

BLOSSOM END ROT

Cause: Calcium deficiency and water stress.

Symptoms: Fruit is discolored toward blossom end with a dark, sunken, water soaked region. The terminal cells die on the developing pod. This is common when there is excess rainfall early in the season then followed by drought or a lengthy dry period before irrigation.

Demographics: Worldwide

Importance: A common disorder in commercial fields and home gardens.

Control: Schedule irrigations so that plants will not be stressed for water. Control plant growth to a steady rate

