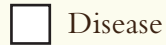




FOCUS: SLUGS



SLUG DAMAGE:

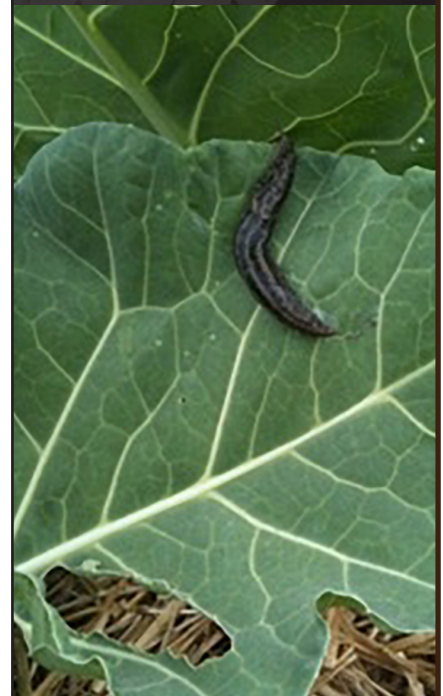
Slugs are gastropods that thrive in damp environments and eat tender leaves and shoots of plants. They leave telltale large, ragged holes in leaves, and a shimmery trail. They are most active at night and in the early morning and evening, so they might be hard to find during the day. Slugs can do a significant amount of damage to young crops, and make leafy crops unsightly.

REPELLING SLUGS:

- Pull mulch away from the stems of plants, to create a dry area that will discourage slugs.
- Water in the morning, so the ground is dry by evening.
- Attract slug-eating toads, by putting large rocks or toad homes in the garden.
- Set out shallow dishes of beer in the garden. Slugs love the yeast and will crawl into the dish, to their (happy?) demise. Be sure to check & empty the dishes regularly – they can start to smell!
- Copper repels slugs. Copper tape and strips are available from many gardening stores.
- If you've got lots of slugs, try Sluggo – an effective granular commercial product. It is approved for organic production and made of iron phosphate.



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