

WIND INJURY

Cause: Excessively strong winds.

Symptoms: Leaves may wilt and eventually dry up, and severe wind can lead to dead limbs as a result of desiccation. It may also result in physical damage to the foliage from cracks or tears which may be intensified by blowing sand. Causing the formation of necrotic spots. Damaged tissue may turn reddish-brown, chlorotic, or necrotic. Plants may also snap off at the soil line where callus tissue forms as a result of the wind whipping the plant back and forth.

Demographics: Worldwide

Importance: Can be severe in certain areas

Control: Windbreaks planted around the edge of field or in a few rows within the field may provide protection for plants growing in high wind areas.



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