



Government of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of Food Production

# PEST ADVISORY

## Bacterial leaf spot of lettuce A new pest in Trinidad

### What is it?

Bacterial leaf spot is a new bacterial disease that affects lettuce. It was discovered in Trinidad in 2012. Bacterial leaf spot is devastating as losses reported are 80-100%.

### What do I look for?

It appears as a water-soaked spot irregularly shaped, brown to black in appearance. Spots can coalesce to exhibit a blighted appearance.



Early symptoms: Numerous leaf spots on older leaves

Photos: Anthony St Hill, Plant Pathologist



Typical brown-black irregular spots – that begin to coalesce



Advance symptoms: Blighting of leaves



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