

“STOP BANANA BUNCHY TOP”

Bunchy top is a viral disease that could destroy Hawaii’s banana plants. Your help is needed to control the spread of bunchy top in Hawaii. Here are the disease symptoms and what you can do about it.



Diseased plants are stunted, leaves are narrow, stiff, upright, bunched, yellow



Older diseased trees usually do not produce fruit or may produce small, deformed fruit



New leaves are stunted and bunchy. Leaf edges are deformed and yellow.



Leaf “J-hooks”



Vein streaking

☑ If you see diseased plants, call:

Oahu 973-9538 Hawaii 974-4140

Kauai 245-4413 Maui 244-4471

☑ Infected plants must be properly removed as follows:

- (a) Remove bunches first
- (b) Spray to kill aphids (they carry the virus) with approved insecticide
- (c) Inject diseased banana plants and their mats with approved herbicide, or dig out all corms manually.
- (d) Allow plants to die before chopping them down or hauling them away

Please do not transport banana plants in or between Hawaiian islands

For more training and education about banana bunchy top, call the UH-CTAHR Cooperative Extension Service, or email banana@hawaii.edu or visit <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~banana>