Commercial Availability of Predatory Mites

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Predatory mites such as Neoseiulus californicus McGregor (Fig. 1) and Phytoseiulus persimilis Athias-Henriot (Fig. 2) feed on important fruits and ornamental pests such as the twospotted spider mite (Tetranychus urticae Koch), broad mite (Polyphagotarsonemus (Stenotarsonemus) latus Banks), cyclamen mite (Tarsonemus pallidus L.), and other mite species. These predatory mites are associated with several agricultural cropping systems including strawberries, raspberries, roses, grapes, citrus, ornamentals, and vegetables. Predatory mites have been used as an alternative to miticides on a variety of crops. Their commercial availability is crucial.

Listed below are suppliers of predatory mites with their name, address, and telephone and fax numbers included. Target pests must be identified

Figure 1. Adult of Neoseiulus californicus (0.1 mm in length X 0.06 mm in width). Credits: E. Jovicich, UF/IFAS

Figure 2. Adult of Phytoseiulus persimilis (0.2 mm in length X 0.08 mm in width). Credits: E. Jovicich, UF/IFAS
correctly before selecting a control agent, and an assurance of vigor of the shipped predatory mites must be established before releasing the agents. For more information, visit strawberry.ifas.ufl.edu/BerryTimes/BVTDec03.htm.

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