

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Lettuce Aphid

Scientific Name: *Nasonovia ribisnigri*

Order and Family: Hemiptera, Aphididae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larvae/ Nymph	Pupae
Length (mm)				N/A
Appearance	Can range from green to orange to pink. The adults can be winged or wingless and have black markings on the joins of the legs and antennae. Typically the wingless adults are brown while the winged adults have more black markings.			

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Piercing sucking

Host plant/s: Currant, gooseberry, lettuce, chicory, radicchio

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): The lettuce aphid typically feeds on the inside of lettuce heads where the younger leaves are emerging. The leaves will turn pale and the edges will start to become wavy.

References:

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