetable Diseases
- Biopesticides for Organic and Conventional Disease Management in Vegetables
- Copper Fungicides for Organic and Conventional Disease Management in Vegetables
- Minimizing Injury from Copper Fungicides

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Integrated Disease Management Cucurbit Powdery Mildew

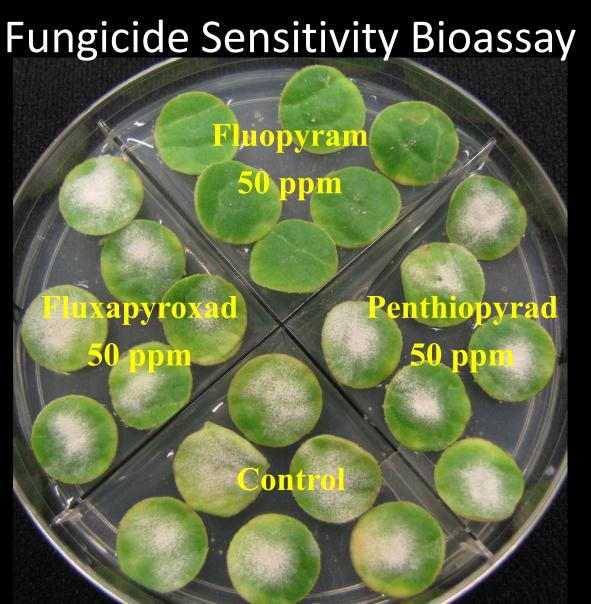
- Resistant varieties provide limited (pumpkin, squash) to excellent (cucumber, cantaloupe) suppression.
- Onset coincides with start of fruiting.
- Many biopesticides and protectant fungicides (sulfur, chlorothalonil) effective on upper leaf surfaces.
- Targeted fungicides can be excellent.
 - Effective on lower leaf surface.
 - Resistance is major issue.
 - Isolates with multi-fungicide resistance.
 - Inherent differences in efficacy including within FRAC group

Fungicide Evaluation - Pumpkin









Fungicides - Cucurbit Powdery Mildew

Fungicide Group	FRAC Code	Fungicide	Active Ingredient	Registered In U.S.	Resistance In U.S.
MBC	1	Benlate	benomyl	1972	1967
DMI	3	Bayleton	triadimefon	1984	1990
Qol	11	Quadris	azoxystrobin	1999	2002
DMI	3	multiple	multiple	2000-	
SDHI	7	Pristine	boscalid + Qol	2003	2009
Aza-naphthalene	13	Quintec	quinoxyfen	2007	2015
Phenyl-acetamide	U6	Torino	cyflufenamid	2012	2017
Aryl-phenyl-ketone	50	Vivando	metrafenone	2014	
SDHI	7	Luna series	fluopyram	2016	
Cyano-methylene- thiazolidines	U13	Gatten	flutianil	2018	

Fungicide Resistance - Cucurbit Powdery Mildew

- MBC fungicides (FRAC 1) resistance common, single gene.
- QoI fungicides (11) resistance common, single gene.
- DMI fungicides (3) resistance partial. Also range in inherent activity: Proline and Procure most effective. Cevya least.
- SDHI fungicides (7) resistance common to Endura (Pristine, Fontelis, Merivon). partial to Luna Experience, Miravis Prime and Aprovia Top; recommended.
- Quintec (13) resistance detected since 2015. Variable occurrence partly due to use. Efficacy can be impacted.
- Torino (U6) resistance detected since 2017. Variable occurrence partly due to use. Efficacy can be impacted.
- Vivando (50) reduced sensitivity. Prolivo efficacy inconsistent.
- Gatten (U13) ??. Inherently less effective.

