

## Ornamentals / Plantes ornementales

**Crop/Culture:** Ornamentals

**Location/Emplacement:** Ontario

**Title/Titre:** Update on the Incidence of Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus in Greenhouses

**METHODS:** Diseased ornamentals were submitted to the Research Station by extension personnel, growers and sales representatives. Additional samples were collected during a greenhouse survey conducted this year throughout southern Ontario, including growers who have had a previous record of tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV), (2). Diagnostic procedures for positive identification included ELISA and bioassay (1).

**RESULTS AND COMMENTS** Tomato spotted wilt virus is present in many greenhouse operations throughout the Niagara peninsula and southern Ontario. It has caused considerable losses, repeatedly in some crops (Table 1).

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The greatest losses were sustained during years 1985-1987. Intensive preventive measures taken to reduce populations of the vector, the western flower thrips Frankliniella occidentalis (Pergande), decreased crop losses in recent years. Eradication of the thrips has not been possible through chemical applications, but has been achieved through a break in the cropping cycle and thorough sanitation. A serotype of TSWV, originally detected in New Guinea impatiens, was also detected in gloxinia, begonia, and exacum.

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**TABLE 1.** Incidence of tomato spotted wilt virus in greenhouse ornamentals.<sup>1</sup>

Genus	Common name	Incidence in years	
		1983-88	1989
<u>Ageratum houstonianum</u> Mill.	Ageratum	1	-
<u>Anemone coronaria</u> L.	Anemone	1	-
<u>Antirrhinum majus</u> L.	Snapdragon	1	1
<u>Alstroemeria</u>	Alstroemeria	1	-
<u>Begonia X hiemalis</u> Fotsch.	Begonia	1	3
<u>Brassaia actinophylla</u> Endl.	Umbrella tree	1	-
<u>Browallia</u> L.sp.	Bush Violet	-	1
<u>Calceolaria crenatiflora</u> Cav.	Calceolaria	2	-
<u>Calendula officinalis</u> L.	Calendula	1	-
<u>Callistephus chinensis</u> (L.) Nees	China aster	1	-
<u>Capsicum</u> L.sp.	Ornamental pepper	1	2
<u>Catharanthus roseus</u> (L.) G.Don	Periwinkle	1	-
<u>Chrysanthemum X morifolium</u> Ramat. C. frutescens L.	Florist's chrysanthemum	7	3
C. X superbum Bergman ex J. Ingram	Marguerite	1	-
<u>Cyclamen persicum</u> Mill.	Shasta daisy	1	-
<u>Cymbidium</u> Swartz spp.	Cyclamen	8	2
<u>Dahlia</u> Cac.sp. (=D. X pinnata X D. coccinea)	Cymbidium orchid	1	-
<u>Dracaena fragrans</u> massangeana L. Ker. - Gawl.	Dahlia	2	-
<u>D. marginata</u> L.	Corn plant	-	1
<u>Exacum affine</u> Balf F.	Spiker	-	1
<u>Fuchsia</u> L.spp.	Persian violet	2	1
<u>Gaillardia X grandiflora</u> Van Houtte	Fuchsia	2	-
<u>Gardenia jasminoides</u> L.sp. Ellis	Blanket flower	-	1
<u>Gerbera jamesonii</u> H.Bolus ex Hook.f.	Gardenia	-	1
<u>Gypsophila elegans</u> Bieb.	Gerbera	1	1
	Baby's breath	-	1

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<u>Hydrangea</u> L.sp. (= <u>Hortensia</u> Comm. ex Juss.).	Hydrangea	-	1
<u>Impatiens walleriana</u> Hook.f.	New Guinea impatiens	19	8
<u>I. balsamina</u> L.	Sultana, bedding	1	-
<u>Kalanchoe</u> sp. Adans.	Balsam	-	1
<u>Lilium longiflorum</u> Thunb.	Kalanchoe	-	1
<u>Nolana</u> L.f. Dumort.	Easter Lily	-	1
<u>Pelargonium</u> X <u>hortorum</u> L.H. Bailey	Nolana	-	1
<u>Petunia</u> x <u>hybrida</u> Hort. Vilm.-Andr.	Geranium	-	1
<u>Primula vulgaris</u> Huds. (= <u>P. acaulis</u> )	Petunia	1	-
<u>Saintpaulia ionantha</u> H. Wendl.	Primula	1	-
<u>Salvia</u> <u>splendens</u> F. Sellow ex Roem. & Schlt.	African Violet	3	-
<u>Schefflera arboricola</u> H. Ayata	Scarlet Sage	1	-
<u>Schlumbergera bridgesii</u> (Lem.) Lofgr. (= <u>Zygocactus truncata</u> (Haw.) K. Schum.)	Dwarf schefflera	-	1
<u>Senecio</u> X <u>hybridus</u> (Willd.) Regel.	Christmas cactus	-	1
<u>Sinningia speciosa</u> (Lodd.) Harn.	Cineraria	5	1
<u>Stephanotis floribunda</u> Brongn.	Gloxinia	10	4
<u>Tagetes patula</u> L.	Stephanotis	1	4
<u>Yucca baccata</u> L. (= <u>Hesperoyucca</u> (Engelm.) Bak.)	Marigold	1	-
<u>Zinnia elegans</u> Jacq.	Yucca	-	2
<b>Total</b>	Zinnia	-	1
		<b>80</b>	<b>47</b>

<sup>1</sup> Tomato spotted wilt virus infection determined on the bases of ELISA and bioassay