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**CROP:** Commercial Crops - Diagnostic Laboratory Report

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**TITLE: DISEASES DIAGNOSED ON COMMERCIAL CROPS SUBMITTED TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PLANT DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY IN 1995**

**METHODS:** The B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory provides diagnosis and control recommendations for diseases and disorders of commercial agricultural crops. The following data reflects the diagnoses of samples submitted to the laboratory by ministry extension staff, growers, agri-business, parks, and Master Gardeners. Diagnoses were accomplished by microscope examination, culturing onto artificial media, ELISA, BIOLOG® bacterial identification system and dot blot assay. Some samples were referred to other laboratories for identification or confirmation of the diagnosis.

**RESULTS AND COMMENTS:** Summaries of the diseases and/or causal agents diagnosed on commercial crops are presented in Tables 1-8 by crop category. Problems listed under "other" include: nutritional stress; pH imbalance; water stress; a poor sample; physiological responses to growing conditions; chemical damage; insect related injury; and damage where no conclusive disease causing organism was identified. The total number of submissions for each crop category is listed at the bottom of each table.

**TABLE 1.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on greenhouse vegetable samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Cucumber	Pythium crown and root rot	4
	Trichothecium stem rot	1
	CMV	1
Lettuce	<i>Bremia lactucae</i> downy mildew	1
Pepper	<i>Fusarium solani</i> stem canker	1
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> wilt & crown rot	1
	<i>Erwinia</i> sp. soft rot	3
	Sclerotinia sclerotiorum	1
	INSV	1
Tomato	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> stem canker	4
	Pythium root rot	1
	<i>Humicola fuscoatra</i> corky root	5
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> wilt & crown vascular discolouration	8
	<i>Erysiphe</i> sp. powdery mildew	1
	INSV	1
Other		40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>74</b>

**TABLE 2.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on floriculture samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Anemone</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Begonia</i> (Reiger)	Crown & root rot-Phycomycete	1
<i>Begonia</i> (fibrous)	INSV	2
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> foliar blight	1
	Pythium root rot	1
<i>Brachycome</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Browalia</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Celosia</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Centauria cineraria</i>	Pythium root rot	1
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> sp.	Pythium root rot	2
<i>Clerodendrum</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Cyclamen</i> sp.	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> crown & root rot	1
<i>Dianthus</i> sp.	Crown and root rot-Phycomycete	1
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Crown and stem rot-Phycomycete	1
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> blight & canker	4
	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	1
<i>Exacum</i> sp.	Pythium root rot	1
<i>Fuchsia x hybrida</i>	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	1
<i>Gazania</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Gerbera</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Hemerocallis</i> sp.	<i>Botrytis elliptica</i> blight	1
<i>Heliotrope</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Hypericum</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Impatiens wallerana</i>	INSV	5
	Pythium root rot	2
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> blight	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> foliar blight	1
<i>Impatiens</i> sp.	INSV	3
<i>Iris</i> sp.	Fusarium basal rot	1
	<i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> crown rot	1
<i>Iris x germanica</i>	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> neck rot	1
<i>Iris pallida</i>	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> soft rot	1
<i>Lisianthus</i> sp.	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> stem canker	1
<i>Lobelia</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Maranta</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Narcissus</i> spp.	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f.sp. <i>narcissi</i>	2
	<i>Botryotinia narcissicola</i> smoulder	1
	Bulb and stem nematode	1
	Unidentified virus	1

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i>	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>pelargonii</i>	5
	Pythium damping off	1
	Pythium root rot	1
	Rhizoctonia crown & root rot	1
	<i>Puccinia pelargonii-zonalis</i> rust	1*
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	<i>Ramularia</i> sp. leaf spot	1
<i>Ranunculus</i> sp.	<i>Ramularia</i> sp. leaf spot	1
<i>Saintpaulia</i> sp.	<i>Ascochyta violae</i> leaf spot	1
<i>Schizanthus</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Senecio cruentus</i>	INSV	1
<i>Schlumbergera</i> sp.	<i>Erwinia</i> sp. soft rot	1
<i>Statice sinuata</i>	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> blight	2
<i>Tithonia</i> sp.	<i>Sclerotinia</i> sp. crown rot	1
<i>Tulipa</i> sp.	<i>Botrytis tulipae</i> fire	1
<i>Viola</i> spp.	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	4
	Pythium damping off	2
	<i>Peronospora violae</i> downy mildew	1
	Pythium crown & root rot	1
	Myxomycete slime mould	1
<i>Zinnia</i> sp.	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> stem rot	1
Other		83
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>164</b>

\* Sample from a home garden. Disease has not been found in commercial operations in British Columbia.

**TABLE 3.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on small fruit samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Blueberry	Alternaria fruit rot	1
	Botrytis fruit rot	1
	Botrytis blossom blight	9
	Botrytis twig die-back	2
	Coryneum stem canker	1
	<i>Godronia cassandrae</i> stem canker	4
	<i>Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi</i>	4
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> bact. blight	22
	<i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> root rot	4
	Root, stem and crown galls	4
Blackberry	<i>Colletotrichum gloeosporioides</i> fruit rot (isolated from stems)	1
	Crown gall	1
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>syringae</i>	1
Cranberry	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> blossom blight	1
	<i>Phomopsis vaccinii</i> upright dieback	1
Currant	<i>Exobasidium rostrupii</i> red leaf spot	1
	<i>Drepanopeziza ribis</i> leaf spot	1
Raspberry	<i>Didymella applanata</i> spur blight	3
	<i>Phytophthora fragariae</i> root rot	7
	Pythium/Phytophthora root rot	4
	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> crown gall	3
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>syringae</i>	4
	<i>Verticillium</i> sp. cane wilt	1
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> white mold	1
	<i>Phytophthora</i> sp. crown & root rot	3
	<i>Phytophthora cactorum</i> crown rot	1
	<i>Pratylenchus penetrans</i> nematode	1
Strawberry	<i>Phomopsis obscurans</i> leaf blight	1
		56
Other		
TOTAL		144

**TABLE 4.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on specialty crop samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>	<i>Trichoderma</i> sp.	1
Basil	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> aerial blight	1
Dill	Powdery mildew	1
Echinacea	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. crown rot	2
	<i>Pythium/Phytophthora</i> root rot	1
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> crown rot	2
	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> stem wilt	1
	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> on leaves	1
Ginseng	Powdery mildew	1
	<i>Alternaria panax</i> leaf & stem blight	10
	<i>A. panax</i> assoc. with seed blight	1
	<i>Cylindrocarpon destructans</i> - disappearing root rot	4
	<i>C. destructans</i> rusty root	3
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> sp. crown & root rot	4
	<i>Pythium</i> sp. root rot	1
	<i>Phytophthora</i> sp. crown & root rot	9
	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. root rot	2
	<i>Sclerotinia</i> sp. root rot	2
	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. seed rot	1
	Seed rot - <i>Fusarium</i> , <i>Rhizoctonia</i> & <i>Cylindrocarpon</i> spp.	1
	<i>Meloidogyne</i> sp. root knot nematode	4
Stevia	<i>Fusarium</i> crown rot	2
	<i>Septoria</i> leaf spot	1
Rosemary	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	1
Valerian	<i>Ramularia</i> sp. leaf spot	1
Other		17
TOTAL		75

**TABLE 5.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on tree fruit samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Apple	<i>Venturia inaequalis</i> scab	1
	<i>Nectria galligena</i> canker	1
	<i>Cytospora</i> sp. ( <i>Valsa</i> ) canker	2
	<i>Phytophthora</i> sp. crown & root rot	2
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> sp. in crown	1
	Basidiomycete wood rot	3
	Twig storage blight assoc. with <i>Fusarium</i> sp. and <i>Cylindrocarpon</i> sp.	1
	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i> fire blight	2
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> blister spot	1
	Cork spot - calcium deficiency	1
Apricot	<i>Monilinia fructicola</i> brown rot	2
Cherry	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> crown gall	1
Filbert	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> bacterial blight	1
Hazelnut	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> bacterial blight	2
Peach	<i>Coryneum</i> blight	1
Pear	<i>Gymnosporangium fuscum</i> trellis rust	1
Walnut	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> bact. blight	1
Other		31
TOTAL		55

