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Integrated management of moles in Pyrethrum

Symptoms

- Mole rat is an underground mammalian pest that destroy plants by feeding on roots and lower parts of plant stems; wilting of plants can be caused by such destruction.
- Soil mounds are usually an indicator of underground activity of mole rats.

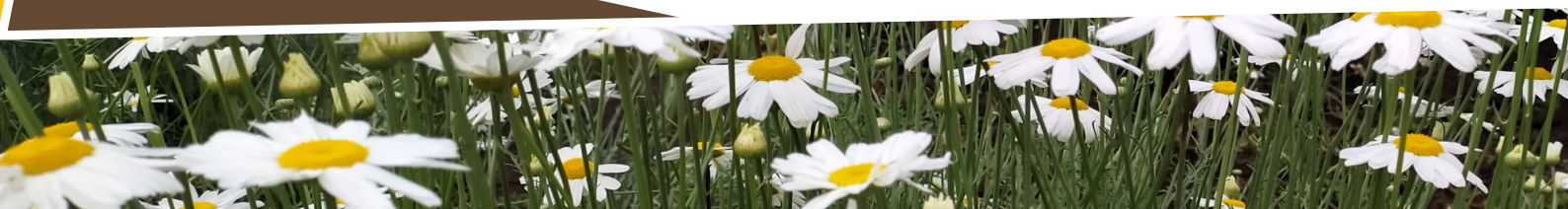


Mole rat (left) and mole soil mounds in the field (right)

Management Strategies

The Integrated management of moles involves a myriad of management options. These are;

- Remove weeds in the farm and clear the bushy areas around the fields to reduce habitat areas and to reduce the populations of moles attacking the crop.
- Remove cereal heads, maize cobs, and/or tubers from the field after harvest to reduce breeding sites
- Use traps and decoy baits
- Put water barriers around the pyrethrum fields





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