

Damage caused to vegetative growth and yield of bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) by *Aphis fabae* combined with bean common mosaic virus was generally significant when aphid infestation occurred during the early and late vegetative stages of plant development, and to a lesser extent during anthesis. Damage was aggravated by higher (6 aphids/plant) rather than lower initial infestations and when the aphids transmitted the virus.