

Aphid control on ornamental plants

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The main species of aphid that attack protected crops include

- MYZUS PERISCAE
- APHIS GOSSYPII
- MACROSIPHUM EUPHORBIAE
- AULACORTHUM CIRCUMFLEXUM
- AULACORTHUM SOLANI

Other species can be found from time to time on glasshouse crops.

Aphids all feed by inserting their stylets into the conducting vessels of the plant. Plants can be damaged in four ways

- 1. Reduced plant vigour
- 2. Distorted growth
- 3. Spread of virus diseases
- 4. Excretion of excess sugars which result in the growth of black sooty moulds on leaves etc., thereby affecting quality and reducing photosynthesis.

LIFE CYCLE OF APHIDS

On greenhouse crops, aphids multiply continuously throughout the year. Young feed as soon as they are born. After moulting several times they mature and begin to reproduce; from birth to reproduction takes less than a week in the summer. When the population becomes dense, winged forms are produced which fly to new feeding sites. Some aphid species have different plant hosts in the winter.

Avoid using products as successive treatments with the same FRAC codes e.g. Decis Forte or Spruzit. Repeated use of pesticides with the same mode of action increases the risk of resistance.

PRODUCT NAME	ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S)	IRAC CODE	IPM COMPATIBLE?	FIELD/ PROTECTED USE	ERADICANT/ PROTECTANT ACTION
Aphox*	pirimicarb	1A	S	Р	Е
Batavia*	spirotetramat	23	MS	F/P	E/P
Cythrin 500 EC/Cythrin Max EC	cypermethrin	3	Н	F	Е
Decis Forte*	deltamethrin	3	VH	F/P	Е
Eradicoat	physical pest control	-	S	F/P	Е
Eradicoat Max*	physical pest control	-	S	F	Е
FLiPPER*	fatty acids C7-C20	-	Н	Р	Е
Gazelle SG	acetamiprid	4A	Н	F/P	E/P
Hallmark WZT*	lambda-cyhalothrin	3	VH	F/P	Е
Mainman*	flonicamid	9C	MS	F/P	E/P
Majestik	natural plant extracts	-	Н	F/P	Е
Naturalis-L	Beauvaria bassiana	-	S	Р	Е
SB Plant Invigorator	physical pest control	-	Н	F/P	Е
Sequoia	sulfoxaflor	4C	MS	Р	E/P
Spruzit*	pyrethrins	3	Н	F/P	Е
Sumi-Alpha	esfenvalerate	3	Н	F/P	E

<u>Key</u>

* = Extension of Authorisation for Minor Use (EAMU) required

H = harmful

VH = very harmful

MH = moderately harmful

MS = moderately safe

S = safe