**TABLE 6.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on field vegetable samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Asparagus	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>asparagi</i> crown & root rot	2
Bean	<i>Pythium</i> root rot	1
Beet	<i>Phoma betae</i> root rot	1
Broccoli	<i>Plasmiodiophora brassicae</i> club root	1
Cantaloupe	<i>Pythium</i> damping off	1
Cauliflower	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> stem canker	1
Carrot	<i>Fusarium avenaceum</i> dry rot	1
	<i>Pythium</i> sp. cavity spot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> damping off	1
	<i>Cercospora carotae</i> leaf blight	1
	<i>Meloidogyne</i> sp. root knot nematode	1
Celery	<i>Septoria apiicola</i> late blight	5
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>apii</i> Fusarium yellows	1
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> pink rot	1
	<i>Erwinia</i> sp. bacterial soft rot	1
	<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. leaf spot	1
	Blackheart - calcium deficiency	2
Corn	<i>Ustilago maydis</i> common smut	1
	<i>Spacelotheca reiliana</i> head smut	1
Cucumber	Powdery mildew	1
Eggplant	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> wilt	1
Lettuce	<i>Sclerotinia</i> sp. crown rot	1
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> gray mold	1
Lo Bok	<i>Streptomyces scabies</i> scab	1
Mung bean	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> foliar blight	1
Onion	<i>Botrytis</i> bulb rot	1
	<i>Sclerotinia cepivorum</i> white rot	2
	<i>Erwinia</i> sp. bacterial soft neck	1
Potato	<i>Phytophthora erythroseptica</i> pink rot	1
	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i> late blight	5
	<i>Alternaria solani</i> early blight	2
	Leaf spots assoc. with <i>A. alternata</i> , <i>Ulocladium</i> sp. & <i>Stemphylium</i> spp.	2
	<i>Streptomyces scabies</i> common scab	2
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> tuber soft rot	2
	<i>Fusarium solani</i> tuber black eyes	1
	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. tuber dry rot	2
	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. stem wilt	1
	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> wilt	5
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> black scurf	3

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Pumpkin	<i>Cladosporium cucumerinum</i> scab	1
Squash	Pythium root rot	1
Tomato	<i>Phytophthora parasitica</i> buckeye rot	1
	<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> bacterial canker	1
Turnip	<i>Plasmoidiophora brassicae</i> club root	1
Watermelon	Watermelon mosaic virus 2	3
Witloof	Pythium/Phytophthora crown rot	1
	<i>Meloidogyne</i> sp. root knot nematode	1
Zucchini	<i>Cladosporium cucumerinum</i> scab	1
Other		40
TOTAL		112

**TABLE 7.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on woody ornamental and herbaceous perennial samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Abies grandis</i>	Phyllosticta needle blight	1
<i>A. procera</i>	Phytophthora root rot	1
<i>Abies</i> sp.	Sclerophoma needle blight	1
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> bacterial blight	4
	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> wilt	4
	Phytophthora root rot	2
	Phomopsis twig blight & canker	1
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> bact. blight	1
<i>A. pensylvanicum</i>	<i>Rhytisma punctatum</i> tar spot	1
<i>A. macrophyllum</i>	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	1
<i>Actinidia chinensis</i>	Stem canker assoc. with <i>Phomopsis</i> sp. & <i>Coniothyrium</i> spp.	1
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Rhizoctonia crown & root rot	1
<i>Aster</i> spp.	Pythium/Phytophthora crown & root rot	1
	Fusarium stem & root rot	1
	INSV	1
<i>Betula</i> sp.	Basidiomycete canker rot	1
Calamondin orange	<i>Elsinoe fawcettii</i> sour scab	1
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Phytophthora root rot	1
<i>Castanea</i> sp.	<i>Guignardia aesculi</i> leaf blotch	1
Cattleya orchid	<i>Cymbidium</i> Mosaic Virus	1
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	<i>Verticillium</i> sp. wilt	1

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	Phytophthora root rot <i>Kabatina thujae</i> foliar blight <i>Pestalotiopsis funerea</i> leaf spot	2 1 1
<i>Clematis</i> spp.	<i>Phoma clematidina</i> stem rot <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> wirestem	1 1
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	<i>Nectria cinnabarina</i> canker Phytophthora root rot	1 2
<i>Crataegus</i> sp. <i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	<i>Phomopsis</i> sp. twig dieback <i>Diplocarpon mespili</i> Fabrea blight Fusarium crown & root rot	1 1 1
<i>Cymbidium</i> orchid	<i>Colletotrichum gloeosporioides</i>	1
<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Phytophthora crown & root rot	1
<i>Euonymus</i> sp.	<i>Marssonina</i> sp. leaf spot	1
<i>Fraxinus</i> sp.	<i>Discula</i> sp. anthracnose	1
<i>Gaillardia</i> sp.	<i>Entyloma</i> sp. leaf spot	1
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Phytophthora crown & root rot	1
<i>Hydrangea</i> sp.	<i>Erysiphe</i> sp. powdery mildew Phytophthora crown & root rot	1 1
<i>Ilex</i> sp.	Phytophthora <i>ilicis</i> leaf blight	1
<i>Juniperus</i> spp.	Phytophthora root rot <i>Kabatina juniperi</i>	4 2
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Rhododendron Necrotic Leafspot Virus	1
<i>Lonicera</i> sp.	Pythium/Phytophthora root rot	1
<i>Lupinus</i> sp.	<i>Gloeosporium</i> sp. anthracnose	1
<i>Lewisia</i> sp.	Pythium/Fusarium crown rot complex	1
<i>Magnolia</i> sp.	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i> wilt	1
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	<i>Macrophoma</i> sp. leaf spot	1
<i>Malus</i> sp.	<i>Nectria galligena</i> European canker <i>Venturia inaequalis</i> scab	1 5
<i>Musa</i> sp. (banana)	Pythium <i>aphanidermatum</i> basal rot	1
<i>Paeonia</i> sp.	Unidentified virus	1
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Pythium/Phytophthora cr. & root rot	1
<i>Penstemon</i> sp.	Crown & root rot-Phycomycete	2
<i>Phlox maculata</i>	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	1
<i>P. paniculata</i>	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i> root rot	1
<i>Picea pungens</i>	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i> needlecast <i>Sirococcus conigenus</i> blight	3 2
<i>Pinus contorta</i>	<i>Lophodermium</i> sp. needlecast	1
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	<i>Lophodermium</i> sp. needlecast <i>Lophodermella concolour</i> needlecast	1 1
<i>Platanus acerifolia</i>	Phythium/Phytophthora root rot <i>Apiognomonia veneta</i> anthracnose	1 1
<i>Populus</i> spp.	<i>Venturia tremulae</i> shoot blight Crown rot assoc. with <i>Verticillium</i> sp. & <i>Fusarium</i> spp.	1

