

Plant Health Insights

Aster Yellows and Virus Diseases

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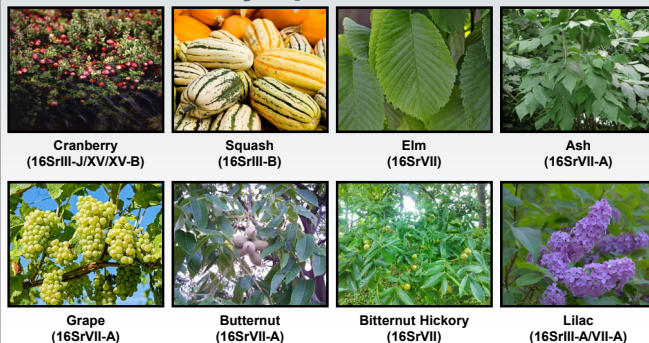
- Pathogen: Aster yellows phytoplasma
- Hosts
 - Many plants in the Asteraceae (aster family)
 - Many other plants in many other plant families
 - Vegetable crops
- Favorable environment: None
- Vector: Aster leafhopper



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- Control
 - Remove diseased plants
 - Hot compost
 - Bury
 - Burn (where allowed)
 - Control leafhopper vector (?)

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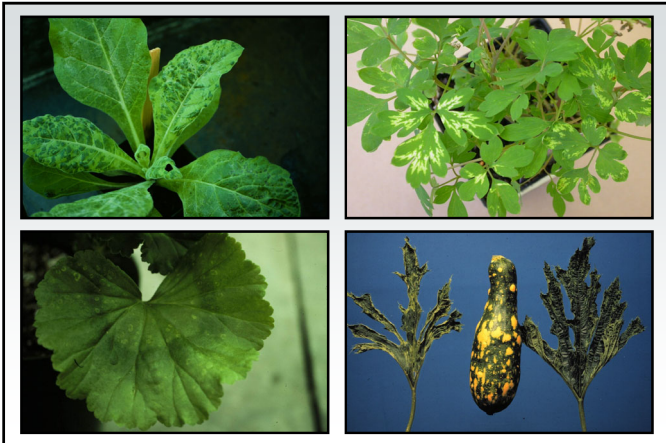


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- **Pathogens**
 - Many and varied
 - *Tobacco mosaic virus* (TMV)
 - *Cucumber mosaic virus* (CMV)
 - *Impatiens necrotic spot virus* (INSV)
 - *Tobacco rattle virus* (TRV)
 - *Hosta virus X* (HVX)
- **Hosts:** Many ornamentals and vegetables

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- **Favorable environment:** None
- **Transmission**
 - Touch (TMV)
 - Mechanical injury (HVX)
 - Insects (CMV, INSV)
 - Nematodes (TRV)
 - Grafting
 - Seed



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- **Control**
 - Buy plants from a reputable source
 - Inspect plants for viral symptoms
 - Test plants for viruses (Agdia, Inc.: <https://www.agdia.com/>)
 - DO NOT buy symptomatic plants
 - Use resistant/tolerant varieties
 - Keep weeds under control

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- **Control**
 - Control insects (e.g., aphids, thrips)
 - DO NOT smoke around your plants
 - Remove and destroy infected plants
 - Burn (where allowed)
 - Deep bury/landfill
 - Hot compost
 - Technique depends on the virus
 - Wash hands routinely with soap and water

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- **Control**

- Disinfest contaminated materials
 - 1% sodium dodecyl sulfate (sodium lauryl sulfate) + 1% Alconox® (2½ Tbsp + 2¼ Tbsp/gal)
 - Trisodium phosphate (14 dry oz/gal)
 - Alcohol dip following by flaming
- **DO NOT** use chemical controls on plants

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Where to Go for Help

Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic
Department of Plant Pathology
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1630 Linden Drive
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