## Soybean Disease Profiles I Foliar Diseases

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Disease		Description
1.	<b>Bacterial Blight</b> <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. glycinea	Associated with leaf damage in canopy. Small angular water-soaked spots on leaves, later turning brown; spots surrounded by yellow borders; centers of old lesions fall out, giving shot-hole appearance.
	*Management: C, N, R	
2.	<b>Bacterial Pustule</b> Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. glycines	Commonly distributed along leaf veins in upper canopy. Small, pale green spots with raised centers; raised pustule is typically on lower leaf surface ( <i>Figure 2b</i> ); may be spots or irregular brown areas without water soaking.
	Management: C, N, R	
3.	<b>Brown Spot</b> Septoria glycines Management: C, F, R	Starts in lower canopy and spreads upward. Irregularly shaped, light- brown spots primarily on leaves but can be on stems, petioles, and pods; premature defoliation in lower canopy with severe infection.
4.	<b>Cercospora Leaf Blight</b> and <b>Purple Seed Stain</b> <i>Cercospora kikuchii</i> Management: C, F, N, R	Foliar symptoms after seed set in the upper canopy. <i>Leaf symptoms</i> : light purple to bronze, with small spots to irregularly shaped patches; typically on upper leaf surface; leaves may become leathery and dark purple ( <i>Figure 4b</i> ); infections can spread to petioles; upper canopy defoliation; petioles remain attached to stem.
		<i>Seed symptoms</i> : pale to dark purple discoloration of seed coat; seed infection not always related to foliar disease level ( <i>Figure 4c</i> ).
5.	<b>Downy Mildew</b> <i>Peronospora manshurica</i> Management: C, N, R	Common after seed set in upper canopy. Lesions occur on upper leaf surface; irregularly shaped, pale green to light yellow spots; underside of leaf may have fuzzy, gray fungal growth under lesions when high humidity or moisture conditions are present ( <i>Figure 5b</i> ).
6.	<b>Frogeye Leaf Spot</b> <i>Cercospora sojina</i> Management: C, F, R	Common in the upper canopy after flowering. Small, dark spots on the leaves that enlarge to approximately <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> inch diameter; lesion centers become gray to brown with a reddish purple margin; individual leaf spots can coalesce to create irregular patterns of leaf blighting.
7.	<b>Soybean Rust</b> <i>Phakopsora pachyrhizi</i> Management: C, F, R	Dependent on disease development in southern U.S. to spread northward. Lower leaves typically affected first; small, gray lesions that turn tan or reddish-brown; one to many small pustules will be present in mature lesions ( <i>Figure 7b</i> ) (visible with 10 X hand lens ( <i>Figure 7c</i> )).
8.	<b>Powdery Mildew</b> <i>Microsphaera diffusa</i> Management: F, R	Common in mid to late reproductive stages usually in lower canopy first. White, powdery fungal growth on leaves and stems; yellowing and premature defoliation; common with extended overcast conditions.
9.	Bean Pod Mottle Bean pod mottle virus (BPMV) and / or Soybean Mosaic Soybean mosaic virus (SMV) Management: C, N, R	Green to yellow mottling of younger leaves; leaf mottling may disappear as leaves mature; stunted plants; misshapen pods with mottling; green stem at harvest; seed coat discoloration same color as hilum ( <i>Figure 9b</i> ); small seed. Symptoms are the same for BPMV (common in Nebraska) and SMV (rare in Nebraska).

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\*Management strategies which can be effective: C — cultural practices, such as the use of crop rotation or tillage; F — seed treatment or foliar fungicides; N — management may not be necessary, practical, or possible; R — varieties vary in their resistance/susceptibility and resistance will reduce disease severity.

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