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DISEASE & PEST MANAGEMENT FOR VEGETABLE CROPS

Q Why is it important to have a disease and pest management strategy for vegetables, particularly with summer approaching?

A Higher temperatures can produce more issues with both insects and diseases, therefore, getting ahead of their ideal weather conditions is critical. If you're consistently following IPM (integrated pest management) and scouting, then you'll be ahead of diseases and pests. A preventive plan is ideal rather than curative control when you're trying to control problems.

Q Which vegetables do diseases and pests commonly target?

A Some key targets are tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. For tomato plants, the biggest pest problem is the whitefly. Other issues that can pop up are botrytis foliar and bacterial blight. Cucumbers are often attacked by powdery mildew, as well as aphids and thrips. Aphids are also a huge problem for peppers, particularly hot and spicy varieties, which are being grown more all around the country.

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