**Eggplant Lace Bug**

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**DESCRIPTION:** Adult: Grayish to dark brown, mottled, flat, with transparent lacelike wings. Length is 1/6 inch long. Nymph is Brown or black, spiny, without lacelike wings. Up to 1/10 inch long.

**COMMON HOST PLANT(S):** Eggplant, tomato, and potato.

**DAMAGE:** Adults and nymphs feed in groups on underside of leaves. Leaves turn yellow and brown. Plants usually die.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Southern United States.

**CULTURAL CONTROL:** Adults overwinter in garden trash, so a thorough postharvest cleanup will help eliminate possible overwintering sites.

**ORGANIC/BIOLOGICAL CONTROL:** Natural enemies of lace bugs include lady beetle larvae and adults, spiders, and soldier bugs.

**CHEMICAL CONTROL:** Treat with a registered insecticide when damage appears; repeat as needed.