

Above ground symptoms are caused by adult beetles feeding on foliage (creating 'shot hole' damage to leaves). However, the most serious damage is to the tubers as larvae feed below the epidermis digging galleries. This usually remains superficial and does not affect the flesh of the tuber. The tubers will show longs sinuous corky lesions and small holes. The tunnelling may result in deep cracks, rough and pimply skin and distortion of the tuber.