

FAQs

Mite Predator - *Phytoseiulus persimilis* PLUS

TARGET: Two spotted spider mites and various other mites.

***P. persimilis* PLUS** is reared in an innovative way to include mobile mites (adults and juveniles) as well as eggs. *P. persimilis* PLUS arrives pale and changes to orange/red after predation begins. Adults begin feeding upon dispersal. Eggs can mature in about a week (at temps between 70-80°F). The variety of life stages allow for both immediate and ongoing control as the mites mature.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Is the *P. persimilis* PLUS a different species than the *P. persimilis* we are used to?

A: No, it's the same species as the traditional *P. Persimilis*.

Q: Why does it look different than the *P. Persimilis*. I'm used to?

A: The difference in color is due to the production method and the feed used to rear it.

Q: When does it turn from white to orange/red?

A: The color change occurs naturally, as a result of the red spider mite predation. Full color change occurs in within a day or two in adults and a slightly longer time for the younger ones.

Q: Has *P. persimilis* PLUS been tested on other crops?

A: Absolutely. *P. persimilis* PLUS has been tested in cucumber, eggplant, zucchini, watermelon and other crops as well.

Q: What is the difference in the product formulation?

A: Because of the production method, the product may contain, in addition to the vermiculite certain levels of sawdust.

Q: Does anything change in the rate of application?

A: No, it doesn't affect the rate of application.

Q: Does it perform better/differently than the *P. Persimilis* we have been working with for years?

A: Yes. Because of the multiple life stages, *P. persimilis* PLUS gives both immediate control (adults) and ongoing control (juveniles and eggs) over time.

Q: Are there any changes in the transport and storage requirements?

A: No, the same conditions must be maintained. We recommend releasing within 18 hours of receipt.

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