

Sapota

Diseases

Leaf Spot (*Phaeoleospora indica*) :

The disease is characterized by numerous, small, pinkish to reddish brown spots with whitish centers in the leaf.

Control : Spraying Dithane Z-78 or Topsin or Bavistin @0.1% at monthly intervals can control the disease.

Sooty Mould (*Capnodium sp.*) :

It is a fungal disease developed on honeydew-like excretion secreted by mealy bugs. The fungus slowly covers the entire leaf area severely affecting the process of photosynthesis. This results in reduced translocation of food to the fruits, which leads to reduction in their size.

Control : Spraying with 40g Zineb in 18 litres of water gives effective control.

Flat Leaf/Fasciation (*Botrydiplodia theobromae*):

The branches become flattened. These flattened branches are often rough, corrugated and twisted at the tip.

Control : Removing and destroying the flattened shoots can control the disease.