

Cassava mosaic virus

Cassava is one of the main crops largely grown for both food and income for generations in Africa for farmers and processors.

Cassava mosaic disease is one of the important diseases which affect the production.

Symptoms

It is caused by the cassava mosaic virus transmitted by the white flies.

Sick plants can be identified by light green or yellow spots on the leaves. Small and deformed leaves.

The disease has no cure however can be controlled.

Disease control

Use healthy cassava cuttings from certified producers. Plant resistant cassava varieties. Practice a crop rotation to stop the disease cycle. Uproot and burn sick plants.

Grow one variety in the field at a time.

Always inspect your field for disease infestation.

Avoid using cuttings that are affected when setting up a field.

Source planting materials from certified producers, farmer with are certified.

Get advice from consulting personnel. Trainings are provided by research organizations.