

Citronella

Diseases

Leaf Blight (*Curvularia andropogonis*)

The fungus affects the crop in the beginning of monsoon. Small brownish spots appear initially during the month of July, which enlarge into long patches along the tips and margins of the leaves. In case of serious infections, the entire leaves dry up resulting in considerable decrease in leaf and oil production. Black dots in from of sporulation of the fungus have been seen on dead spots of the leaves.

Control: The disease can be controlled by prophylactic spraying Dithane M-45 or Dithane Z-78 @ 20g/10 litres of water at an interval of 10-15 days during the growing period.