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	<i>Rhabdocline pseudotsugae</i> needlecast	1
	<i>Phaeocryptus gaeumannii</i> Swiss needlecast	2
	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i> needlecast	1
<i>Prunus besseyi</i>	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> shot hole	1
<i>P. laurocerasus</i>	<i>Cytopspora</i> sp. canker	1
<i>P. lusitanica</i>	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> bacterial blight	1
<i>P. serrulata</i>	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> bacterial blight	1
	<i>Phomopsis</i> sp. twig blight	1
<i>Prunus</i> spp.	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> bacterial blight	1
	<i>Pythium/Phytophthora</i> crown & root rot	1
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	<i>Verticillium</i> sp. wilt	1
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.	<i>Phytophthora</i> crown & root rot	1
	<i>Phomopsis</i> sp. dieback & canker	2
	Powdery mildew	1
	<i>Pestalotia rhododendri</i> leaf spot	1
	<i>Chaetapiospora rhododendri</i> leaf spot	2
<i>Rosa</i> spp.	<i>Leptosphaeria coniothyrium</i> canker	2
	<i>Cercospora puderi</i> leaf spot	1
	<i>Diplocarpon rosae</i> black spot	2
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> stem rot	1
<i>Salix</i> sp.	<i>Marssonina salicicola</i> twig blight	1
<i>Schefflera</i> sp.	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> white mold	1
<i>Sedum</i> sp.	<i>Diplodia</i> sp. stem canker	1
<i>Sophora</i> sp.	<i>Botryosphaeria</i> sp. stem canker	1
<i>Sorbus vilmorinii</i>	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i> fireblight	1
<i>Spirea</i> sp.	<i>Microsphaera penicillata</i> powdery mildew	1
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	<i>Colletotrichum gloeosporioides</i>	1
<i>Taxus</i> sp.	<i>Phytophthora</i> crown & root rot	3
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	<i>Kabatina thujae</i> dieback	1
	<i>Pythium/Phytophthora</i> root rot	3
<i>T. plicata</i>	<i>Didymascella thujina</i> ( <i>Keithia</i> )	3
	<i>Kabatina thujae</i> dieback	1
<i>Thuja</i> spp.	<i>Didymascella thujina</i>	2
	<i>Seiridium cardinale</i> (Berckmann's)	1
	<i>Pestalotiopsis</i> sp. foliar browning	1
<i>Tilia</i> sp.	Bacterial slime flux	1
<i>Vaccinium vitis</i>	Crown & root rot-Phycomycete	1
<i>Wisteria</i> sp.	Watermelon Mosaic Virus 2	2
Other		194
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>331</b>

**TABLE 8.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on turfgrass samples submitted to the B.C.M.A.F.F. Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in 1995.\*

DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	GREEN	SOD	LAWN
<i>Pythium</i> spp. root rot	56	3	3
<i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i>	5	2	
<i>Ascochyta</i> spp.	3		5
<i>Microdochium nivale</i>	9	3	1
<i>Colletotrichum graminicola</i>	7		6
<i>Idriella bollyei</i>	5		
<i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp.	2	2	2
<i>Limonomyces roseipellis</i>		1	
<i>Laetisaria fuciformis</i>	3	1	
<i>Curvularia</i> spp.	1		1
<i>Drechslera</i> spp.	1		1
<i>Puccinia</i> spp.		1	1
Basidiomycete fairy ring	2	1	2
Other	31	6	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>

\* Greens and sod are primarily creeping bentgrass and/or annual bluegrass. Lawn refers to mixtures of fescues, ryegrass, Kentucky bluegrass and annual bluegrass.

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**TITLE: DISEASES DIAGNOSED ON VEGETABLE CROPS, GREENHOUSE CROPS, HERBACEOUS AND WOODY ORNAMENTALS, FRUIT CROPS, TURFGRASS, CEREAL CROPS, FORAGE CROPS, AND OILSEED AND SPECIAL FIELD CROPS FROM ALBERTA SUBMITTED TO BROOKS DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED IN 1995**

**METHODS:** Brooks Diagnostics Limited (BDL) provided diagnosis of, and control recommendations for, disease problems of commercial and other crops submitted by district agriculturists, extension specialists and fertilizer company representatives, agri-business, farmers, market gardeners, florists, greenhouse growers, landscaping companies, municipal parks and recreation staff, nurseries, golf course supervisors, and the general public from January 1 to December 1, 1995. BDL, a private plant health clinic, assumed responsibility for operating the plant diagnostic laboratory at the Alberta Crop Diversification Centre - South, Brooks on July 1, 1993. BDL offers a full range of services in diagnosing plant health problems in fields, greenhouses, nurseries, golf courses, yards, gardens, acreages, parks and interiorscapes. The clinic applies state-of-the-art technologies such as Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA), Immunofluorescence (IMF), and others for specialized diagnostic requirements, as well as using conventional diagnostic procedures such as visual examination of symptoms, microscopic observation and culturing on artificial media for general diagnostic requirements. We thank A. H. Henrickson and D.R. Bolding for technical assistance.

**RESULTS:** All of the disease identifications made by BDL on crops in the crop categories; field grown vegetable crops, greenhouse crops, herbaceous and woody ornamental plants, fruit crops, turfgrass, cereal crops, forage crops and oil and special field crops submitted in 1995 from various regions of Alberta have been pooled and are summarized in Tables 1-8. Problems associated with insect-related damage are not listed in this report. BDL also received samples from outside Alberta, which are not included in this report.

**TABLE 1.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on field grown vegetable crops submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Bean	Common blight	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> subsp. <i>phaseoli</i>
	Halo blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> subsp. <i>phaseolicola</i>
Beet	Necrotic leaf spot	Chemical damage
Cabbage	Damping-off	<i>Pythium</i> s. <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
	Crown/root rot	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
Chard	Necrotic leaf spot	Chemical damage
Onion	Necrotic leaf spot	Chemical damage
Pea	Root rot	<i>Fusarium solani</i> <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> (cont'd.)

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
Pepper	Damping-off Leaf spot Root rot  Crown/root rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> INSV (TSWV-I)* <i>Pythium</i> spp. <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
Potato	Blackleg/ soft rot Brown rot Early blight Powdery scab Black scurf Pink rot Leak Common scab Blackheart Seedling blight Mottling	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>atroseptica</i> Frost damage <i>Alternaria solani</i> <i>Spongospora subterranea</i> <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Phytophthora erythroseptica</i> <i>Pythium ultimum</i> <i>Streptomyces scabies</i> Inadequate oxygen supply <i>Fusarium</i> spp.
Sweet Corn		
Tomato	Mottling	2,4-D injury
Yellow Bean	Leaf malformation	Leaf malformation
Yellow Pepper	Damping-off	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>

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Pea	Downy mildew Root rot  <i>Pythium</i> sp.	<i>Peronospora viciae</i> <i>Fusarium solani</i> <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
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**NORTH WEST ALBERTA**

Potato	Soft rot  Dry rot Pink rot Viral	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i> <i>Fusarium solani</i> <i>Phytophthora erythroseptica</i> PVY PVS
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\* Strains of TSWV listed above were identified with strain specific antisera using the ELISA technique.

**TABLE 2.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on greenhouse crop samples submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Basil	Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.
Cucumber	Mosaic	CMV
	Leaf mottling	
	Distorted fruits	
	Crown/root rot	<i>Pythium</i> sp.
	Damping-off	
Geranium	Gray mold	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>
Lobelia	Leaf spot	INSV (TSWV-I)*
Petunia	Leaf spot	Fluoride toxicity
	Leaf tip burn	
Snapdragon	Root rot	<i>Pythium</i> sp.
	Damping-off	
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Basil	Gray mold	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>
Geranium	Leaf spot	Petals dropping on leaves under wet conditions
	Damping-off	<i>Pythium</i> sp.
		<i>Fusarium</i> spp.
Poinsettia	Chlorosis	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
	Leaf twisting	Nutritional deficiency
	Leaf distortion	Physiological disorder
Sweet Pea	Powdery mildew	<i>Microsphaera alni</i>
Tomato	Damping-off	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
	Crown/root rot	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
<b>NORTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Chrysanthemum	Chlorosis	Environmental stress
	Leaf tip burn	
Cucumber	Crown rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
	Damping-off	
	Wilt	<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>
<b>NORTH WEST ALBERTA</b>		
Impatiens	Leaf spot	INSV (TSWV-I)
Phalaenopsis	Leaf spot & tip burn	Environmental stress

\* Strains of TSWV listed above were identified with strain specific antisera using the ELISA technique.

