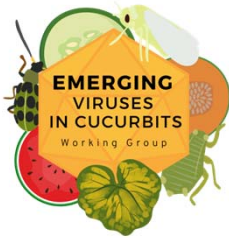




Cucumber Beetles

Spotted cucumber beetle
(*Diabrotica undecimpunctata*)

Striped cucumber beetle
(*Acalymma vittatum*)



Several species of cucumber beetles, including the spotted cucumber beetle and the striped cucumber beetle, are economically important pests of cucurbits. Beetle feeding can directly cause physical damage to leaves and fruits making fruits unmarketable. Cucumber beetles are also known vectors of some pathogens, including the bacteria *Erwinia tracheiphila* (bacterial wilt) and the virus squash mosaic virus (SqMV), that can cause significant damage to cucurbits.

Visit the Emerging Viruses in Cucurbits Working Group website at www.eCucurbitviruses.org for additional information on cucurbit viruses and their vectors.

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