

## MITES (*Tetranychus* spp.)

Mites, generally known as red spider mites, occur worldwide and damage many crops. They develop on potatoes during warm weather and feed on the cellular matter of leaves.



Mites are extremely tiny arachnids, but can easily be seen with the naked eye when large numbers are present.



Early mite damage appears as brown spots on the underside of leaves. Leaves become shiny and bronzed. Young leaves may be distorted or fail to grow and growing tips, and sometimes the whole plant, might die.

