

Red leaf disorder

Red leaf is a disorder that affects strawberry plants.

Signs of the disorder include a reddening of leaves and a decline in plant health.

Understanding red leaf disorder

Red leaf disorder is affecting strawberry plants and a number of the major cultivars grown in Queensland, including Red Rhapsody, Fortuna, Festival and Aussiegem. It has also been seen on Camarosa and other varieties.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is conducting research to better understand the disorder and its effects. The cause of red leaf is currently unknown.



We need your help!

If you notice any of your strawberry plants are showing red leaf symptoms, please contact us. We want to hear about:

- changes in growth, yield declines and any abnormalities
- reddish/maroon interveinal discolouration in mature leaves, while younger leaves remain green or sometimes stunted
- changes to normal farming practices such as fertilising, fumigation, plastic use and watering
- which varieties are affected, when and to what extent (i.e. % of total plants affected)
- whether or not the health of affected plants has improved or continues to decline.

Report details of affected plants to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on **13 25 23**.

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