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Surveillance Update

Virginia (and surrounds), SA
16–22 September 2021

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

Pest or disease				
Botrytis	*	*		
Downy mildew				
Gummy stem blight				
Fusarium				
Powdery mildew				
Mites				*
Thrips	*		*	*
Whitefly			*	*

Crops in order of appearance: Cucumber, Tomato, Capsicum, Eggplant
 * Reported by multiple contributors
 ** Reported in moderate levels at some farms *** Old crops

What's in the crop?

Powdery mildew: **Low** reports of powdery mildew starting in capsicum. 

Downy mildew: **Moderate** reports of downy mildew in cucumber again.

Botrytis: Botrytis has been reported in **moderate** levels in all crops.

Mites: **Moderate** in cucumber, **high** in eggplant (this is mostly in old crops). **Low** reports in tomato and capsicum but picking up in capsicum.

Whitefly: **Moderate** in cucumber and tomato again. Mostly low reports in capsicum - with some capsicum farms experiencing moderate levels - weed management. **High** in eggplant, which remains the same as the last 2 weeks.

Thrips: Thrips has been reported in **high** levels in eggplant. **Moderate** in cucumber, tomato and capsicum.

Exotic to keep an eye out for!

Serpentine leafminer (pictured below) is **not found** in South Australia.

It has become established in NSW and QLD.

Look out for signs of SLM - Stippling (left image) and leafmining (right image).

Report this to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881 so that we can understand its spread and help industry manage this pest.



OTHER UPDATES

- **Beneficials seen this week:** Ladybirds, hoverflies
- Contact PIRSA-SARDI (or Maddy) to send pest/disease samples through the Peri Urban Biosecurity Program, **free of charge**.
- Upcoming Pest and Disease Webinar (Sydney-focus but still relevant) - register below

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