

ALFALFA MOSAIC

Aphid Transmitted Bacilliform Virus

Cause: Alfalfa mosaic virus. Transmitted by aphids in a non-persistent manner. Also mechanically transmitted.

Symptoms: Plants slightly stunted, whitish blotches on leaves. Fruit may be distorted.

Demographics: Worldwide

Importance: Losses depend on when plants are infected (the earlier in the season the greater the loss).

Control: Avoid planting near alfalfa. Use resistant varieties if available.



