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Surveillance Update

Virginia (and surrounds), SA
26 August – 1 September 2021

Legend:
Light green = Very low incidence
Green = Low incidence
Orange = Medium incidence
Red = High incidence

Pest or disease					
Botrytis	Red	Red*	Orange	Red	
Downy mildew	Orange				
Gummy stem blight	Green				
Fusarium	Red				
White blister					Light green
Mites	Green	Green	Green	Orange	
Thrips	Orange	Green	Orange*	Orange*	
Whitefly	Green	Green*	Green*	Orange	

Crops in order of appearance: Cucumber, Tomato, Capsicum, Eggplant, Asian greens
 * Reported by multiple contributors

What's in the crop?

Mites: Mites have been reported in cucumber, tomato and capsicum in **low** levels this week. They are being reported in **moderate** levels in eggplant.

Downy mildew: **Moderate** levels of downy mildew have been reported on cucumber. Not reported on tomatoes this week. 

Botrytis: Botrytis has been reported in **high** levels on cucumber, tomato, and eggplant crops again this week. **Moderate** reports in capsicum.

Thrips: Reports show **low** thrips in tomatoes, **low** to **moderate** in capsicum and eggplant (old crops), and **moderate** in cucumber. Numbers are predicted to increase in coming weeks.

Whitefly: Reports show **low** whitefly in cucumber, tomato and capsicum. **Moderate** reports in eggplants. Comments that there are hotspots at specific farms due to neighbouring farms having issues with whitefly.

Beneficials seen this week:

- Nesids (*Nesidiocoris*)
- Brown lacewings
- Soil dwelling predatory mites

UPCOMING EVENT

- Contact Maddy to register for a free Vegetable Industry Breakfast at the SA Produce Market on **Thursday 9 September (7-9am)** (madeleine.quirk@ausveg.com.au or 0437 004 174).
- Contact PIRSA-SARDI (or Maddy) to send pest/disease samples through the Peri Urban Biosecurity Program, **free of charge**.