**TABLE 3.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on herbaceous and woody ornamental plants submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Ash	Wilt	<i>Verticillium</i> sp. Environmental stress
Birch	Chlorosis	Water stress Nutritional deficiency
Caragana	Chlorosis	Nutritional deficiency
Crabapple	Fire blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
Elm	Wilt	<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>
Hollyhock	Crown/root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
Juniper	Twig blight	Winter damage
Larkspur	Crown & stem rot	<i>Erwinia</i> spp.
Lilac	Shoot blight	<i>Phytophthora</i> sp.
Mayday	Leaf spot	Oil spill
Mountain Ash	Leaf spot	<i>Phyllosticta sorbi</i>
	Dieback	Transplant shock
Poplar	Dieback	Environmental stress
Russian Olive	Canker & dieback	<i>Camarosporium eleagnellum</i>
Spruce	Dieback	Root damage
	Dieback	Environmental stress
	Needle browning	Winter damage Herbicide damage
		Iron deficiency High soil pH
Willow	Leaf browning	Environmental stress
	Chlorosis	Iron deficiency
	Leaf tip burn	Salt or fertilizer burn
	Blight & dieback	Winter damage
	Canker	<i>Cytospora chrysosperma</i>
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Aspen	Leaf spot	<i>Marssonina</i> sp.
	Leaf & shoot blight	<i>Venturia tremulae</i>
Crabapple	Twig dieback	<i>Cytospora</i> sp.
	Fire blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
Elm	Wilt	<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>
	Wilt/dieback	<i>Dothiorella ulmi</i>
Pine	Needlecast	<i>Lophodermium pinastri</i>
	Needle browning & twisting	2,4-D injury (cont'd.)

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTOM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
Poplar	Canker Canker	<i>Cryptodiaporthe populea</i> <i>Cytospora</i> sp. Frost injury
Russian Olive	Shoot blight Dieback	<i>Venturia populina</i> Possible environmental stress
Spruce	Dieback/ Needle browning	Drought Environmental stress Winter damage Moss covering branches
	Needle browning & twisting Needlecast	Climatic or chemical pollutant damage <i>Lophodermium picea</i> <i>Ploioderma lethale</i>
Sweet Pea	Canker	<i>Cytospora chrysosperma</i>
Willow	Powdery mildew Blight Canker	<i>Microspaaera alni</i> <i>Glomerella miyabeana</i> <i>Cytospora chrysosperma</i>

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Elder	Dieback	Environmental stress
Elm	Wilt	<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>
Pine	Needlecast	<i>Dothistroma septospora</i>
	Chlorosis	Environmental stress
Poplar	Shoot blight	<i>Venturia populina</i>
Willow	Dieback	Environmental stress
Spruce	Canker	<i>Cytospora chrysosperma</i>
	Needlecast	<i>Lophodermium picea</i>
	Needle browning	Environmental stress

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Bur Oak	Anthracnose	<i>Discula quercina</i>
Maple	Leaf blight	Chemical damage
Poplar	Dieback	<i>Venturia populina</i>
Spruce	Shoot blight	Winter damage
	Needle browning	

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Manitoba Maple	Wilt	<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>
Pine	Needlecast	<i>Dothistroma septospora</i>
Poplar	Dieback	Transplant shock
	Crown gall	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
Spruce	Needle browning	Environmental stress

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>PEACE RIVER REGION</b>		
Spruce	Chlorosis	Drought stress Low light
Willow	Blight	<i>Glomerella miyabeana</i>

**TABLE 4.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on fruit crops submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Apple	Fire/blossom blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
Crabapple	Fire blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
Plum	Wilt	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.
Saskatoon	Wilt	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Chokecherry	Bacterial blast/blight Leaf mold	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> <i>Didymaria</i> sp.
Crabapple	Fire blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
Saskatoon	Crown gall	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>
<b>NORTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Apple	Fire blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
Crabapple	Fire blight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>
<b>NORTH EAST ALBERTA</b>		
Raspberry	Anthracnose	<i>Elsinoe veneta</i>

**TABLE 5.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on samples of turfgrass submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Turf	Leaf spot Pink snow mold Fusarium patch  Brown patch Downy mildew Crown/root rot Pythium blight	<i>Drechslera poae</i> <i>Fusarium nivale</i> <i>Fusarium spp.</i> <i>Fusarium nivale</i> <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Sclerotophthora macrospora</i> <i>Pythium sp.</i>
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Turf	Blister smut Anthracnose Summer patch Leaf spot Pink snow mold Fusarium patch  Brown patch Crown/root rot Pythium blight Patch disease	<i>Entyloma dactylidis</i> <i>Colletotrichum graminicola</i> <i>Magnaporthe poae</i> <i>Cercospora sp.</i> <i>Fusarium nivale</i> <i>Fusarium spp.</i> <i>Fusarium nivale</i> <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Pythium sp.</i>  Chemical (fertilizer) burn
<b>NORTH EAST ALBERTA</b>		
Turf	Fusarium patch Crown/root rot Pythium blight	<i>Fusarium spp.</i> <i>Pythium sp.</i>
<b>NORTH WEST ALBERTA</b>		
Turf	Summer patch Fusarium patch Crown/root rot Pythium blight	<i>Magnaporthe poae</i> <i>Fusarium spp.</i> <i>Pythium sp.</i>

**TABLE 6.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on cereal crop samples submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Barley	Sharp eyespot Root rot Leaf stripe Root rot (browning) Leaf blotch Head blight Black point	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp. <i>Pyrenophora graminea</i> <i>Pythium</i> sp. <i>Septoria avenae</i> <i>Alternaria</i> sp.
Durum Wheat	Root rot Twisted leaves & awns	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> Moisture stress Herbicide damage
Wheat	Leaf blotch Crinkle joint Common root rot Chlorosis, wilting Root rot Leaf rust Sooty head mold Leaf mosaic	<i>Septoria</i> sp. Environmental stress <i>Bipolaris sorokiniana</i> <i>Fusarium</i> spp. Frost Wind damage <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Pythium</i> spp. <i>Puccinia recondita</i> <i>Alternaria</i> sp. <i>Cladosporium</i> sp. Possible viral infection
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Barley	Common root rot Seedling blight Sharp eyespot Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> sp. <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i> <i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp.
Wheat	Root rot Common root rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Bipolaris sorokiniana</i>
<b>NORTH CENTRAL ALBERTA</b>		
Barley	Common root rot & seedling blight Sharp eyespot Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp. <i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp.
Wheat	Root rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
<b>NORTH WEST ALBERTA</b>		
Barley	Twisted leaves & awns	Moisture stress Herbicide damage

**TABLE 7.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on forage crop samples submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Alfalfa	Crown/root rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> <i>Fusarium</i> spp.
	Leaf spot	<i>Stemphylium botryosum</i>
	Seedling blight	<i>Pythium</i> sp.
	Downy mildew	<i>Peronospora trifoliorum</i>
	Wilt	<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>

**TABLE 8.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on oilseed and special field crop samples submitted to Brooks Diagnostics Limited in 1995.

CROP/PLANT	DISEASE/SYMPOTM	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN
<b>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</b>		
Canola	Basal stem rot	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.
Flax	Seedling blight	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.
Ginseng	Leaf blight	<i>Alternaria panax</i>
	Damping-off	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
<b>NORTH EAST REGION</b>		
Canola	Blackleg	<i>Leptosphaeria maculans</i> *

\* Disease was confirmed serologically with specific monoclonal antibodies using the ELISA technique.

**CROP:** Commercial crops and woody ornamental plants - Diagnostic Laboratory Report

**LOCATION:** Manitoba

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**TITLE: DISEASES DIAGNOSED ON COMMERCIAL CROPS AND WOODY ORNAMENTAL PLANTS  
SUBMITTED TO THE MANITOBA AGRICULTURE CROP DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE IN 1995**

**METHODS:** The Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre provides the diagnosis of, and control recommendations primarily for, diseases of commercial crops and woody ornamental plants. The following data lists samples submitted to the diagnostic centre by Manitoba Agriculture extension staff, growers, agri-business and the general public. Diagnosis is based on visual examination for symptoms, microscopic observation and culturing on artificial media. Assisting with the diagnosis was M. Desjardins.

**RESULTS AND COMMENTS:** Summaries of diseases diagnosed on crops of each of the following commodities: cereal crops, oilseed crops, vegetable crops, forage crops, turfgrass, and fruit crops are presented in Tables 1 through 7.