Powdery Mildew Isolate Bioassays – Fungicides

Endura (7	500 ppm	(= field rate)
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Luna Privilege (7) 50, 150 ppm (field rate = 390 ppm)

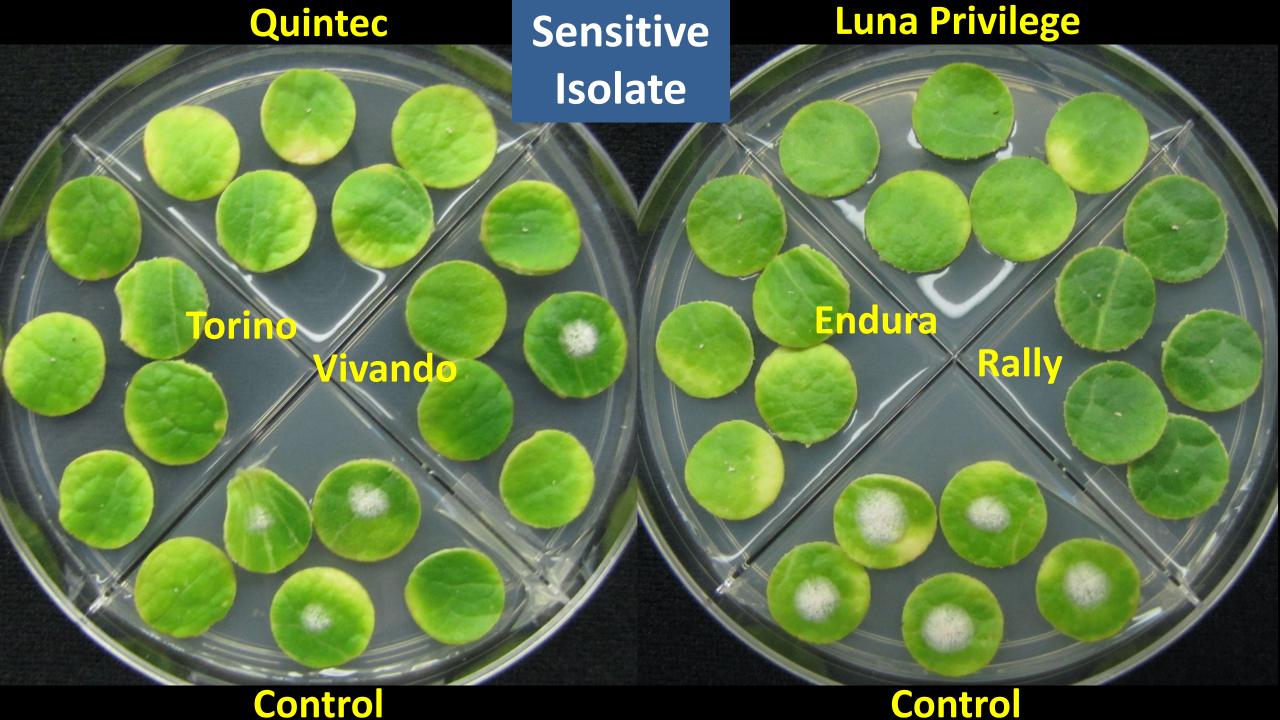
Field rate = highest label rate applied at 50 gpa.

