

# Banana Bunchy Top Virus (BBTV) PEST ALERT!



(L-R) Virus infected Banana Tree; Aphids carrying disease on banana stem; virus infected fruit: Photographs courtesy of

**Banana Bunchy Top Virus (BBTV), is a serious disease of bananas. It was discovered on Oahu in 1989 on a farm in Punaluu. BBTV causes the stunting of the leaves resulting in a “bunched” appearance. Generally, a banana plant infected with the virus will not set fruit. Other symptoms include stunted keikis or young shoots, narrow, yellow, and brittle leaves, and dark green streaks on the leaf stalks. BBTV was found on Molokai and treated. There are no new recent reports.**

**If you see a plant infected with the Banana Bunchy Top Virus, call MoMISC 553-5236.**