

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF GREENHOUSE PESTS

KEY PESTS

BIOCONTROL SOLUTION

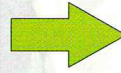
Aphids



Myzus persicae



Aphis gossypii



Aphidius



Aphelinus

Fungus Gnats



Adult Sciariid



Sciariid larvae



Hypoaspis - M



Dalotia

Thrips



Cucumeris

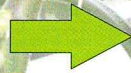


Orius



Hypoaspis - A

Two Spotted Mite

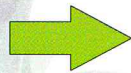


Persimilis



Wearnei (Californicus)

Greenhouse Whitefly



Encarsia



Eretmocerus



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Biological Control Organisms for Greenhouse Pests

Aphids

Aphidius colemani - will parasitise many of the smaller aphid species including the major pests of greenhouses Green Peach Aphid (*Myzus persicae*) and Cotton/Melon Aphid (*Aphis gossypii*).

Aphelinus abdominalis - can attack over 200 Aphid species but prefers larger species such as Foxglove Aphid (*Aulacorthum solani*) and Potato Aphid (*Macrosiphum euphorbiae*). It has a long lifespan, is able to withstand high temperatures, and kills many hosts by direct feeding. Use in conjunction with *Aphidius*.

Fungus Gnats

Hypoaspis-M - soil dwelling predatory mite preys on larvae of fungus gnats and other small organisms in the top of the root zone.

Dalotia - Soil dwelling beetle feeds on a wide range of small insects, mites, and fly eggs. Can tolerate wet conditions and aids in control of shoreflies and thrips. Use in conjunction with *Hypoaspis-M*.

Thrips

Cucumeris - preys on first instar thrips on foliage and in flowers. Establishes quickly on pollen producing crops. Can also control broadmite.

Orius - Predatory bug that can feed on all active stages of thrips especially in flowers. Used mostly in Capsicum, Eggplant, Strawberry and flower crops where a pollen source is available.

Hypoaspis - A - soil dwelling predator with an appetite for thrip pupae in the soil. Also controls bulbmites in lilliums and other bulb crops.

***All of these species should be used in your thrip control program.**

Two Spotted Mite

Persimilis - Voracious predator. Thrives in warm, humid conditions. Is the main control agent for spidermites in greenhouse climates.

Wearnei - tolerates hot/dry conditions. Will persist in the crop in the absence of Two Spot by feeding on other mite species, pollen, and small insects. Use with *Persimilis* during adverse conditions or hot spots.

Greenhouse Whitefly

Encarsia - main control agent worldwide for Greenhouse Whitefly on vegetables and ornamentals. Works best in temperatures above 20°C.

Eretmocerus - able to withstand high temperatures, and kills many hosts by direct feeding. Use in conjunction with *Encarsia*.