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For the control of aphids and tomato/potato psyllids (TPP) in potatoes

Active ingredient

500g/kg flonicamid

Formulation

Water dispersible granule

The problem

Tomato potato psyllid *Bactericera cockerelli* lives on solanaceous weeds and crops including potatoes, tomatoes, capsicums and egg plants. It causes stunting and yellowing (psyllid yellows) of potato foliage. TPP transmits a bacterium, *Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum, which causes a tuber disease known as Zebra chip. Infected plants produce small tubers and are unsuitable for processing as they exhibit dark stripes when fried.

Several species of aphids occur on NZ potato crops, including green peach aphid *Myzus persicae*, foxglove aphid *Aulacorthum solani* and potato aphid *Macrosiphum euphorbiae*. These aphids are vectors of potato leaf roll virus (PLRV) and other viruses. PLRV-infected plants are stunted and have upward rolling of the leaves. Diseased plants produce fewer and smaller tubers.





Tomato potato psyllid adult Tomato potato psyllid nymph Images: Plant and Food Research (Robert Lamberts)





Zebra chip – sliced potato tuber fried Psyllid yellows – potato Images: Plant and Food Research (Jessica Dohmen-Vereijssen)



Pack Sizes Available



Features and benefits of Mainman

- Belongs to a unique chemical class (Group 29) with a novel mode of action.
- · No reported cross-resistance with other insecticides
- Controls aphids and psyllids through contact and ingestion.
- Feeding ceases within an hour mortality occurs within 2-5 days
- Has translaminar and systemic movement within the plant to reach new growth and the underside of leaves
- Low mammalian toxicity
- Low hazard to beneficial insects ideal for integrated pest management (IPM)
- Residual activity for 2-3 weeks
- Rainfast within 3-4 hours
- Approved for both ground and aerial application

Other controls

- The maximum application rate is 160g/ha
- Apply no more than two applications per crop
- Withholding period: Potatoes 7 days
- Do not feed treated crops to animals
- Do not apply to any plant likely to be visited by bees at the time of application, or immediately after application until the spray has dried, or in areas where bees are foraging
- Do not apply onto or into water
- Re-entry After the spray has dried unless wearing personal protective equipment (PPE)



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Control of aphids in potatoes

cv Moonlight planted 20 December 2012, Hawkes Bay 2 applications at end of flowering and +15 days Water rate 500L/ha



Control of TPP in potatoes

cv Moonlight planted

until 15% senescence

Water rate 500L/ha

1 January 2013, Pukekohe



Use Directions

Crop	Pest	Rate / Ha	Critical Comments	General Notes
Potatoes	Aphids	160g/ha	At the first sign of infestation, apply a single spray or two sprays at 7-14 days interval. Use the closer interval under high pest pressure.	Apply no more than 2 applications per crop. Apply as a broadcast spray in sufficient water to give thorough coverage without excessive runoff
	Tomato/Potato Psyllids	-	Apply two sprays, 7 days apart, at the first sign of infestation.	

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