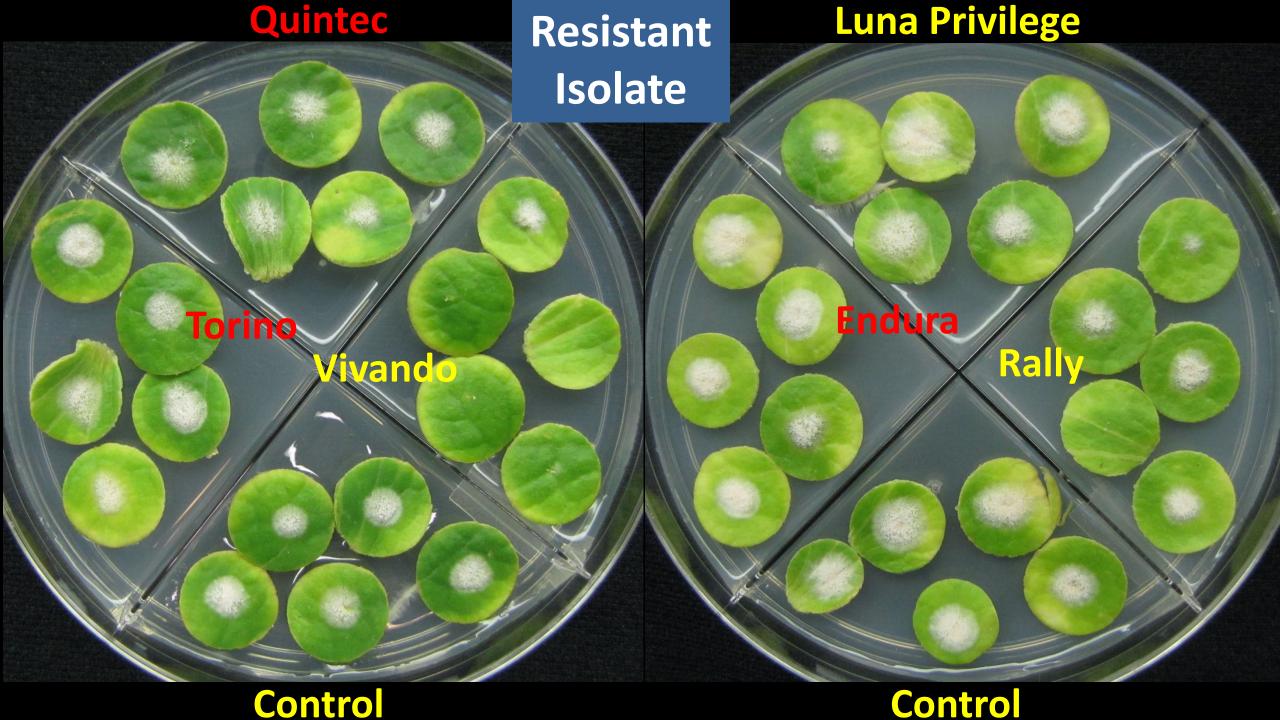
Luna Privilege used instead of Luna fungicides labeled for this use because Luna Experience and Luna Sensation have another AI.

Fungicide resistance is result of change in single or multiple genes.

Reduced Sensitivity

Resistant





Fungicide Resistance Occurrence in Powdery Mildew Isolates from Cucurbit Crops, Eastern NY, 2021

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Vivando, Quintec, Rhyme, Vivando, Quintec *	0	67	67
Quintec, Vivando, Quintec + Vivando *	67	100	100
Quintec, Rhyme, Prolivo, Gatten, Prolivo, Quintec, Prolivo, Gatten *	71	71	86

^{*} all applied with protectants

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Gatten, Vivando, Gatten *	11	11	44

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Fungicide Resistance - Cucurbit Powdery Mildew

Resistant isolates are fit. Found in plantings not treated.

Frequency of resistance in a planting can change with fungicide use during a season.

Applying a fungicide ineffective due to resistance may not be evident when other fungicides used are effective.

Pathogen isolates with resistance to multiple fungicide chemistry groups have been found increasingly.

All 2020 isolates found to be resistant to Quintec were also resistant to Torino, Endura, and QoI fungicides.

Expect resistance to develop to additional fungicides.

Fungicide Programs - Cucurbit Powdery Mildew

Proline, Vivando, Proline, Vivando, Procure, Vivando.

Vivando, Vivando, Aprovia Top, Vivando, Aprovia Top.

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FRAC: 50 3 3 + 7

Start preventive (start of fruit formation) or at threshold (1 of 50 older leaves)

Apply with protectant: sulfur, chlorothalonil, mineral oil, biopesticide

organic Biopesticides Cucurbit Mildews + Other Diseases

Double Nickel. Bacillus amyloliquefacinens strain D747

Taegro 2. Bacillus amyloliquefaciens strain FZB24

Serifel. Bacillus amyloliquefacinens strain MBI 600

LifeGard. Bacillus mycoides isolate J

Sonata. Bacillus pumilus strain QST 2808

Aviv. Bacillus subtilis strain IAB/BS03

Companion. Bacillus subtilis strain GB03

Serenade. Bacillus subtilis strain QST 713

LALSTOP G46 / Prestop. *Gliocladium catenulatum* J1446

Romeo. cerevisane (cell walls of Saccharomyces cerevisiae)

Howler. Pseudomonas chlororaphis strain AFS009

Carb-O-Nator. potassium bicarbonate

Kaligreen. potassium bicarbonate

MilStop. potassium bicarbonate

Regalia. extract of giant knotweed.

EcoSwing. extract of *Swinglea glutinosa*.

