



Integrated Pest Management Program

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Selecting a Supplier of Beneficial Insects and Mites

In order for a biological control program to be successful, it is critical to establish a good working relationship with a “reliable” supplier and/or distributor of biological control agents. Talk to several suppliers before the growing season begins. Ask them if they provide technical support and consulting services to help you set up your biological control program before selling you beneficial insects or mites. Inquire whether they carry the beneficial you are interested in ordering. Check to see that the supplier will ship the natural enemies in an insulated polystyrene container with directions on how to handle the natural enemy upon receipt. Check with the supplier on their delivery schedule and shipping costs.

Here is a partial listing of some of the suppliers and or distributors of natural enemies used by Connecticut growers.

1. Applied Bionomics, Victoria, BC, Canada

Web: <http://www.appliedbio-nomics.com/> Email: <mailto:brianabl@telus.net>

Telephone: 250-656-2123

2. Beneficial Insectary, Redding, CA

Web: <http://www.insectary.com> or www.greenmethods.com

Email: info@insectary.com

Telephone: 1-800-477-3715

3. Biobee USA

Web: www.biobee.us

Email: info@biobee.us

Telephone: 410-572-4159

4. BioBest Biological Systems

Web: www.biobestgroup.com or

info@biobest.ca

Email: info@biobest-usa.com

Telephone: 519-322-2178 or

toll-free: 855-2BIOBEST (855-224-6237)

5. IPM Laboratories, Inc., Locke, NY

Web: www.ipmlabs.com

Email: ipminfo@ipmlabs.com
Telephone: 315-497-2063

6. Koppert Biological Systems

Web: www.koppert.com
Email: info@koppertonline.com
Telephone: 1-800-928-8827

7. Bioline Agrosciences, Inc., Oxnard, CA

Web: <http://www.biolineagrosciences.com/>
Email: info@biolineagrosciences.com
Telephone: 805-986-8265

For additional suppliers of natural enemies, see the [Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers](#) (ANBP).

Upon receipt of natural enemies, check the quality of the shipment. Assess the number of shipment days and how cold or warm the ice packs are and whether there is any condensation. Look for movement of the natural enemies that are not in a resting stage.

For more specific information with color photos, see Grower Guide: Quality Assurance of Biocontrol Products compiled by Dr. Rose Buitenhuis at:

http://www.vinelandresearch.com/sites/default/files/grower_guide_pdf_final.pdf

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