Microbial Insecticide

Preferal

S P E C I M E N

FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION

For control of insect and mite pests on vegetables, fruits, ornamental plants grown in greenhouses or other cover, or in nurseries.

Active Ingredient
Isaria fumosorosea Apopka Strain 97 (ATCC 20874)..................................20%*
(formerly Paecilomyces fumosoroseus)

Other Ingredients..................................................................................80%

TOTAL..................................................................................100%

*Contains 1 x 10^9 CFU/g (equivalent to 1.4% technical grade active ingredient)

Keep Out of Reach of Children

CAUTION

In case of emergency endangering health or the environment involving this product, call INFOTRAC at 1-800-535-5053. Refer to inside of label booklet for additional precautionary information and Directions for Use including First Aid and Storage and Disposal.

NOTICE: Read the entire label before using. Use only according to label directions. Before buying or using this product, read Terms and Conditions of Use, Warranty Disclaimer, Inherent Risks of Use, and Limitation of Remedies at the end of the label booklet. If terms are unacceptable, return unopened at once.

Directions for Use

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE) and restricted entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 4 hours unless wearing appropriate PPE.

For entry into treated areas that are permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, early-entry workers must wear:

- Coveralls, over long sleeve shirt, long pants.
- Waterproof gloves.
- Shoes plus socks.
- A dust/mist filtering respirator (MSHA/NIOSH approval number prefix TC-21C), or a NIOSH approved respirator with prefix N-95, R-95, or P-95.

GENERAL

Mode of Action: Isaria fumosorosea, the active component in Preferal, is a naturally occurring fungus which infects many insect and mite pests that occur on foliage and other above-ground plant, as well as many soil-dwelling pests. Under proper environmental conditions, spores of the fungus attach to and penetrate the cuticle of the target pest. The fungus grows inside the insect causing its death. The fungus then emerges from the dead insect to release more spores to infect other insects.

Monitoring of pest pressure is critical to the effective use of Preferal. Efficacy results from germination and growth of the beneficial fungus over several days, so applications should start before pest numbers have reached crisis levels. Preferal is most effective when application is initiated just before or at the first signs that target pests are present.
**Optimal Environmental Conditions** Preferal is most effective when relative humidity is 80% or higher for 8-10 hours. Watering (irrigating) walkways, operating sprinklers, misters or cooling pads will increase humidity levels. Application at times of low air movement and moderate temperature (70-90°F) will reduce drying conditions and maintain the effectiveness of the fungus.

**Compatibility:** Preferal can be used in conjunction with most other pesticides and is compatible with beneficial arthropods. It can be mixed with copper-based fungicides without impacting performance. However, do not mix with other fungicides, or apply within 5 days of fungicide applications other than copper. Preferal can be mixed with most insecticides for which such mixing is permitted by the label, in accordance with the most restrictive label limitations and precautions of all products used in the mixture. Do not exceed any label dosage rates. However, physical compatibility should be checked by mixing small quantities of each tank mix partner in correct proportions (“jar test”) prior to the first time such a mixture is attempted.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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<th>Apply to plants using pressurized spray equipment (such as backpack sprayer, tractor-mounted spray boom, hand-held spray gun or wand) mist-blower, cold fogger, electrostatic, or other applicator. Spray sufficient volume to achieve thorough coverage of leaves, flowers, fruit, and other above-ground plant parts with minimal run-off. Repeat applications at 3-10 day intervals over 2-3 weeks or as needed to maintain control. Frequent application may be required under dry conditions, during periods of increased pest build-up or reproduction, or rapid host plant growth. More frequent application at low rate (e.g. 14 - 16 oz/100 gal every 3 to 5 days) is more likely to improve results than using higher rates at low frequency (e.g. 28 oz/100 gal every 10 days). Use higher rates (24 - 28 oz/100 gal) when applying to large or dense plant canopies to ensure complete coverage.</th>
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<td><strong>Drench application:</strong> Apply as a drench of 4 fluid ounces per pot for pots up to 6&quot; diameter, or 8 fl. oz. for pots up to 12&quot; diameter. For pots larger than 12&quot; in diameter, either apply 1 pint of drench per pot. <strong>Soil surface spray:</strong> Spray the suspension on the soil surface. If targeting root-feeding insects, follow immediately by sufficient water from a watering can, hose, or overhead sprinkler irrigation to carry the spores into the root zone. <strong>Chemigation:</strong> Preferal may also be applied through drip or trickle chemigation. Mix in water as described above and apply using standard injection equipment to introduce into the irrigation lines. See the “Chemigation Bulletin” below for additional information. <strong>Soil injection against root-feeding insects:</strong> The Preferal suspension may be injected directly into the soil surrounding roots using pressurized shank or other injector. Inject in sufficient volume of water to wet the entire root zone.</td>
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FOR ALL OUTDOOR-GROWN NON-FOOD CROPS, including non-bearing fruit trees, and other field-grown ornamental plants

Apply 1 to 2 pounds of Preferal per acre in sufficient volume of water to attain thorough coverage of foliage with minimal run-off.

Mix the required amount of product in clean water and agitate the spray mix for 20-30 minutes before application to ensure a well-dispersed suspension.

For low-volume application, premix with at least 2 gallons of water per pound of Preferal and agitated continuously for 20-30 minutes to completely suspend and hydrate the spores. Dilute this suspension to the final volume for application. This suspension can also be metered (injected) into a chemigation system without further dilution if desired.

Maintain agitation during application. Apply the suspension using one of the methods below, depending on target pest and application site (foliar or soil).

