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Common Blueberry Problems



Blueberry macrophoma rot caused by Botryosphaeria dothidea.



Blueberry mummy berry is caused by fungus Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi. The fungus overwinters in shriveled mummies and, in the spring, spores are dispersed from mushroom-like structure (apothecia). This pathogen infects both young growing shoots and the fruit.



Blueberry fruit infection. Note shriveled fruit on the ground. It is important to remove fallen leaves and mummies to prevent spore spread the following year.



Red ringspot virus (RRSV) is transmitted by grafting and decreases production. Red spots or rings appear on older leaves and branches.



Lichens on blueberry. Lichens are non-parasitic organisms and do not injure

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the plants on which they grow. The only concern may be the aesthetic appearance of the plant.



*Blueberry stem blight caused by fungus *Botryosphaeria dothidea*. This disease is highly destructive, often reducing fruit yields to uneconomic levels.*

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