

Scientific name

Oligonychus oryzae Berlese

What it does

Sucks sap thereby leading to whitish or yellow patches which turn gradually to orange colour and field put forth dried appearance. In severe cases they tend to move to upper surface of leaf also.

How to identify

- The mite spins a delicate web on the lower surface of the leaf blade, that appears as a powdery substance
- Infected plants appear light yellow or pale

How to manage

- Cultural controls include plowing stubble after harvesting crops and ensuring no re-growth of plant material for winter.
- Fallowing fields, rotation with an alternate crop.
- Predatory mites may have the ability to suppress populations
- Spray wettable sulphur 3.0 gm or dicofol 5.0ml per litre of water.



Leaf mite infested leaf

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