Problad Verde. Banda de Lupinus albus doce.

ECOWORKS. cold pressed neem oil.

Rango. cold pressed neem oil.

TerraNeem. cold pressed neem oil.

Trilogy. extract of neem oil.

Timorex Act. tea tree oil.

Thymox Control. thyme oil.

GreenFurrow BacStop. several botanical oils.

GreenFurrow EF400. several botanical oils.

Mildew Cure. several botanical oils.

Sporan EC². several botanical oils.

Sil-MATRIX. potassium silicate

OSO. polyoxin D zinc salt

PerCarb. sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate

Seican. cinnamaldehyde

Role of Biopesticides in Cucurbit Disease MGT

Organic production.

Good coverage important because of contact activity.

Conventional production:

In place of contact fungicides (chlorothalonil, copper) tank mixed with targeted fungicides.

Applied in place of targeted fungicides. Preventive and late season best.

Biopesticide Efficacy - Powdery Mildew - Pumpkin

% Control based on AUDPC on both leaf surfaces 2022

Fungicide (7-day)	Up	per	Low	er
Serifel	69	b	27	abc
Stargus + Regalia	71	bc	17	ab
Trillium	73	bc	24	abc
Theia	76	bc	24	abc
Microthiol Disperss (sulfur)	99	d	33	bc
Stargus + Regalia alt. sulfur	96	d	35	bc
Theia alt. sulfur	96	d	37	bc

Trial conducted on powdery mildew intermediate resistant 'Bayhorse Gold'. First application 21 July before powdery mildew seen.

Values in column with same letter not statistically different. a=ineffective.

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Theia (2),	Proline alt Vivando (3), Theia (2)	95	С	83	b
Serifel (2)	Proline alt Vivando (3), Serifel (2)	93	bc	87	b
TACT (2),	Proline alt Vivando (3), TACT (2)	91	bc	84	b
	Proline alt Vivando (3)	68	b	83	b
	Proline alt Vivando alt Procure (5)	99	С	90	b

Trial conducted on powdery mildew susceptible 'Gold Challenger'.

First application 21 July before powdery mildew seen.

