

Press Release



Nealta miticide receives registration in California

Nealta miticide from BASF provides mite control at all life stages

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, June 2, 2015 – Nealta® miticide from BASF has received registration for use in California. Nealta miticide delivers long-lasting control of spider mites at all life stages through a unique mode of action. It is labeled for use on tree nut (including almonds and pistachios), grape, strawberry, citrus, tomato, apple and pear crops.

“Mites infest California crops each year, causing growers to treat more than 4 million acres each season,” said Steve Broschius, Ph.D, Technical Market Manager for BASF. “With Nealta miticide, growers in California now have a powerful tool that can be used as part of an integrated pest management program.”

One treatment of Nealta miticide delivers high efficacy against spider mites at all life stages, including eggs. Laboratory studies with twospotted spider mite adults show Nealta miticide provides 100 percent mortality after 3 hours of direct exposure, and 95 percent mortality 8-1/2 hours after indirect exposure. Nealta miticide keeps working to provide excellent knockdown and residual control of problematic mites.

Research indicates Nealta miticide is compatible with beneficials and non-target arthropods, including insidious flower bugs, seven-spotted lady beetles and western predatory mites. Nealta miticide also offers a short pre-harvest interval, application flexibility and tank-mix compatibility.

Nealta miticide is the latest product available from BASF for the specialty market. It can be used as part of a comprehensive management program along with proven innovations from BASF, including Pristine® fungicide, Merivon® fungicide, Treevix® herbicide and Altrevin® fire ant bait insecticide.

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