## The mango aphid

Mango aphid (*Toxoptera ordinae*) is small, brown, black or reddish brown aphid covered with a light powdery dusting. They occur in clusters sucking sap from the young leaves, petioles and fruits (Figure 33). Their infestation may be associated with sooty mould formed on honeydew secreted. The formation of such sooty mould stains the fruit and reduces its consumption and market value.



Figure 33: Aphids on a mango fruit