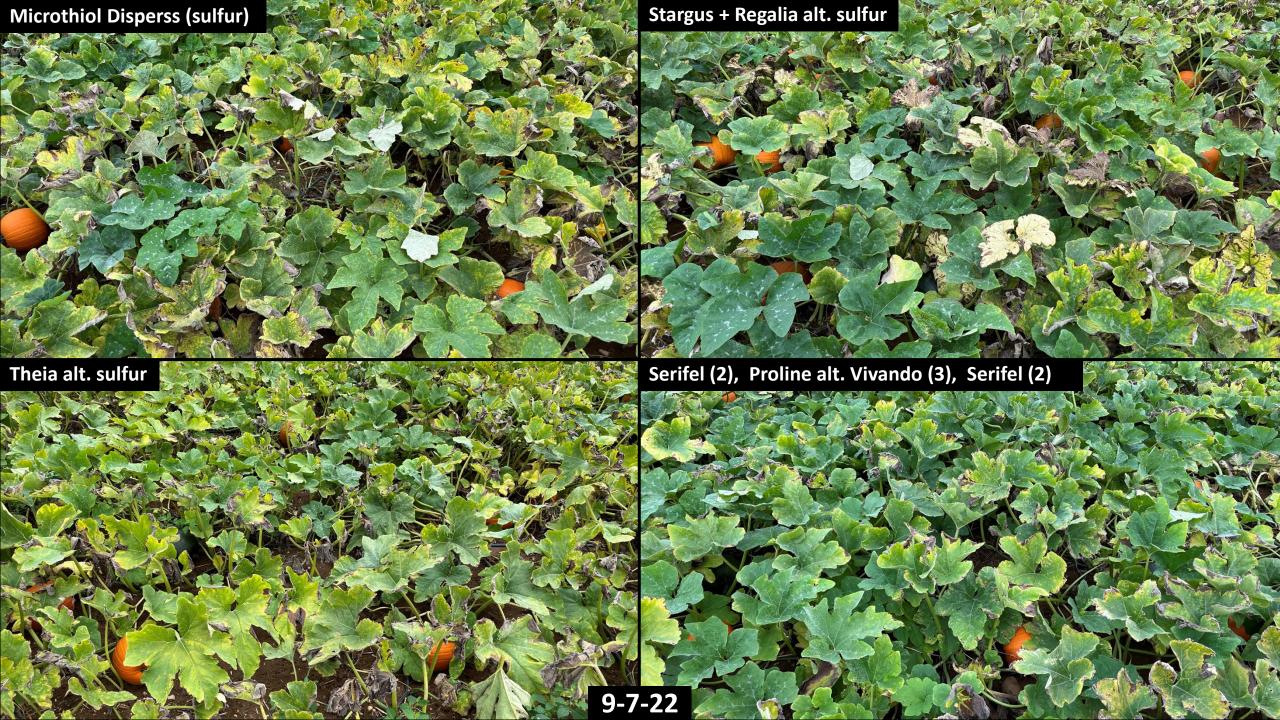
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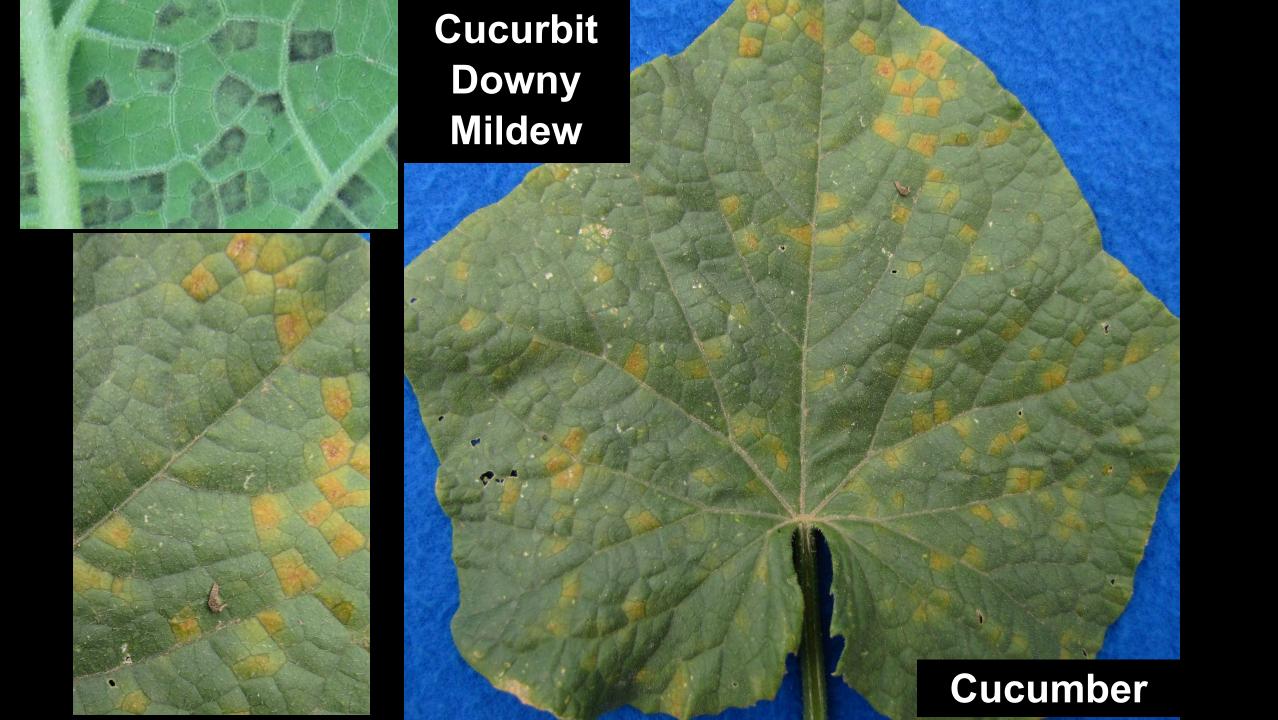












Fungicide Efficacy – Downy Mildew – Cucumber

Biopesticides tested in 2022 and copper (Kocide 3000-O) ineffective based on symptom severity and % leaves affected.

Symptoms first seen 16 days after the first application.

