



APHIDS

BASF Insect Management Guide

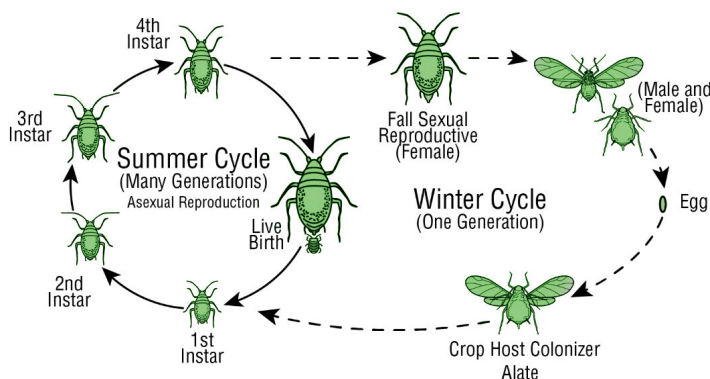
Take an Integrated Approach to Aphids

Adopt an **I**ntegrated **P**est **M**anagement (IPM) program that includes:

- Scouting: visual inspection
- Positive identification of pests and their signs
- Record keeping
- Decision making based on historical information
- Use of different control practices: chemical, biological, cultural, and mechanical

Chemical Control

Typical Aphid Life Cycle



Option	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	IRAC Mode of Action Groups
1	Ventigra ® insecticide	Velifer ® bioinsecticide/miticide	Velifer bioinsecticide/miticide	9D, UN
2	Ventigra insecticide	Mainspring® GNL insecticide	Ventigra insecticide	9D, 28
3	Altus® insecticide	Ventigra insecticide	Ventigra insecticide	4D, 9D
4	Ventigra insecticide	Aria® insecticide	Kontos® insecticide/miticide	9D, 29, 23
5	Safari® insecticide	Ventigra insecticide	Ventigra insecticide	4A, 9D
6	Marathon® insecticide + IGR	Ventigra insecticide	Ventigra insecticide	4A+7, 9D
7	Ventigra insecticide	Azatin® O biological insecticide	Ultra-Pure ® Oil horticultural fungicide, insecticide and miticide	9D, UN, NC

- Apply Ventigra insecticide at 1.4 fl oz/100 and Velifer bioinsecticide/miticide at 3-13 fl oz/100; apply all others at standard local rate (SLR)
- Choose an IGR (Insect Growth Regulator) by use site and rate: Enstar® AQ insect growth regulator, Fulcrum® insect growth regulator, or Distance® insect growth regulator
- Begin applications at the onset of infestation; include adjuvant as needed

- Refer to product labels and recommendations for additional instructions
- For additional MOA groups, include a pyrethroid (Group 3) or abamectin (Group 6)
- Make no more than two (2) sequential applications of any group before rotating to another MOA

Biological Control

Commonly used biological control agents (BCAs) for aphids
Consult with your BCA supplier for availability, rates, timing, and compatibility

Natural Enemy

Aphidius spp. – parasitoid

Aphelinus abdominalis – parasitoid

Aphidoletes aphidimyza- predator

Hippodamia convergens – predator

Orius spp.- predator

Chrysoperla spp. – predator

Beauveria bassiana – beneficial fungus



- Check the compatibility of BCAs with your chemical applications prior to releases
- Control ants as they work against BCAs by protecting aphids from natural enemies
- There are a number of naturally occurring beneficial organisms that may predate or parasitize aphids. When possible, avoid using broad spectrum insecticides to preserve these natural enemies.

Always read and follow label directions.

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Cultural Control

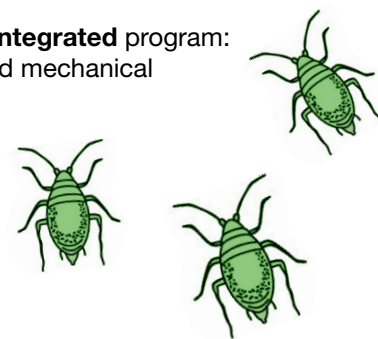
- Avoid overfertilizing, particularly with nitrogen, which increases aphid populations
- In addition to monitoring aphid population counts, watch for the presence of ants and honeydew
- Space plants to prevent aphid colonies from moving between canopies
- Manage weeds in landscapes, nurseries and production area – they may harbor aphids
- Scout the landscape plantings around the nursery for potential reservoirs of aphids

Mechanical Control

- Where practical, overhead watering will dislodge aphids from plant canopies
- Include mechanical insecticides in your program, like oils (see rotations for recommendation)
- Screening enclosures such a hoop houses, high tunnels and Cravo houses can help exclude aphids from entering production areas

Best Management Practices for Aphids

- **Scout** known host plants in spring
- In addition to monitoring aphid populations, **watch** for the presence of ants on honeydew
- Heavy honeydew may require **fungicide** applications for sooty mold
- **Treat** affected plants at the onset of infestation
- Always **read** and follow label instructions
- Use all four approaches for an **integrated** program: chemical, biological, cultural and mechanical



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