

Red ringspot

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Red ringspot primarily occurs in the eastern United States.

Symptoms. Red ringspots or blotches that are roughly circular and 4 to 6 mm in diameter appear on green stems. Red-to-purple, circular spots 3-5 mm in diameter appear on the upper surfaces of older leaves in mid- to late summer. Symptoms may resemble those of powdery mildew. Circular, light-colored blotches may develop on infected fruit.



Disease cycle. Mealybug is the likely vector of blueberry red ringspot virus. Infections become systemic and plants are infected for life.

Management. Plant virus-tested, clean stock; remove diseased plants from the field.