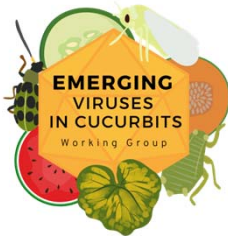




## Aphids

Green peach aphid  
(*Myzus persicae*)  
Melon aphid  
(*Aphis gossypii*)



Numerous aphid species, including the melon (cotton) aphid and the green peach aphid, are known to feed on cucurbit crops. Aphid feeding can cause leaf curling and distortion. Aphids also produce sugary feces (honeydew) that promote growth of sooty mold. Many aphid species are vectors of viruses that cause foliar and fruit symptoms in cucurbits, including cucurbit aphid-borne yellows virus (CABYV), papaya ringspot virus (PRSV), cucumber mosaic virus (CMV), and watermelon mosaic virus (WMV).

Visit the Emerging Viruses in Cucurbits Working Group website at [www.eCucurbitviruses.org](http://www.eCucurbitviruses.org) for additional information on cucurbit viruses and their vectors.

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