Botrytis Blight
[caused by *Botrytis cinerea*]

Botrytis blight is most commonly seen at the end of the season when conditions are cool and wet. Symptoms appear first on vines or leaves that have been injured by tractor tires or freezing temperatures. Massive numbers of gray to brown spores can be produced on leaves and stems, giving them a fuzzy appearance. The stems and leaves have a water-soaked appearance at first, and then turn dark. Infrequently, numerous small spots are seen on the tops of leaves in the absence of other symptoms. These spots are light tan, irregular in shape, and have no obvious spores. Black sclerotia can be found on peanut pods.

Although Botrytis blight does not usually cause serious losses, it can be alarming. Harvesting in a timely fashion and avoiding plant injury will reduce symptom incidence and severity.
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