

# APHIDS

*Aphis gossypii*

**Cause:** *Myzus persicae* (Sulzer) Wingless forms are teardrop shaped. They are usually light green, but in late summer they may be pink. Winged forms have a brown, or black head and thorax with a green abdomen and a darker spot on their backs. Immatures are smaller and those which will be winged will have wing pads.

**Symptoms:** Severe infestations may cause stunting, curling and other distortions of the leaves. The leaves also can become covered with cast skins, honeydew, and sooty mold.

**Demographics:** Worldwide

**Importance:** The green peach aphid can act as a vector for over 50 virus diseases, such as Cucumber Mosaic Virus and Tobacco Etch Virus. Severe aphid infestations can reduce yield and fruit quality.

