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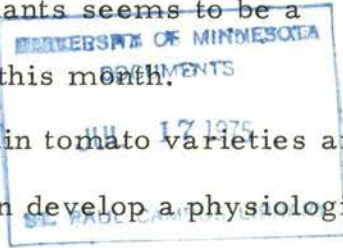


yard/garden radio briefs

Leaf Roll

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Physiologic leaf roll on tomato plants seems to be a problem in several Minnesota gardens this month.



Plant pathologists say when certain tomato varieties are grown for maximum fruit production they often develop a physiologic disorder called leaf roll.

Symptoms are most prominent on leaves at the plant base. Leaf margins roll upward until they touch or overlap each other. Rolled leaves are firm and leathery to the touch.

Leaf roll does not noticeably check plant growth or yields.

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Wild Plants

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University horticulturist Jane McKinnon says mid-summer brings fruits that children and nature lovers often like to try but should leave for birds.

Scarlet Elder fruits look appetizing, but are not used as human food. The elder used for jellies and pies is the black-fruited American Elder. Several honeysuckles used as landscape plants produce jewel-like red or orange soft berries in July. These also are not considered edible. Mrs. McKinnon says they are not poisonous but are also not tasty.

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Watering Landscape Plants

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If rainfall is not sufficient, you will need to water your landscape plants. They should get an inch of moisture per week in addition to normal rainfall. Plants along foundations with heavy or wide overhands will need more water than others.

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