Common pests and diseases of Cotton

**Root knot nematodes**
**NEMATODE - (Meloidogyne incognita)**
- Swollen galling of roots
- Accompanied by general plant wilt

**Bacterial angular leaf spot**
**BACTERIA - (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. malvaceum)**
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- Small angular necrotic leaf lesions
- Can spread along major leaf veins
- Necrosis progresses to stem and bolls
- Development of stem canker

**Verticillum wilt**
**FUNGUS - (Verticillium dahliae)**
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- interveinal chlorosis or necrosis
- Wilted leaves
- Stem symptoms include discolouration of the internal, vascular tissue

**Bollworm**
**INSECT - (Helicoverpa zea)**
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- Bolls showing large circular bore holes
- Creamy white circular eggs on underside of leaves
- Larvae greenish to brown, attacking the bolls
- Adult moth is about 2cm with a yellowish tan body and brown, green or grey double lines