

## **Tomato Yellow leaf curl**

Prevention

Tomato yellow leaf curl virus



Small upright curved leaves showing interveinal chlorosis. Source:QUEENSLAND Government. Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



hiteflies(adults) on Tomatoes Source: Oueensland Government Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



Pirate bug feeding on whitefly nymphs. Source Jack Dykinga JSDA

◆ Use resistant varieties
e.g. Kilele F1, Prostar F1
and Tylka F1.

- Use disease and pest free seedling raised in a protected nursery.
- Ensure the field and nursery are free of weeds and volunteer crops including alternate hosts (black night shade, pepper and beans)
- ◆ Rotate with nonsolanaceae crops e.g. maize, onions.,
- Avoid planting new fields near older fields
- Remove and destroy old crop residues

## ◆ Scout for plants showing bushy appearance, stunted and upright growth with short internodes

Monitoring

- ◆ Check for **small leaves** that curve upright showing strong crumpling and interveinal yellowing
- ◆ Look for flower abortion, small dry fruits and reduced fruit production
- ◆ Routinely check field margin and inside the field for whitefly adults, nymphs and eggs on the underside of the leaves.
- ◆ If there are more than 1 adult per plant in the nursery or 5 nymphs/ 10 leaflets consider direct control

 Rogue out infected plants and bury deep.

Direct Control

- ◆ Use yellow sticky traps or 2 M x 75 cm yellow sheet coated with any sticky product e.g. Vaseline
- ◆ Spray with 5 table spoonful of dish washing soap in 20 litres of water
- Use Beauveria bassiana products to control whiteflies (e.g. Botanigard ES)
- Spray azadirachtin (0.03%) e.g. Neemraj siper 3000 or nimbecidine EC.
- ♦ Use 20 50 g neem seed cake / litre water.
- ◆ Use Encarsia formosa products (Encartech) Minimum 2000 adult parasitic wasps/ 400ml (WHO U)

## Note that viral diseases are transmitted by vectors. Early control of whiteflies is necessary to avoid further spread

Restrictions

◆ Foliar spray with Buprofezin 400g/I (Applaud 40% SC at a rate of 20ml/20litres water.)

**Direct Control** 

- ♦ WHO toxicity class III (caution)
- ◆ PHI- 3 days max 3 sprays per season.
- ◆ It is toxic to fish and aquatic invertabrates but no harm to honey
- Foliar spray with ♦ WHO toxicity class II (moderately Imidacloprid 700g/kg (Confidor hazardous. at a rate of 5g/20litres of water)
- Lambda cyhalothrin 25g/kg e.g.Karate 2.5 WG or Halothrin 2.5 WG at a rate of 20ml in 20 litres of water)
- ◆ PHI 3 days
- ♦ When using a pesticide (even a botanical home-brew), always wear protective clothing. Follow the instructions on the product label, such as dosage, timing of application, pre-harvest interval, max number of sprays, restricted re-entry interval. Do not empty into drains.
- ◆ WHO class II pesticides might not be allowed in local IPM schemes.





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