

# **Biological Control Agents (BCAs)**

# **Compatibility with BioWorks Products:**

Molt-X® | SuffOil-X® | RootShield®, RootShield®PLUS+ | BotryStop® | CEASE® | MilStop®SP

The introduction of Biological Control Agents (BCAs) is often the first line of defense and a key component of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy, either in greenhouses or open field crops. Understanding the potential impact of BioWorks products over BCA species is essential to the success of a pest management program. This document provides important insight on the possible side-effects of BioWorks biopesticides on most used species of BCAs, and the best way to minimize the risks associated with using both components as part of a pest management strategy.

Please refer to product labels for complete application details. Always read and follow label directions.

#### BCAs and their use with Insecticides

#### Molt-X

**Molt-X** is an emulsifiable concentrate containing 3% azadirachtin, which is an active ingredient derived from the seeds of the neem tree. As an Insect Growth Regulator (IGR), it interferes with the key molting hormone, ecdysone, preventing insects from progressing from one life stage to the next.

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Genus, species	Туре	Recommendation
Amblyseius(=Neoseiulus)andersoni	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Amblyseius californicus	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Amblyseius cucumeris	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Amblyseius swirskii	predatory mite	Ok, but some population reduction
Aphelinus abdominalis	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidius colemani	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidius ervi	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidoletes aphidimyza	predatory midge	Do not apply
Bombus spp.	bumblebee	Ok. Close the hive before application.
Chrysoperla (Chrysopa)	predatory lacewing	Ok to apply
Cryptolaemus montrouzieri	predatory beetle	Ok to apply
Dicyphus hesperus	predatory bug	Ok, but some population reduction
Diglyphus isaea	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Encarsia formosa	parasitic wasp	Larva = 1 Adult = 2 (*)
Eretmocerus eremicus	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Feltiella acarisuga	predatory midge	Larva = 1 Adult = 2 (*)
Heterorhabditis bacteriophora NemaShield® HB	entomopathogenic nematode	Ok to apply; Ok to tank mix
Orius insidiosus	predatory bug	(Data not available)
Phytoseiulus persimilis	predatory mite	Adult = 1 Larva = 2 (*)
Steinernema feltiae NemaShield®	entomopathogenic nematode	Ok to apply
Stratiolaelaps scimitus (formerly Hypoaspis miles)	predatory mite	Larva = 1 Adult = 2 (*)

\*See Toxicity Rating Chart below

**Toxicity Rating Chart** 

IPM Impact Rating	Mortality /Reduction	Toxicity
1	<25%	Non-Toxic
2	25-50%	Slightly Toxic
3	50-75%	Moderately Toxic
4	>75%	Toxic

1. Side-effects Database, IPM Impact, 2019

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### SuffOil-X

**SuffOil-X** is a light horticultural oil used to control insects, along with providing suppression of certain foliar diseases. It is expected that it will harm beneficials, but due to the lack of residue after application, populations can recover. Releases can occur after 24 hours from SuffOil-X application. This product becomes very useful in an IPM program for spot treatment of insects.

## BCAs and their use with Fungicides

#### RootShield or RootShield PLUS+

**RootShield/RootShield** *PLUS*<sup>+</sup> -The RootShield family of products is used to prevent the development of root diseases causing damping off. They will not interfere with the introduction of BCAs inhabiting the soil/growing mix.

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Genus, species	Туре	Recommendation
Heterorhabditis bacteriophora	entomopathogenic nematode	Okto apply; Ok to tank mix
NemaShield® HB		
Steinernema feltiae	entomopathogenic nematode	Oktopanik
NemaShield®		Ok to apply
Stratiolaelaps scimitus	predatory mite	Ok to apply
(formerly Hypoaspis miles)		
Dalotia(=Atheta) coriaria	predatory beetle	Ok to apply

#### **BotryStop**

**BotryStop** is a live spore preparation of a non-pathogenic saprophytic fungus. When BotryStop spores are applied they germinate and colonize. By occupying the same physical space, BotryStop out-competes pathogens for nutrients in dead and senescing plant tissue. BotryStop provides protection to blossoms, fruit and plant tissue susceptible to *Botrytis cinerea*. *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* and *Monilinia spp*.

Genus, species	Туре	Recommendation
Chrysoperla (=Chrysopa)	predatory lacewing	Ok to apply to adults only
Aphidius colemani	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidius ervi	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply

#### **CEASE**

**CEASE** is used for controlling a wide array of both fungal and bacterial pathogens, while providing outstanding plant and environmental safety. Based on a naturally occurring, patented strain of *Bacillus subtilis* (strain QST 713), CEASE can be used as a foliar spray and soil drench on ornamentals, trees and shrubs, and vegetables grown under cover.

Genus, species	Туре	Recommendation
Amblyseius (= Neoseiulus) andersoni	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Amblyseius californicus	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Amblyseius cucumeris	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Amblyseius swirskii	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Aphelinus abdominalis	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidius colemani	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidius ervi	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Aphidoletes aphidimyza	predatory midge	Ok to apply
Bombus spp.	bumblebee	Remove or close hive before application.



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Genus, species	Туре	Recommendation
Chrysoperla rufilabris	predatory lacewing	Ok to apply
Cryptolaemus montrouzieri	predatory beetle	Ok to apply
Dicyphus hesperus	predatory bug	Ok to apply
Diglyphus isaea	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Encarsia formosa	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Eretmocerus eremicus	parasitic wasp	Ok to apply
Feltiella acarisuga	predatory midge	Ok to apply
Heterorhabditis bacteriophora	entomopathogenic nematode	Ok to apply; Ok to tank mix
NemaShield® HB	entomopathogenic hematode	
Orius insidiosus	predatory bug	Ok to apply
Phytoseiulus persimilis	predatory mite	Ok to apply
Steinernema feltiae	entomopathogenic nematode	Oktoanniy
NemaShield®	entomopathogenic hematode	Ok to apply
Stratiolaelaps scimitus	predatory mite	Ok to apply
(formerly Hypoaspis miles)	predatory filite	Окто арріу

## MilStop SP

MilStop SP is a water soluble, broad spectrum, foliar fungicide. The active ingredient is potassium bicarbonate and is known to have a detrimental effect on soft bodied insects. Hard bodied insects can be released two days after application.

Refer to product labels for complete application details. Additional technical information is available on our website (bioworksinc.com) or from your BioWorks solutions advisor. Always read and follow label directions.