Part IV. Symptom Identification

Plant Structure

Plants too tall/leggy/bend easily Plants uneven in height Entire plant or most leaves weak Stem breakage frequent	_ _ _ _	Plants too small/internodes too short Insufficient and uneven branching Thin branches Deformed development	
Leaves			
Types of leaves affected Young ☐ Leaf edges yellow and necrotic Uniform yellowing Black to grayish-black spots on leaves Puckering of leaves Interveinal chlorosis Tiny specks, holes, or chewing evident Areas of bronzing or purpling	Recentl	y mature (middle leaves) ☐ Mature (Yellow and necrotic leaf spots Leaves discolored, chlorotic Leaves deformed, distorted Drooping leaves Leaf loss Warts or raised areas on leaves Leaves cupped or bunched up	bottom leaves) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
Bracts (poinsettia) Flowering too late Bracts too small Deformation of bract leaves Necrotic edges and spots on bracts White / tan fluid eruptions White powdery mildew Abnormal multiple breaks Silvery cast / pattern on leaves	Unev Disco Necro White Cyath Fadir	ering too early en development of bracts bloration of bract btic edges and spots on bracts e marks on bracts nia (true flowers) drop off plant ag of bract color ch marks on bracts	
Stems Black streaks or blotches on stems Black colored soft rot Water-soaked stem, turning into sunken of Grey to brown or black lesions on stem Soft, mushy decay of stems Brown stem rot at soil line Longitudinal splits of stems Stems break off Stems with hollow center Stems twisted or deformed	canker		
Flowers Flowers in low numbers Flowers fail to form Flower size small, off-color, or off-type Flowers streaked, tan or white, scratches, Flowers with ringed spots, oblong necrot Flowers normal but look dried, bent over	ic spots,		

Flower pattern broken, variegated, flower of Flower color or pattern unusual, or off-varie Flowers drop Grayish mold on flowers	• •			
Roots Roots normal but primarily in top part of the Roots healthy in lower part of the pot but no Roots tan to brown, absent or decomposed Roots are speckled, salt and pepper, plants of Roots normal on two or three sides of root be	o root hairs in			
Root substrate Greenish-black color on the surface Whitish crust on the surface Brown crust on surface Yellow or odd colored material on surface				
Insect Pests Small, cigar-shaped insect White flying insect Opaque to yellowish scale-like insect Small, grayish-black mosquito-like insect Small maggot with shiny black head capsule and with body found in the root substrate Small, robust black fly with gray wings with clear spots Small maggot, opaque yellowish-brown with no head capsule found in the root substrate Small eight-legged mite with faint spots White to grayish colored cottony insect				
Pattern of symptoms (across the bench/ar Localized (on bench/area) Near heater Near vent Near door On one line (hanging baskets) On more than one line Percent of crop affected	rea)	Not localized (random) Circular pattern Alternating pattern Approx. half of the greenh	iouse	