

Damage to Blueberry flowers – Is it Frost OR Disease?

Frost Damage



- Most flower clusters on stem typically are affected

- Closed flowers not affected as much

- Leaves can be damaged, but typically only tender tissue (yellow circles)

Key symptom: Often all flower clusters on a stem are affected

Mummy berry blight



- Only some flower clusters on stem will be infected

- Open and closed flowers will show symptoms

- Only some leaves will be infected, look dead and typical in a crook shape

- **Key Symptom** – Gray powdery spores (in yellow circles) at base of affected flowers and leaves

Botrytis Blossom Blight



- Only some flower clusters on a stem will be affected

- Mostly affects almost open and open flowers

- Leaves can also show disease symptoms

- **Key Symptom** – black hairs, some with gray tips, (in yellow circles) extend off of infected flowers and leaves