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SEED POTATO
FOR THE FUTURE

Focus on Stolbur and Zebra Chip

SIMILAR SYMPTOMS



Note: those symptoms could be caused by other diseases (Black Scurf, Potato Leaf Roll Virus...) or by abiotic factors such as nutrient deficiencies or stresses related to environmental conditions

TWO DIFFERENT DISEASES

Stolbur

- The causal agent is the phytoplasma ***Candidatus Phytoplasma solani***
- **Wide range of plant hosts:** solanaceous species, grapevine, lavender, sugar beet, maize... as well as many wild species such as bindweed and stinging nettle
- *Ca. Phytoplasma solani* is transmitted to its host by leafhopper insect vectors (Cixiidae)
- ***Hyalesthes obsoletus*** is the main vector of *Ca. Phytoplasma solani* in Europe



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- *Ca. Phytoplasma solani* is present in the EU and is classified as RNQP (EU 2019/2072)

Zebra Chip

- The causal agent is the phloem-limited bacterium ***Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum***
- Haplotypes A, B and F infect solanaceous species while haplotypes C, D, E and U are mainly associated with apiaceous species
- The bacterium is transmitted to its host by **psyllids insect vectors**
- ***Bactericera cockerelli*** is the vector of solanaceous haplotypes and is classified as a quarantine pest (EU 2019/2072)



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- Solanaceous haplotypes and their vector *B. cockerelli* have never been reported in the EU

CONTROL

= control is based on **preventive measures** to avoid the introduction and/or the spread of these pathogens and their vectors

- ✓ **Periodic field inspections** and sampling of plants showing doubtful symptoms for **laboratory testing and accurate diagnosis**
- ✓ **Management of potato volunteers and surrounding weeds** that could host both plant pathogens and their vectors (for wintering and the insects life cycle)