

MICE

Mice are particularly attracted to aquaponics systems because fish food pellets and seeds are a great source of food. While mice won't necessarily nest in the system, they will surely visit often to scavenge. This is a food safety issue, as they spread feces. **If droppings are observed near plants or water, do not eat the plants.**

IDENTIFICATION

Size: 2-4 inches long | **Color:** Light to dark brown or gray

A mouse is a common small rodent with ears that are large relative to its body and a long skinny tail.



SIGNS OF MOUSE INFESTATION



MANAGEMENT

- Eliminate the entrance point. Close off holes or gaps in walls, windows, and under doors.
- Keep system away from the wall to reduce the impact of "rodent runs."
- Place mouse traps in the room.
- Soak cotton balls in peppermint oil and place in affected areas, or plant mint in your system.
- Place sticky tape around the room, and check it regularly.