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Sugarcane veneer blotch (219)



Photo 1. Oval spots of veneer blotch on the midrib and leaf blade of sugarcane, caused by *Deightoniella papuana*. Note how the older spots enclose the younger ones.

Summary

- Narrow distribution. Indonesia, Oceania. On sugarcane. A minor disease.
- Spots small, oval, light green to pale yellow with thin red margins; later, surrounded by progressively larger spots, turning brown, up to 60 cm.
- Spores on the underside of leaves spread by wind.
- Cultural control: not likely to be needed.
- Chemical control: none recommended.

Common Name

Sugarcane veneer blotch

Scientific Name

Deightoniella papuana

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Photo 1 Kohler F, Pellegrin F, Jackson G, McKenzie E (1997) *Diseases of cultivated crops in Pacific Island countries*. South Pacific Commission. Pirie Printers Pty Limited, Canberra, Australia.

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