**TABLE 1.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on cereal crops submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLES
Wheat	Septoria leaf spot	<i>Septoria</i> spp.	25
	Head blight	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	5
	Common root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp. <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i>	2
Barley	Barley yellow dwarf	barley yellow dwarf virus	1
	Tan spot	<i>Pyrenophora tritici-repentis</i>	1
	Net blotch	<i>Pyrenophora teres</i>	8
Oat	Common root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp. <i>Cochliobolus sativus</i>	6
	Fusarium head blight	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	2
	Loose smut	<i>Ustilago nuda</i>	1
	Bacterial blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>	1
	Fusarium head blight	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	1

**TABLE 2.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on oilseed crops submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLES
Flax	Root rot, seedling blight	<i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp.	4
Sunflower	Sclerotinia head rot	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	2
Canola	Blackleg	<i>Leptosphaeria maculans</i>	16
	Downy mildew	<i>Peronospora parasitica</i>	6
	Black spot	<i>Alternaria</i> spp.	5
	Root rot, seedling blight	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	4
	Stem blight	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	4
	Aster yellows	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	2
		Aster yellows mycoplasma	1

**TABLE 3.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on pulse crops submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLES
Field bean	Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	4
	Bacterial blight	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>phaseoli</i>	1
	Brown spot	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>syringae</i>	1
	Halo blight	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>phaseolicola</i>	1
	Anthracnose	<i>Colletotrichum truncatum</i>	2
	Ascochyta blight	<i>Ascochyta fabae</i> f. sp. <i>lentis</i>	1
Lentil	Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	1

**TABLE 4.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on vegetable crops submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLES
Potato	Early blight	<i>Alternaria solani</i>	23
	Fusarium root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	7
	Late blight	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	12
	Gray mould	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	4
	Black dot	<i>Colletotrichum atramentarium</i>	1
	Verticillium wilt	<i>Verticillium dahliae</i>	1
	Bacterial soft rot	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> var. <i>carotovora</i>	1
Tomato	Septoria leaf spot	<i>Septoria lycopersici</i>	1
Carrot	Crown rot	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> sp.	3
Onion	Root Rot	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	2
	Smut	<i>Urocystis cepulae</i>	1
Cauliflower	Downy mildew	<i>Peronospora parasitica</i>	1
Corn	Common smut	<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	1
Red beet	Phoma rot	<i>Phoma betae</i>	3
Cabbage	Downy mildew	<i>Peronospora parasitica</i>	1

**TABLE 5.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on forage crops and grasses submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLES
Alfalfa	Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	6
	Black stem	<i>Phoma medicaginis</i>	4
	Common leaf spot	<i>Pseudopeziza medicaginis</i>	1
	Purple spot	<i>Heterosporium phlei</i>	1
	Root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	4
Timothy			
Turf Grass			

**TABLE 6.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on fruit crops submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLES
Apple	Fireblight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	7
	Canker	<i>Cytospora</i> sp.	4
	Canker	<i>Nectria cinnabarinna</i>	1
	Silver leaf	<i>Chondrostereum purpureum</i>	1
Strawberry	Crown rot, root rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	6
	Botrytis	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	Hainesia	<i>Hainesia lythri</i>	1
	Leaf spot	<i>Mycosphaerella fragariae</i>	1
Saskatoon	Brown rot	<i>Monilinia amelanchieris</i>	1
	Cankers	<i>Cytospora</i> spp.	1
	Leaf spot	<i>Entomosporium mespili</i>	1
Raspberry	Cane blight	<i>Leptosphaeria coniothyrium</i>	4
	Anthracnose	<i>Elsinoe veneta</i>	2
	Powdery mildew	<i>Sphaerotheca macularis</i>	1
	Spur blight	<i>Didymella applanata</i>	1
	Virus		1

**TABLE 7.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on shade trees and woody ornamentals submitted to the Manitoba Agriculture Crop Diagnostic Centre in 1995.

CROP	SYMPTOM/DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF SAMPLE
Basswood	Canker	undetermined	1
Lilac	Root rot	undetermined	3
Russian olive	Nectria canker	<i>Nectria cinnabarinna</i>	1
	Rust	<i>Puccinia</i> sp.	1
Crabapple	Canker	<i>Cytospora</i> sp.	1
	Fireblight	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	1
Dogwood	Root rot	undetermined	1
Juniper	Root rot	undetermined	1
Mountain ash	Canker	<i>Cytospora</i> spp.	2
Elm	Dutch elm disease	<i>Ophiostoma ulmi</i>	9
	Canker	<i>Cytospora</i> spp.	2
	Dothiorella wilt	<i>Dothiorella ulmi</i>	1
Willow	Canker	<i>Cytospora</i> sp.	1
	Fungal leaf spot	<i>Marssonina</i> sp.	1
Spruce	Needle cast	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkoffii</i>	10
	Cytospora canker	<i>Cytospora kunzei</i>	6
Pine	Needle cast	<i>Lophodermium</i> sp.	1
	Western gall rust	<i>Endocronartium harknessii</i>	1
	Canker	<i>Hypoxyylon mammatum</i>	1
Poplar	Shoot blight	<i>Pollacia</i> sp.	1
	Septoria leaf spot	<i>Septoria</i> sp.	1

**CROP:** Commercial Crops - Diagnostic Laboratory Report**LOCATION:** Ontario**NAMES AND AGENCY:**

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**TITLE: DISEASES DIAGNOSED ON CROP SAMPLES SUBMITTED TO THE OMAFRA PEST DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC IN 1995**

**METHODS:** The OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic provides diagnosis and identification of plant diseases, nematodes, insects, weeds, and other pest problems. The service is offered to OMAFRA crop advisors, to employees of other public agencies, to growers and agriculture businesses and to the general public. Diagnoses were made by visual and microscopic examination of the samples. Isolation on selective media, the Biolog® bacterial identification system, pathogenicity tests and ELISA were used to assist in the diagnosis of some of the samples.

**RESULTS AND COMMENTS:** In 1995 the Pest Diagnostic Clinic received 1871 samples including nematodes. About 35% of the samples submitted were for disease diagnosis. Of these nearly 60% were ornamentals\*. Vegetable, fruit, turf, cereal and forage samples completed, in that order, most of the submissions to the clinic. OMAFRA with other public agencies, and horticultural businesses including growers, each submitted about one third of the samples received for disease diagnosis at the clinic this year. The remaining samples were submitted by homeowners. A summary of the disease diagnoses is presented in the following tables (1-6).

\*Ornamentals include both woody and herbaceous plants, outdoors, in atria and in greenhouses.

**TABLE 1.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on cereal, field corn and forage crop samples submitted to the OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Alfalfa	Physiological disorders	5
Barley	Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus	1
Canola	<i>Alternaria brassicae</i>	1
Corn	Physiological disorders	6
	Herbicide injury	1
	Other physiological disorders	6
Lupin	Physiological disorder	1
Oat	Physiological disorder	1
Stevia	<i>Septoria</i> sp.	2
Timothy grass	Physiological disorder	1
Wheat	<i>Erysiphe graminis</i> f. sp. <i>tritici</i>	1
	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	1
	<i>Septoria tritici</i>	1
	<i>Ustilago tritici</i>	1
	Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus	1
	Black head molds	1
	Physiological disorders	3

**TABLE 2.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on legume samples submitted to the OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Bean	<i>Phaeoisariopsis griseola</i>	1
	Bacterial leaf spot	1
	Physiological disorders	2
Pea	Physiological disorder	1
Soybean	<i>Fusarium</i> crown rot	2
	Herbicide injury	4
	Other physiological disorders	3

**TABLE 3.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on vegetable samples submitted to the OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Beet	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
Cabbage	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i>	3
Carrot	<i>Agrobacterium</i> sp.	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Cauliflower	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i>	1
Celery	Physiological disorder	1
Cucumber	<i>Cladosporium cucumerinum</i>	1
	Viral diseases	2
	Physiological disorders	4
Eggplant	Physiological disorders	2
Garlic	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	1
	Growth cracks	1
	Other physiological disorder	1
Ginseng	Herbicide injury	1
Lettuce	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vitians</i>	1
	Herbicide injury	1
Onion	<i>Fusarium</i> rot	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Parsley	Herbicide injury	1
Pepper	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vesicatoria</i>	1
	Physiological disorder	1

