

# DAMPING OFF

*Rhizoctonia solani*, *Pythium spp.*, and *Fusarium spp.*

**Cause:** *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Pythium spp.*, and *Fusarium spp.*

**Symptoms:** Seedlings fail to emerge, small seedlings suddenly collapse, or are stunted, in scattered areas of the field with direct-seeded crops.

**Demographics:** In most areas where chiles are grown.

**Importance:** A major disease where soil is cold in early plantings.

**Control:** Seeds should be treated with fungicide, nursery beds should be located on well-drained sites and treated prior to seeding, and covered beds should be well-ventilated to prevent high humidity.

