

TOBACCO MOSAIC VIRUS

Mechanically Transmitted Tobomoviruses

Cause: Tobacco mosaic virus. Easily transmitted by slight abrasive contacts. Several different strains, also by seed.

Symptoms: Yellowish lesions, progressing to necrotic, followed by systemic chlorotic mottling. Some strains may cause leaf distortion, plant stunting, streaks or dead areas on pods, or death of stems.

Demographics: Worldwide

Importance: A major disease of chiles.

Control: Use resistant varieties and good sanitation practices (Clean equipment between fields, do not smoke in fields).



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