

Insects

Commercial Sources of Predators, Parasitoids and Pathogens

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The Agricultural Extension Service receives numerous inquiries for information about where insect predators and parasitoids can be purchased. These insects are intended for use by both homeowners and commercial growers as biological control agents.

Biological control uses beneficial organisms rather than insecticides to reduce insect populations. Almost all insect groups include some beneficial members. The use of beneficial organisms is particularly important where chemical residues are undesirable. Beneficial organisms can be predators, such as ladybugs, lacewings and praying mantids that feed on other insects. Others, such as some species of nematodes and wasps, including *Trichogramma*, are parasitoids with an immature stage that

lives on or inside a host, which the parasitoid eventually kills. *Trichogramma* wasps lay their eggs into the eggs of caterpillars, where they develop by feeding inside the host's egg. An example of a beneficial pathogen is *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which is used as a microbial insecticide.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture does not list the decollate snail, *Rumina decollata*, as a biological control organism suitable to be brought into Tennessee.

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Commercially Available Biological Control Agents

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| 1 | <i>Aphidoletes aphidimyza</i> : A predatory midge that feeds on aphids. |
| 2 | <i>Anisopteromalus calandrea</i> : A wasp that is a parasitoid of weevil larvae in stored grain. |
| 3 | <i>Aphelinus abdominalis</i> : A parasitoid wasp of aphids. |
| 4 | Predatory ladybird beetles. |
| 5 | <i>Bracon hebetor</i> : A wasp that is a parasitoid of lepidopteran pests of stored grain such as the Indian meal moth and the Mediterranean flour moth. |
| 6 | <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> : Microbial insecticide for control of lepidopteran pests (butterfly and moth caterpillars). |
| 7 | <i>Macrocentrus ancylivorus</i> : Parasitoid wasp of oriental fruit moth. |
| 8 | Mealybug destroyer, <i>Cryptolaemus montrouzieri</i> : A predatory lady beetle that feeds on mealybugs. |
| 9 | <i>Diadegma insulare</i> : An ichneumonid parasitoid wasp of diamondback moth larvae. |
| 10 | <i>Diaeretiella rapae</i> : This wasp is a parasitoid of aphids such as the cabbage aphid and the green peach aphid. |
| 11 | <i>Aphidius matricariae</i> and/or <i>Aphidius colemani</i> and/or <i>Aphidius ervi</i> : Parasitic wasps of aphids. |
| 12 | <i>Eretmocerus eremicus</i> : (=californicus): A parasitoid wasp of whiteflies. |
| 13 | Fly parasites and predators: For fly control in poultry manure, etc. |
| 14 | Greenhouse whitefly parasitoid wasps (<i>Encarsia</i> sp). |
| 15 | <i>Goniozus legneri</i> and/or <i>Pentalitomastix</i> sp.: Navel orange worm parasitoids for almond and walnut crops. |
| 16 | Gnatrol or other brand names of <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> : Used as a soil drench for fungus gnat larvae in soil mixes. |
| 17 | <i>Neoseiulus</i> (=Amblyseius) <i>cucumeris</i> : A predatory mite of thrips. |
| 18 | <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> Berliner var. <i>israelensis</i> , Serotype H-14: For control of mosquitoes and black fly, Mosquito Dunks, Vectobac or other brands. |
| 19 | <i>Neoseiulus</i> (=Amblyseius) <i>barkeri</i> (= mckenziei): A predatory mite of thrips. |
| 20 | <i>Dacnusa sibirica</i> and/or <i>Diglyphus isaea</i> : Parasitoid wasps of leafminers on tomatoes and other plants. |
| 21 | Predatory lacewings, <i>Chrysoperla</i> (= <i>Chrysopa</i>) spp. |
| 22 | Predatory mites. |
| 23 | <i>Macrolophus caliginosus</i> : A predatory mirid bug that feeds on whiteflies. |
| 24 | Mosquito-fish, <i>Gambusia affinis</i> : Feed on the aquatic life stages of mosquitoes. |
| 25 | Parasitic nematodes. BioVector and Millenium are brand names. |
| 26 | <i>Iphiseius</i> (=Amblyseius) <i>degenerans</i> : A predatory mite of thrips. |
| 27 | <i>Orius</i> spp.: The predatory minute pirate bugs. |
| 28 | Pheromone and/or lures. |
| 29 | Praying mantids. |
| 30 | <i>Pyemotes tritici</i> : Fire mite, a mite that feeds on the eggs of stored-grain pests and ants (including imported fire ants). |
| 31 | NPV specific to <i>Spodoptera exigua</i> (beet armyworm): Spod-X is the brand name. |
| 32 | <i>Leptomastix dactylopii</i> : A wasp parasitoid of citrus mealybugs. |
| 33 | Scale parasitoids and predators. |
| 34 | <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> var. <i>san diego</i> : Used on Colorado potato beetle larvae and the larvae of elm leaf beetles. |
| 35 | Spined soldier bug: A predatory bug. |
| 36 | Traps. |
| 37 | <i>Thripobius semiluteus</i> : A wasp parasitoid of banded greenhouse thrips on citrus and avocados. |
| 38 | <i>Pediobius foveolatus</i> : A wasp parasitoid of the Mexican bean beetle. |
| 39 | <i>Delphastus catalinae</i> : (=pusillus): A predatory beetle that feeds on greenhouse and silverleaf whiteflies. |

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| 40 | <i>Trichogramma</i> spp., wasps: Egg parasitoids of caterpillars. |
| 41 | Warehouse pirate bug, <i>Xylocoris flavipes</i> : This predaceous bug feeds on the eggs and larvae of beetle and moth pests in stored grains. |
| 42 | <i>Hypoaspis</i> sp: A predatory mite that feeds on fungus gnat larvae and thrips pupae in the soil. |
| 43 | <i>Nosema locustae</i> : A biological insecticide for use on grasshoppers and some species of crickets. |
| 44 | <i>Cotesia marginiventris</i> and/or <i>Cotesia plutellae</i> : A braconid wasp parasitoid of several caterpillar pests. |
| 45 | <i>Atheta coriaria</i> : A rove beetle that preys on fungus gnats and shore flies. |
| 46 | Nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV) specific to <i>Heliothis/Helicoverpa</i> spp. (tobacco budworm and cotton bollworm): Gemstar is the brand name. |
| 47 | Microbial fungicide, <i>Gliricladium virens</i> : SoilGard 12 G is one brand name. For control of "damping off" and root rot pathogens of ornamental and food crop plants grown in greenhouses, nurseries and interiorscapes. |
| 48 | Microbial fungicide, <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> strain T-22: Root shield granules or drench. For control of some root pathogens. |
| 49 | Other microbial fungicides or root inoculants. |
| 50 | Other parasitic wasps. |
| 51 | <i>Feltiella acarisuga</i> : A predaceous cecidomyiid midge that feeds on twospotted spider mites. |
| 52 | Nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV) specific to codling moth. Cyd-X is the brand name. |
| 53 | <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> : BotaniGard ES, Mycotrol O and Naturalis H&G are brand names of this biological (fungal) insecticide. |
| 54 | Spinosad: Monterey Garden Insect Spray, Conserve SC and SpinTor are brand names of this mixture of spinosyn A and D, a biological insecticide derived from the soil actinomycete, <i>saccharopolyspora spinosa</i> . |
| 55 | Granulovirus specific to codling moth. Virosoft Cp4 is the brand name. |
| 56 | <i>Carcinops pumilio</i> : A hister beetle predator of fly eggs for poultry manure fly control. |

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