

Thanjore Wilt of Coconut

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Abstract: *In coconut, Basal stem rot is also known as Thanjore (Thanjavur) wilt in Tamil Nadu. It is also known as bole rot. In India, the fungal causal organism of Thanjore wilt of coconut, Ganoderma lucidum was first recorded by Butler in Karnataka state in 1913. In Tamil Nadu, the disease was noticed in Thanjavur district in 1952 so they named Thanjavur wilt. In recent years, the disease occurs in all coconut growing districts of Tamil Nadu. The occurrence of basal stem rot which kills the whole palm so it threatening the coconut industries not only in Tamil Nadu but also in neighboring states.*

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