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Potato	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> pv. <i>atroseptica</i>	1
	<i>Colletotrichum atramentarium</i>	1
	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	1
	Hollow heart	1
	Internal brown spot	1
	Other physiological disorders	7
Radicchio	black core	1
Rapini	Physiological disorder	1
Rutabaga	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i>	1
	<i>Leptosphaeria maculans</i>	1
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Squash	Physiological disorder	1
Tomato	<i>Clavibacter michiganense</i> pv. <i>michiganense</i>	1
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> pv. <i>carotovora</i>	1
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>tomato</i>	3
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	<i>Phytophthora</i> sp.	1
	<i>Pyrenopeziza lycopersici</i>	3
	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	3
	<i>Septoria lycopersici</i>	2
	Black walnut toxicity	3
	Herbicide injury	2
	Other physiological disorders	27

**TABLE 4.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on fruit samples submitted to the OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Apple	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	1
	<i>Botryosphaeria obtusa</i>	4
	<i>Gloeosporium alba</i>	2
	<i>Venturia inaequalis</i>	2
	Potassium deficiency	1
	Frost rings	1
	Other physiological disorders	10
Blueberry	<i>Phomopsis</i> sp.	1
	Sunscald	1
	Winter injury	1
	Other physiological disorders	6

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Cherry	Physiological disorder	1
Cranberry	Bud blast	1
Filbert	<i>Phyllosticta coryli</i>	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Grape	<i>Guignardia bidwellii</i>	1
	<i>Uncinula necator</i>	1
Mango	Physiological disorder	1
Pear	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	2
	<i>Venturia pirina</i>	1
Raspberry	Physiological disorder	1
	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>	2
	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	1
	Winter injury	2
Strawberry	Other physiological disorders	5
	<i>Xanthomonas fragariae</i>	1
	<i>Colletotrichum dematium</i>	1
	<i>Diplocarpon earliana</i>	1
	<i>Mycosphaerella fragariae</i>	1
	<i>Ramularia tulasnei</i>	1
	Herbicide injury	1
	Other physiological disorders	19

TABLE 5. Summary of diseases diagnosed on turf samples submitted to the OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Turf	<i>Leptosphaeria korrae</i>	7
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	5
	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	4
	<i>Drechslera</i> sp.	3
	<i>Laetisaria fuciformis</i>	1
	Fusarium patch	1
	Physiological disorders	36

**TABLE 6.** Summary of diseases diagnosed on ornamentals submitted to the OMAFRA Pest Diagnostic Clinic in 1995.

CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Ajuga	Physiological disorder	1
Alternanthera	Physiological disorder	1
Aralia (Japanese)	Physiological disorder	1
Aschyntus	Physiological disorder	1
Ash	Anthracnose	2
Aster	Physiological disorder	1
Beech	Physiological disorder	1
Begonia	Physiological disorders <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>begoniae</i>	2
Birch	Physiological disorders Bacterial wetwood Herbicide injury	4
Bouvardia	Other physiological disorders	1
Cactus	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV)	2
Cherry	Fusarium crown rot <i>Coccomyces hiemalis</i> Physiological disorders	2
Clematis	Physiological disorders <i>Phoma</i> sp.	3
Cotoneaster	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i> Physiological disorder	1
Crabapple	<i>Venturia inaequalis</i> Physiological disorders	4
Currant	Physiological disorder	1
Cyclamen	Physiological disorder	1
Cypress	Physiological disorder	1
Dahlia	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	1
Devil's walking stick	Physiological disorder	1
Dogwood	<i>Septoria cornicola</i> Herbicide injury	1
Douglas fir	Other physiological disorders	7
Elm	Physiological disorder <i>Ophiostoma ulmi</i>	1
Euonymous	Physiological disorder <i>Gloeosporium</i> sp.	2
Euphorbia	Physiological disorders	6
Exacum	Physiological disorder <i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	9
Fir	Physiological disorders	1
Forsythia	Herbicide injury	1
Fuchsia	Physiological disorder	1
Gaillardia	Physiological disorder	1

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Geranium	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>pelargonii</i>	10
	<i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i>	1
	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	1
	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	1
	Oedema	2
	High salts	2
	Other physiological disorders	5
Gloxinia	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV)	2
Hawthorn	<i>Gymnosporangium globosum</i>	1
	<i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>	1
Hemlock	Physiological disorder	1
Hibiscus	Physiological disorders	3
Hickory	<i>Microsphaera caryae</i>	1
Hollyhock	<i>Puccinia malvacearum</i>	1
Honey locust	Physiological disorder	1
Hydrangea	Bacterial leaf spot	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Impatiens	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV)	1
	Physiological disorders	4
Ivy (Boston)	Physiological disorder	1
Jade	Physiological disorder	1
Juniper	<i>Gymnosporangium clavipes</i>	1
	<i>Kabatina juniperi</i>	1
	Physiological disorders	9
Kalanchoe	<i>Thielaviopsis</i> sp.	1
	Physiological disorders	4
Katsura Tree	Physiological disorders	2
Larch	Physiological disorder	1
Lavatera	Physiological disorder	1
Lilac	Flower blast	1
	Herbicide injury	1
	Other physiological disorders	8
Lily (calla)	<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	3
Lily (oriental)	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	1
Limonium	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	2
Lisianthus	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV)	1
	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	1
Magnolia	Physiological disorder	1
Maple	Anthracnose	5
	<i>Rhytisma</i> spp.	3
	Verticillium wilt	3
	Herbicide injury	1
	Physiological disorders	20
Morning glory	Ethylene injury	1
Mountain ash	<i>Botryosphaeria obtusa</i>	1
	Other physiological disorders	5
Mulberry	Physiological disorder	1

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CROP	DISEASE/CAUSAL AGENT	NO. OF SAMPLES
Nasturium	Physiological disorder	1
Oak	<i>Apiognomonia quercina</i>	2
	Powdery mildew	1
	Iron deficiency	1
	Other physiological disorders	5
Orchid	<i>Fusarium</i> sp.	1
	Physiological disorders	3
<i>Pandanus veitchii</i>	<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	1
Peony	<i>Botrytis</i> sp.	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Petunia	Physiological disorders	6
<i>Philadelphus</i> sp.	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i>	1
	Physiological disorder	1
Phlox	Physiological disorder	1
Pine	<i>Cronartium ribicola</i>	3
	Physiological disorders	19
Plum	Physiological disorder	1
Poinsettia	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	1
	Oedema	1
Poplar	Other physiological disorder	1
	<i>Marssonina populi</i>	1
	Physiological disorders	2
Rhododendron	Physiological disorder	1
Rose	<i>Leptosphaeria coniothyrium</i>	1
	<i>Sphaceloma rosarum</i>	1
	<i>Diplocarpon rosae</i>	1
	Powdery mildew	1
	Physiological disorders	7
Serviceberry	Physiological disorder	1
Spruce	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i>	1
	Herbicide injury	3
	Winter injury	4
	Other physiological disorders	16
Spruce (Blue)	<i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i>	1
	Herbicide injury	1
	Other physiological disorders	5
<i>Stephanotis floribunda</i>	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus	1
Statice	Physiological disorder	1
Thuja	Physiological disorders	15
Tulip	<i>Botrytis tulipae</i>	1
Tulip tree	Physiological disorders	3
Verbena	Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV)	1
<i>Viburnum</i> sp.	<i>Peronospora viburni</i>	1
Vinca	<i>Phoma exigua</i>	1
Yew	Physiological disorders	4
Yucca	Physiological disorder	1
Zinnia	<i>Xanthomonas nigromaculans</i> pv. <i>zinniae</i>	1

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**TITLE: DISEASES DIAGNOSED ON COMMERCIAL CROPS SUBMITTED TO THE MAPAQ DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY IN 1995**

**METHODS:** The objective of the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory is to provide diagnosis and control recommendations for disease problems of commercial crops. The following data reflects diagnoses of samples submitted to the laboratory by extension staff of MAPAQ, the "Régie des assurances agricoles du Québec", the "Institut québécois du développement de l'horticulture ornementale" and by the agricultural industry. Diagnosis is based on visual examination for symptoms and on the use of various laboratory tests to detect and to identify pathogens. The following tests are used in the laboratory; for nematodes, isolation with the Baermann pan and microscope examination; for fungi, isolation on artificial media, microscope examination and pathogenicity testing; for bacteria, isolation on artificial media, classical biochemical tests including API-20E and Biolog®, ELISA and PCR tests; and for virus ELISA and double stranded RNA analysis.