Biopesticides tested:

Serifel (microbial)

Theia (microbial)

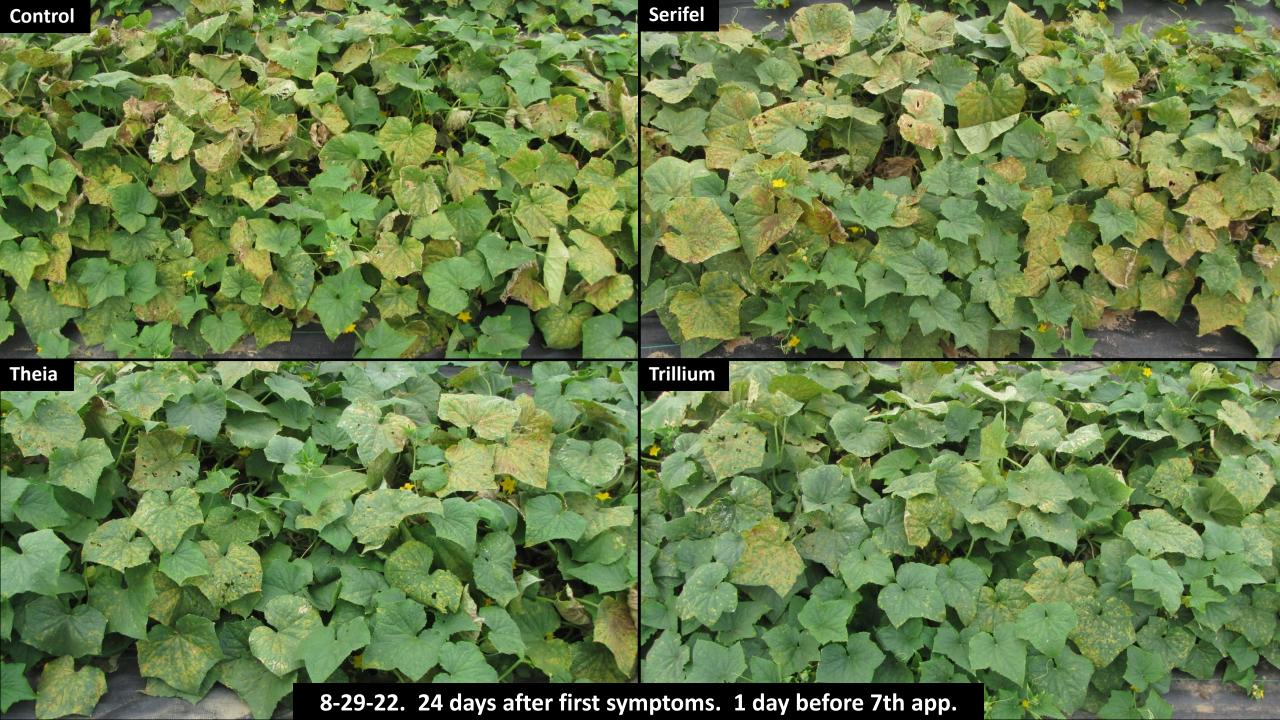
Trillium (thyme oil)

Regalia + Stargus (extract giant knotweed + microbial)

Conventional fungicide program very effective (99% control):

Ranman alt. Orondis Ultra alt. Previcur Flex

Documents CDM is difficult to manage with contact fungicides.



Downy Mildew

Cantaloupe





Management – Downy Mildew – Cantaloupe

Downy Mildew Resistant Varieties

Trifecta Edisto 47 Planter's Jumbo

29% control (AUDPC values); 72% control (defoliation)

Conventional Fungicide Program

Ranman alt. Previcur Flex alt. Orondis Ultra

7-27 started preventive applications.

8-17 started IPM program.

