



INTRODUCTION

Fruit vegetables like tomatoes, avocado, cucumber, pepper, eggplant, olive, pumpkin are affected by pest such as aphids, carrot flies, codling moth, cabbage root fly, cluster caterpillars, wooly bear caterpillars and looper caterpillars which affects the growth and development of vegetables leading to reduced crop quality and quantity, reduced nutritional quality, disease transmission and damage to leaves and stems.



Pest infestation are characterized by;

1. Holes in leaves
2. Wilting or drooping leaves
3. Discoloration
4. Stunted growth
5. Honeydew
6. Increased insect activity

CONTROL: Preparation Procedure

1. Get neem leaves and air-dry for about 3 to 4 weeks depending on the temperature and relative humidity.
2. Grind into powder form using a grinding machine or pound using a mortar



APPLICATION RATE AND FREQUENCY

Apply 5 g/plant of the neem powder to the base of the plant or broadcast on the leaves.

The treatment should be done and repeated once in a week till there are no more pest.