**RESULTS AND COMMENTS:** The crop distribution of samples was: vegetable crops (field and greenhouse) 53%, small fruits 17%, herbaceous and woody ornamentals 17%, fruit trees 3%, field crops 3%, cereal crops 2% and other samples 5%. Tables 1-7 show a summary of the main parasitic and nonparasitic diseases diagnosed by the laboratory for the most representative vegetable crops, greenhouse vegetables, small fruits, herbaceous and woody ornamentals, apple trees, cereals and other crops.

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**TABLE 1.** Summary of vegetable crop diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Bean	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> (pod)	1
	Fusarium foot and root rot	6
	Pythium root rot	1
	Rhizoctonia stem and root canker	3
	Pseudomonas leaf spot	1
	Sunscald (pod)	2
	Wind injury (pod)	1
Beet	Pythium root rot	1
Brocoli	Pythium stem rot	2
	Pseudomonas soft rot	2
	Heat injury (curd browning)	3
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CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Cabbage	<i>Alternaria brassicae</i>	1
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	4
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	1
	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i>	6
	Boron deficiency	1
	Chilling injury	4
	Molybdenum deficiency	1
	Heat injury	3
Cantaloup	<i>Pyrenopeziza</i> root rot	1
	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	1
Carrot	<i>Alternaria dauci</i>	1
	<i>Cercospora carotae</i>	2
	<i>Fusarium solani</i>	3
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> crown rot	5
	<i>Meloidogyne</i> sp.	4
	Boron deficiency (five o'clock shadow)	1
	Heat canker	4
Cauliflower	<i>Plasmopora brassicae</i>	1
	<i>Pythium</i> stem rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	<i>Pseudomonas</i> soft rot	1
	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i>	5
	Calcium deficiency	5
	Chilling injury	1
Celery	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> crown rot	1
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	1
	Aster yellows	2
	CMV	1
	Calcium deficiency	1
Chinese cabbage	<i>Alternaria brassicae</i>	1
	<i>Alternaria brassicicola</i>	1
	<i>Pythium</i> crown rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	1
Corn	<i>Fusarium</i> stalk and root rot	2
Cucumber	<i>Alternaria cucumerina</i>	2
	Phoma fruit rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> fruit rot	1
	Poor pollination	2
Eggplant	<i>Alternaria solani</i>	1
	<i>Fusarium</i> root rot	1
	<i>Pyrenopeziza</i> root rot	1
	<i>Pseudomonas</i> leaf spot	2
Leek	<i>Fusarium</i> basal rot	4
	<i>Pyrenopeziza</i> root rot	2
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> root rot	1

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CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Lettuce	Alternaria leaf spot	1
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	<i>Bremia lactucae</i>	1
	Pythium root rot	5
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	2
	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vitians</i>	1
	Heat stress	4
Onion	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i> (leaf spot)	2
	Fusarium basal rot	4
	Pyrenopeziza root rot	2
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	1
	Pseudomonas soft rot	1
	Nitrogen deficiency	7
	Rain injury (leaf rot)	6
Pea	<i>Ascochyta pisi</i>	1
	Fusarium stem and root rot	3
Pepper	Alternaria fruit rot	1
	Pythium root rot	1
	<i>Phytophthora capsici</i>	4
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	1
Pepper	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vesicatoria</i>	4
	CMV	6
	Potyvirus	2
	Boron deficiency	3
	Oedema	1
	Sunscald	1
Potato	<i>Alternaria solani</i> (leaf blight)	3
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	2
	Fusarium tuber rot	6
	<i>Phytophthora erythroseptica</i>	3
	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	7
	Pythium tuber rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	4
	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	1
	<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>sepedonicus</i>	5
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i> 1	7
	<i>Streptomyces</i> spp.	8
	AMV	1
	PLRV	1
	PVX	1
	TSWV	2
	Genetic disorder	2
	Heat injury	9
	Hollow heart	1
	Mechanical injury	4
	Ozone injury	1
	Rapid vine killing injury	8

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CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Parsnip	<i>Cercospora pastinacae</i>	1
	Rhizoctonia root rot	1
Pumpkin	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	2
	<i>Didymella bryoniae</i>	10
	<i>Sphaerotheca fuliginea</i>	1
	Phytophthora fruit rot	2
	Pythium fruit rot	3
	Rhizopus fruit rot	1
	<i>Septoria cucurbitacearum</i>	1
	<i>Sphaerotheca fuliginea</i>	2
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	4
	<i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>	1
	CMV	14
	Mechanical injury	2
Rhubarb	<i>Ascochyta rhei</i>	1
	Phytophthora crown rot	1
	<i>Ramularia rhei</i>	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	4
Rutabaga	<i>Alternaria brassicicola</i>	1
	<i>Peronospora parasitica</i>	1
	<i>Plasmodiophora brassicae</i>	1
	Pythium root rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	2
	Potyvirus	1
	TuMV	1
	Boron deficiency	2
	Growth crack	1
Squash	<i>Didymella bryoniae</i>	3
	Mucor fruit rot	1
	Pythium fruit rot	2
	<i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>	1
	CMV	5
	Potyvirus	1
	Poor pollination	1
Tomato	<i>Alternaria solani</i> (leaf blight)	3
	Alternaria fruit rot	1
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	Fusarium fruit rot	2
	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	1
	Pythium root rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	<i>Septoria lycopersici</i>	4
	<i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i>	1
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>tomato</i>	1
	AMV	2
	ToMV	3
	Gray wall	1
	Heat injury	1

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CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Tomato	Magnesium deficiency	1
	Phosphorus deficiency	1
	Potassium deficiency	1
	Yellow shoulder	2
Watermelon	Pyrenopeziza root rot	2
	<i>Phytophthora capsici</i>	2
	Pythium fruit rot	1

**TABLE 2.** Summary of greenhouse vegetable diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Cucumber	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	Pythium crown and root rot	8
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	2
	<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>lachrymans</i>	3
	<i>Meloidogyne</i> sp.	1
	Calcium deficiency	1
	Salt injury	2
	<i>Alternaria solani</i> (leaf blight)	4
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	12
	<i>Colletotrichum coccodes</i>	3
Tomato	<i>Erysiphe</i> sp.	3
	<i>Fulvia fulva</i>	2
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>radicis-lycopersici</i>	16
	Geotrichum fruit rot	1
	<i>Humicola</i> root rot	5
	<i>Mucor</i> fruit ro	1
	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	2
	<i>Pyrenopeziza lycopersici</i>	5
	Pythium root rot	11
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	2
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	2
	<i>Septoria lycopersici</i>	3
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	7
	<i>Pseudomonas corrugata</i>	4
	CMV	1
	TSWV	2
	Calcium deficiency	1
	Genetic disorder	6
	Gold speck	2
	Gray wall	1
	Magnesium deficiency	1
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CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
	Manganese deficiency	1
	Manganese toxicity	1
	Russetting	1
	Salt injury	3
	Silver leaf	1
	Yellow shoulder	3

**TABLE 3.** Summary of small fruit diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Blueberry	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	<i>Cytospora</i> sp.	2
	<i>Godronia cassandrae</i>	2
	<i>Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi</i>	1
	Pythium root rot	1
	<i>Septoria</i> sp.	2
	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>	1
	Winter injury	2
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	2
	<i>Diplocarpon earliana</i>	1
Strawberry	<i>Mycosphaerella fragariae</i>	5
	<i>Phytophthora fragariae</i>	22
	<i>Sphaerotheca macularis</i>	1
	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	5
	<i>Xanthomonas fragariae</i>	1
	Phytoplasma	1
	Black root rot	30
	Calcium deficiency	1
	Heat injury	5
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
Raspberry	<i>Didymella applanata</i>	2
	<i>Elsinoe veneta</i>	3
	<i>Phytophthora</i> root rot	33
	<i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i>	15
	Black root rot	7
	Boron deficiency	1
	Winter injury	15