### Foliar (spray) application

**For control of whiteflies (Bemisia and Trialeurodes spp.), aphids, thrips, spider mites, broad mites, rust mites, leafminers (Lithionymza spp.), citrus leafminers, mealybugs, psyllids, and plant bugs (Lygus spp.)**

Apply with pressurized spray equipment (such as backpack sprayer, tractor-mounted spray boom, hand-held spray gun or wand), air-assisted orchard sprayer, mist-blower, cold fogger, electrostatic, or other applicator.

Repeat applications at 3-10 day intervals as needed to maintain control. Frequent application may be required under dry conditions, during periods of increased pest build-up or reproduction, or rapid host plant growth.

More frequent application at low rate (1 lb/acre every 3 to 5 days, for example) is more likely to improve results than using higher rates at low frequency (such as 2 lb/acre every 10 days).

Use higher rates (2 lb/acre) when applying to large or dense plant canopies to ensure complete coverage.

### Soil application

**To control black vine weevils, thrips pupae, rootworms, wireworms, Coleoptera grubs and larvae, Japanese beetle, Lepidoptera caterpillars and larvae, grape phylloxera, symphytans.**

**Soil drench:** Apply the Preferal suspension as a 4" to 8" banded drench or coarse spray onto the soil surface in the seed furrow, or as a broadcast spray or drench onto the planting bed or at the base of the tree or vine. To control insects beneath the soil surface, incorporate with overhead sprinkler irrigation or light cultivation.

**Chemigation:** Preferal may also be applied through drip, trickle, and overhead or microjet sprinkler chemigation. Mix in water as described above and apply using standard injection equipment to introduce into the irrigation lines. See the “Chemigation Bulletin” below for additional information.

**Soil injection against root-feeding insects:** The Preferal suspension may be injected directly into the soil surrounding roots using pressurized shank or other injector. Inject in sufficient volume of water to wet the entire root zone.

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### CHEMIGATION BULLETIN

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Apply this product through pressurized irrigation systems such as drip (trickle) irrigation (including micro-irrigation through spaghetti tubes or individual tubes) or sprinkler irrigation (impact or microsprinklers, overhead boom, solid set, lateral move, end tow, side-roll, center pivot, or hand move, including mist-type systems); through gravity flow systems such as flood, furrow, or border irrigation; or with hand-held calibrated irrigation equipment (such as a hand-held wand with injector). Do not apply this product through any other type of irrigation system.

Crop injury or lack of effectiveness can result from non-uniform distribution of treated water.

If you have questions about calibration, contact State Extension Service specialists, equipment manufacturers or other experts.

Do not connect an irrigation system (including greenhouse systems) used for pesticide application to a public water system unless the pesticide label-prescribed safety devices for public water systems are in place.

A person knowledgeable of the chemigation system and responsible for its operation, or under the supervision of the responsible person, shall shut the system down and make necessary adjustments should the need arise.

Public water systems means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if such systems has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.

Chemigation systems connected to public water systems must contain a functional, reduced-pressure zone, backflow preventer (RPZ) or the functional equivalent in the water supply line upstream from the point of pesticide introduction. As an option to the RPZ, the water from the public water system should be discharged into a reservoir tank prior to pesticide introduction. There shall be a complete physical break (air gap) between the outlet end of the fill pipe and the top or overflow rim of the reservoir tank of at least twice the inside diameter of the fill pipe.

The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection.

The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.

The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops, or in cases where there is no water pump, when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.

Systems must use a metering pump, such as a positive displacement injection pump (e.g., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment.

Remove scale, pesticide residues, and other foreign matter from the chemical supply tank and injector system and flush with clean water before use. Failure to provide a clean tank, free of scale or residues may reduce effectiveness of this product.

**Drip (Trickle) and Micro-Irrigation Chemigation:**

1. The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
2. The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.

3. The pesticide injection pipeline must also contain a functional, normally closed, solenoid-operated valve located on the intake side of the injection pump and connected to the system interlock to prevent fluid from being withdrawn from the supply tank when the irrigation system is either automatically or manually shut down.

4. The system must contain functional interlocking controls to automatically shut off the pesticide injection pump when the water pump motor stops.

5. The irrigation line or water pump must include a functional pressure switch which will stop the water pump motor when the water pressure decreases to the point where pesticide distribution is adversely affected.

6. Systems must use a metering pump such as a positive displacement injection pump (i.e., diaphragm pump) effectively designed and constructed of materials that are compatible with pesticides and capable of being fitted with a system interlock.

7. Dilute the product in water following the label mixing directions. It may be premixed in a supply tank with water, fertilizer, or other appropriate tank-mixed agricultural chemicals. Agitation is necessary. Apply to moderately moist soils. Use volumes that thoroughly wet the soil but that do not cause significant runoff or excessive drip from pots.

8. Do not apply when wind speed favors drift beyond the area intended for treatment.

**SPRINKLER CHEMIGATION:**

1. The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.

2. The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.

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**FLOOD, FURROW, OR BORDER CHEMIGATION:**

1. Systems using a gravity flow pesticide dispensing system must meter the pesticide into the water at the head of the field and downstream of a hydraulic discontinuity such as a drop structure or weir box to decrease potential of water source contamination from the backflow if water flow stops.

2. Systems utilizing a pressurized water and pesticide injection system must meet the following requirements:
   a. The system must contain a functional check valve, vacuum relief valve, and low pressure drain appropriately located on the irrigation pipeline to prevent water source contamination from backflow.
   b. The pesticide injection pipeline must contain a functional, automatic, quick-closing check valve to prevent the flow of fluid back toward the injection pump.