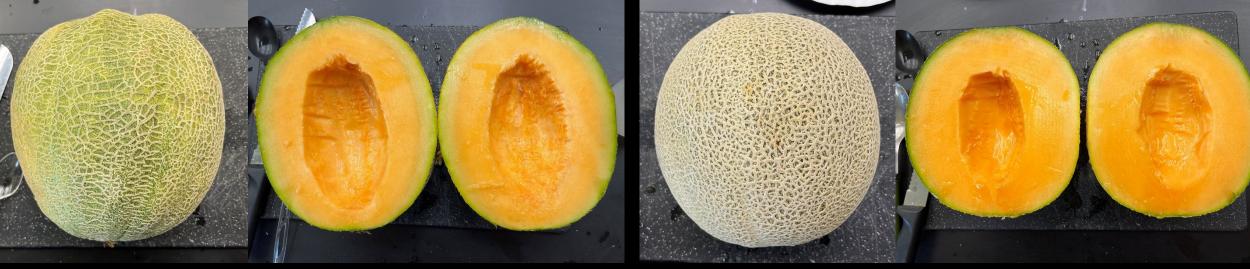
98 – 100% control including on susceptible variety.

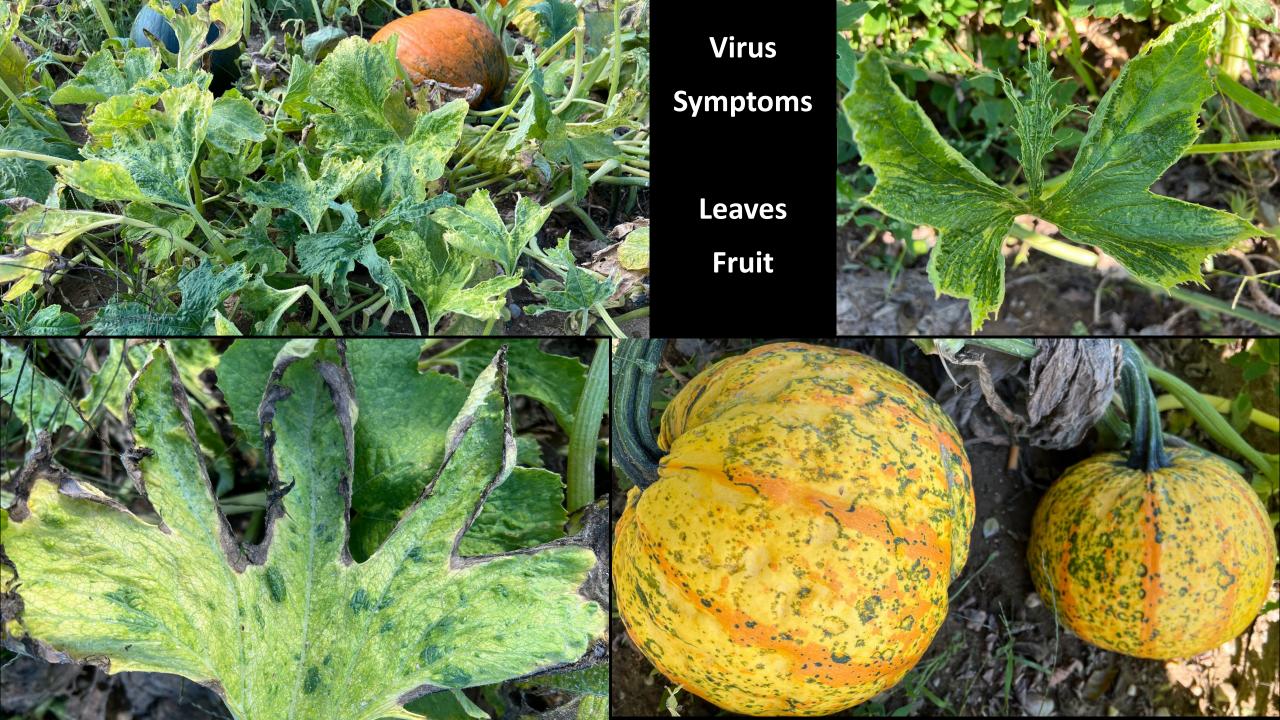






Ambrosia Trifecta Edisto 47 Planter's Jumbo





Cucurbit Virus Survey 2022

Area	# Locations	# Samples	Viruses Detected (# samples)
Western NY	1	1	ZYMV (1)
Eastern NY	2	7	ZYMV (7), CMV (7), SqMV (1)
Long Island	2	7	ZYMV (7)
Virginia	3	3	ZYMV (1), WMV (2)

Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus

Seed-borne. Volunteer plants potential source.

Aphid, mechanical transmission.

Potyvirus.