**TABLE 4.** Summary of herbaceous and woody ornamental diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
<i>Alternanthera</i> sp.	Rhizoctonia stem rot	2
<i>Adenium</i> sp.	Pythium stem rot	2
<i>Antirrhinum</i> sp.	<i>Peronospora antirrhini</i>	1
<i>Begonia</i> sp.	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	INSV	2
<i>Browallia</i> sp.	Pythium stem rot	2
<i>Calendula</i> sp.	Phytoplasma	1
<i>Clematis</i> sp.	Rhizoctonia stem rot	1
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	2
	INSV	1
<i>Dahlia</i> sp.	Rhizoctonia stem rot	2
<i>Elaeagnus</i> sp.	<i>Nectria</i> sp.	2
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Rhizoctonia stem and root rot	2
	Salt injury	1
<i>Forsythia</i> sp.	Phytophthora root rot	1
<i>Fraxinus</i> sp.	<i>Discula</i> sp.	1
<i>Gladiolus</i> sp.	Pythium root rot	1
<i>Hedera helix</i>	<i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>hederae</i>	1
<i>Helichrysum</i> sp.	<i>Verticillium</i> sp.	2
<i>Hemerocallis</i> sp.	Colletotrichum leaf scorch	2
<i>Hibiscus</i> sp.	Phytophthora stem rot	1
	<i>Erwinia carotovora</i> subsp. <i>carotovora</i>	1
<i>Impatiens</i> sp.	Alternaria leaf spot	4
	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
	Fusarium root rot	1
	Rhizoctonia root rot	4
	INSV	2
<i>Juniperus</i> sp.	<i>Kabatina</i> sp.	1
	Phytophthora root rot	2
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	Pythium root rot	9
	CMV	1
<i>Lavatera</i> sp.	INSV	2
<i>Pelargonium</i> sp.	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	2
	<i>Rhodococcus facians</i>	1
<i>Primula</i> sp.	INSV	1
<i>Rhododendron</i> sp.	Cylindrocladium stem and root rot	1
	Phytophthora stem and root rot	3
<i>Rosa</i> sp.	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	2
<i>Senecio x hybridus</i>	Phytophthora root rot	1
<i>Sinningia speciosa</i>	Phytophthora crown rot	1
	INSV	1
<i>Sorbus</i> sp.	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	2

**TABLE 5.** Summary of apple tree diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Apple	<i>Alternaria alternata</i> (leaf spot)	4
	<i>Cytospora</i> sp.	2
	<i>Nectria cinnabarinia</i>	1
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	1
	<i>Venturia inaequalis</i>	2
	<i>Erwinia amylovora</i>	3

**TABLE 6.** Summary of cereal crop diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Barley	<i>Bipolaris sorokiniana</i>	1
	<i>Puccinia graminis</i>	2
Oat	<i>Puccinia coronata</i>	3
Wheat	<i>Septoria nodorum</i>	1
	BYDV	1
Rye	<i>Claviceps purpurea</i>	1

**TABLE 7.** Summary of other crop diseases diagnosed by the MAPAQ diagnostic laboratory in 1995.

CROP	CAUSAL AGENT/DISEASE	NO. OF SAMPLES
Alfalfa	<i>Ascochyta</i> leaf spot	1
	<i>Phytophthora</i> root rot	1
	<i>Pseudopeziza medicaginis</i>	1
Chive	<i>Phytophthora</i> root rot	1
Ginseng	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> root rot	1
Pepper mint	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> stem rot	1
	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	1
Sage	<i>Phytophthora</i> root rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia</i> root rot	1
	<i>Meloidogyne</i> sp.	2
Soybean	<i>Fusarium</i> stem and root rot	3
	<i>Peronospora manshurica</i>	7
	<i>Phytophthora</i> root rot	5
	<i>Pythium</i> root rot	1
	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	5
Tobacco	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	2
	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i>	1

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**METHODS:** The P.E.I. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Plant Health Services group provides diagnosis of, and control recommendations primarily for disease problems of commercial crops produced on P.E.I. The following data lists samples submitted to the laboratory by agriculture extension staff, producers, agribusiness and the general public. Diagnoses are based on visual examination of symptoms, microscopic observation and culturing on artificial media.

**RESULTS AND COMMENTS:** A total of 318 samples were processed during the period June 1995 - October 1995. Results are summarized in Table 1. As many samples were diagnosed with more than one disease, a total of 401 diagnoses are listed in Table 1.

**TABLE 1.** Diseases diagnosed on commercial crop samples submitted to the Plant Health Services group, Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, Prince Edward Island, 1995.

CROP	DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF TIMES AGENTS WERE IDENTIFIED
<b>VEGETABLES:</b>			
Bean	Physiological Disorder	Leaf burn	1
	White Mold	<i>Sclerotinia sp.</i>	1
Beet	Leaf Spot	<i>Alternaria sp.</i>	1
Carrot	Root Rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	Cercospora Blight	<i>Cercospora sp.</i>	1
	Crater Rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	Crown Rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	Cavity Spot	<i>Pythium sp.</i>	1
		Aster yellows	1
		Heat canker	1
Cauliflower	Physiological Disorder	Herbicide damage	1
	Physiological Disorder		
Onion	Basal Rot	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	1
	Soft Rot	<i>Erwinia sp.</i>	1
Pea	Root Rot	<i>Fusarium solani</i>	1
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CROP	DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF TIMES AGENTS WERE IDENTIFIED
Potato	Early Blight	<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	7
		<i>Alternaria solani</i>	3
		<i>Stemphylium</i> spp.	1
	Gray Mold	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	23
	Late Blight	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	46
	Dry Rot	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	1
		<i>Phoma</i> sp.	1
	Pink Rot	<i>Phytophthora erythroseptica</i>	27
	Black Dot	<i>Colletotrichum coccodes</i>	4
	White Mold	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	8
	Seed Piece Decay	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	4
		<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	6
		<i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp.	5
	Soft Rot	<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	28
	Black Scurf	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	12
	Stem Canker	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	35
	Silver Scurf	<i>Helminthosporium solani</i>	3
	Scab	<i>Streptomyces scabies</i>	10
	Pink Eye	<i>Pseudomonas</i> spp.	12
	Blackleg	<i>Erwinia</i> sp.	4
	Virus	Calico Alfalfa	1
	Physiological Disorders	Chemical damage	6
		Mechanical damage	11
		Stem-end browning	4
	Physiological disorders	Nutritional disorders	3
		Wind damage	31
		Heat stress	11
		Physiological young seed	2
		High salt levels	1
		Lightening damage	1
		Tipburn	6
		Salt burn	2
		Blackheart	7
		Hollow heart	5
		Enlarged lenticels	14
		Secondary tubers	1
		Greening	1
		Growth cracks	1
		Jelly end rot	1
		Elephant hide	3
	Wilt	<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	4
		<i>Verticillium</i> spp.	5
	Early Dying Syndrome	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	2
		<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	2
		<i>Verticillium</i> spp.	2
		<i>Colletotrichum</i> sp.	1
		<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	6

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CROP	DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT/PLANT PATHOGEN	NO. OF TIMES AGENTS WERE IDENTIFIED
Rutabaga	Physiological Disorder	Hollow heart	1
<b>CEREALS:</b>			
Barley	Net blotch	<i>Pyrenophora teres</i>	1
Wheat	Take-all	<i>Gaeumannomyces graminis</i> <i>var. tritici</i>	1
<b>SMALL FRUITS:</b>			
Blueberry	Powdery Mildew	<i>Microsphaera vaccinii</i>	1
Strawberry	Root rot	<i>Fusarium sp.</i>	1
	Red Stele	<i>Phytophthora sp.</i>	1
<b>SPECIALITY CROPS:</b>			
Ginseng	Root Rot	<i>Phytophthora sp.</i>	2
	Tip-over	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
		Nematode damage	1
Tobacco	Stalk Rot	<i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i>	1
	Sore shin	<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	1
	Leaf Spot	<i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>401</b>