

# **Nemasys**®

**Advanced Biocontrol for Fungus Gnats and** Western Flower Thrips in Greenhouse Growing Operations

> STORE IN REFRIGERATOR 41°F (5°C) DO NOT FREEZE DO NOT LEAVE IN BRIGHT SUNLIGHT **USE BEFORE EXPIRATION DATE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE** Keep Out of Reach of Children

Nemasys\* is a naturally occurring, insect parasitic nematode (Steinernema feltiae) that seeks out soil-dwelling stages of fungus gnats (Bradysia spp.), and the soil- and foliar-dwelling stages of western flower thrips (Frankliniella occidentalis).

Nemasys is available in trays of 50 million, 150 million, or 250 million nematodes.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

This product contains living organisms that require special handling and application procedures.

- DO NOT SUBDIVIDE. Once opened, use the entire tray immediately.
   Use cool water for mixing and keep tank out of direct sunlight.
   DO NOT STORE MIXED SUSPENSIONS. Use nematode suspensions immediately after they have been mixed.
- Remove filters that are 50 mesh or finer from application equipment and nozzles.
- Do not exceed 300 psi pump pressure.

- Do not use in application systems where nozzle aperture is smaller than 0.5 mm.
   Agitate nematodes constantly during application.
   DO NOT SPOT TREAT. Treat the entire greenhouse crop at the appropriate rate.

#### **Directions For Use**

Nemasys can be applied by using common application equipment, including tank sprayers, backpack sprayers and irrigation injection systems.

• Fill spray vessel or stock tank with half of the required amount of cool, clean water.

- Start agitation and add the required number of Nemasys trays.
- Continue agitation while mixing and fill spray tank to the required spray volume.

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Nemasys can be used in a tank mix or rotational program with many conventional insecticides to reduce pest resistance.

For more information on chemical compatibility or to learn more about targeted pests, visit www.basf.us. If used in a tank mix, confirm plant safety in a small area before using on a commercial scale.

#### Western flower thrips applications

Control of western flower thrips (WFT) is best accomplished with a program approach. The initial application of Nemasys should occur early in the crop growth cycle and be directed to the soil or growing media for control of soil-dwelling WFT, whereas subsequent applications of Nemasys should be made as foliar sprays to target foliage-dwelling WFT.

#### Initial soil application

For initial soil-directed application, create a mixture by adding a minimum of 100 million nematodes per 100 gallons (379 L) of water. Constant agitation is required to maintain **Nemasys** in suspension. Apply sufficient volume of mixture to thoroughly soak the soil or growing media, but not beyond the point where water overflows or leaches from the pot. If product is applied over foliage, irrigate immediately with plain water to wash nematodes into soil or growing media. Maximum area treated per 100 gallons (379 L) of mixture is 2,000 ft\* (186 m²). Recommended application volumes and approximate number of pots treated per 100 gallons (379 L) of mixture are listed in the table below.

Pot size	Application volume (fl oz [mL])	Approximate containers treated (number)
4 inch round pot	0.5 [15]	25,600
6 inch round pot	1.5 [45]	8,535
8 inch round pot	2.0 [60]	6,400
10.5 x 21 inch flat	10.0 [295]	1,200

NOTE: If applying by using an irrigation injection system, create a stock suspension by mixing 100 million nematodes to 1 gallon (3.79 L) of water and set injector ratio to 1:100. Maximum area treated per 1 gallon (3.79 L) of stock suspension is 2,000 ft² (186 m²).

## Foliar applications

Foliar applications to target western flower thrips should be made within 7 days of initial soil application. Mix 500 million to 1 billion nematodes in 100 gallons (379 L) of water. Use the higher rate when environmental conditions are favorable for pest growth. Constant agitation is required to maintain **Nemasys** in suspension. Apply evenly with conventional application equipment to uniformly wet leaves, but not to point of run-off. Maximum area treated per 100 gallons (379 L) of mixture is 40,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (3,716 m<sup>2</sup>). **Nemasys** should be applied once or twice per

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For best results with foliar sprays to target WFT:

- Apply Nemasys\* in the evening when pest activity is low.
   Use of an approved spray adjuvant will promote improved application uniformity and allow nematodes to reach the pest more effectively.
- Ensure that the crop remains wet for at least 2 hours following application by closing windows and ventilation.
   Do not apply in direct sunlight. Use blackout curtains and switch off artificial lighting during and for at least 2 hours after application.

#### Fungus quat applications

For control of fungus gnat larvae, create a mixture by adding 100 million nematodes per 100 gallons (379 L) of water. Constant agitation is required to maintain **Nemasys** in suspension. Apply sufficient volume of mixture to thoroughly soak the soil or growing media, but not beyond the point where water overflows or leaches from the pot. If product is applied over foliage, irrigate immediately with plain water to wash nematodes into soil or growing media. Maximum area treated per 100 gallons (379 L) of mixture is 2,000 ft² (186 m²). Reapply **Nemasys** every 2 to 3 weeks. Recommended application volumes and approximate number of pots treated per 100 gallons (379 L) of mixture are

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This product does not require a hazard warning in accordance with GHS criteria.

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## Storage and Disposal

Storage: Remove from shipping package and use immediately or store in refrigerator. Ensure good air circulation around each tray. Keep away from heat. Protect from direct sunlight. Store protected against freezing. Storage temperature: 5°C (41°F).

Waste Disposal of Substance: Must be disposed of or incinerated in accordance with local regulations.

Container Disposal: Contaminated packaging should be emptied as far as possible and disposed of in the same manner as the substance/

Accidental Release Measures; Segregate from foods and animal feeds. Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil. Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater. For small amounts: Contain with dust binding material and dispose of. For large amounts: Sweep/shovel up. Dispose of absorbed material in accordance with regulations. Collect waste in suitable containers, which can be labeled and sealed. Clean contaminated floors and objects thoroughly with water and detergents, observing environmental regulations.

#### Conditions of Sale and Warranty

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