

# LETTUCE PORTFOLIO UPDATE

## CATERPILLAR PESTS OF LETTUCE

**Silver Y Moth (*Autographa gamma*)** is a migratory pest which arrives from the near continent following weather fronts. The significance of this pest can vary considerably from year to year depending on how many adults arrive and when. Early summer migration often causes the most problems with the population building through the year.

Pheromone traps can be used to monitor the arrival of Silver Y Moth, and data can also be obtained from the AHDB pest bulletin. Once caterpillars are seen, well targeted foliar applications will give good control.

### Cutworm (Turnip Moth – *Agrostis segetum*)

Pheromone traps can be used to monitor activity and the AHDB and the University of Warwick produce a 'Cutworm Risk Model' which can be found at the pest bulletin address below. This model predicts activity and if foliar sprays are required. <https://www.syngenta.co.uk/ahdb-pest-bulletin>

### Cultural control of caterpillars

- As mentioned above use pheromone traps and regional data to monitor adult numbers
- Incorporate crop residues quickly post-harvest
- Establish beneficial friendly habitats



Silver Y Moth Caterpillar

## MINECTO™ ONE

MINECTO One provides excellent efficacy against Lepidoptera species but also gives incidental control of some sucking pest species. MINECTO One works through ingestion and is both xylem mobile and translaminar, thus able to move through the plant for better control of pests.

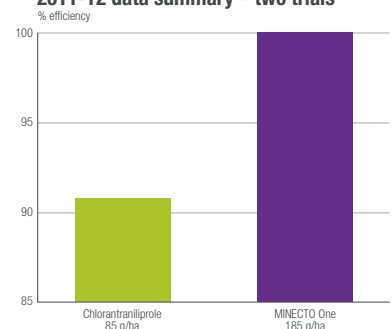
MINECTO One is active on all caterpillar pests, examples demonstrated in the graphs opposite.

Use of MINECTO One in lettuce will also provide incidental control of both Peach-potato aphids as well as thrips, without the use of an adjuvant. However, in 2019 trials no visible control of *Nasanovia* (Lettuce aphid) was observed. MINECTO One will not control lettuce root aphids due to the products xylem mobility.

Silver Y Moth Control (lettuce), 2012 data summary – three trials



Cabbage Moth control (lettuce), 2011-12 data summary – two trials



## DISEASE CONTROL IN LETTUCE

### Downy Mildew (*Bremia Lactucae*)

The most widespread and damaging disease of salads across the UK. Disease presence can reduce marketability and also increase harvesting costs.

### Disease Facts

Downy mildew is an aggressive disease, foliar symptoms can increase very quickly in ideal conditions. Temperatures between 10°C and 17°C with relatively high humidity are optimal for infection. Effective control of this disease requires an integrated approach using well timed fungicide applications along with cultural techniques.

### Cultural control methods include

- The use of resistant/tolerant varieties (it is important to select varieties which are resistant to the isolates in your area)
- Rotate crops to avoid inoculum build up
- Cultivate crop residues quickly to bury infected plant material
- Use irrigation which minimises leaf wetness such as drip irrigation

MAPP No: 18649

Approved use: Outdoor Lettuce

Targets: Caterpillars (*Autographa gamma* (Silver-Y), Cabbage moth (*Mamestra brassicae*))

Maximum individual dose: 185 g/ha (75 gai/ha)

Growth stage: GS12-49

Maximum total dose: 370 g/ha (150 gai/ha)

Maximum number of applications: 2

Interval between applications: 7 days

Pre-harvest interval: 7 days

## SYNGENTA VARIETIES

Within the current portfolio, there are a number of varieties with full DM resistance, for example:

- The entire Syngenta babyleaf portfolio
- Wholehead (Iceberg) - Ice Circle, Ice Wave, Ice Music and Ice Party
- Cos - Typical
- Gems - Merinos
- Green Batavia - Coriole
- Belagio - Canagio and Prodigio

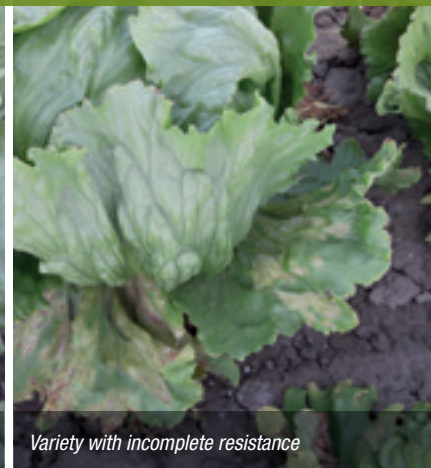
For the full list of varieties visit our website:

[www.syngenta.co.uk/varieties/vegetables](http://www.syngenta.co.uk/varieties/vegetables)

The use of resistant varieties can significantly improve control as illustrated in the pictures below



Variety with full DM resistance (including Bl: 16-38EU)



Variety with incomplete resistance

## FUNGICIDE APPLICATIONS – DOWNY MILDEW

Fungicide applications are important as part of the strategy to ensure product quality and also to ensure that selection pressure is reduced, helping increase the longevity of varieties. As with any disease, application timing is crucial and preventative applications based on a forecast or decision management system will improve efficacy.

## CORE RECOMMENDATIONS



**MAPP No:** 17443

**Approved use:** Outdoor and protected crops of lettuce, lamb's lettuce, endives (including frisee, escarole and radicchio), rocket, red mustard, baby leaf crops\*\*, spinach, land cress, cress, purslane, spinach beet leaves (chard) and herbs#

**Maximum individual dose:** 0.6 l/ha

**Maximum number of applications:** One per crop for protected crop, two per crop for outdoor crops

**Latest time of application:** 7 days before harvest

**NOTE:** For outdoor crops and protected crops that are grown under a temporary cover, the maximum total dose must not exceed 1.2 l product/ha/year on any single area of land



**MAPP No:** 14605

**EAMU\* approvals:** Outdoor lettuce 20132285; Protected lettuce 20132287



**MAPP No:** 18039

**Approved use:** Lettuce, endive (including frisee, escarole), chicory (raddichio), (outdoor and protected)

**Maximum individual dose:** 1.0 l/ha

**Maximum number of applications:** 2 per crop

**Minimum spray interval:** 7 days

**Latest time of application:** 14 days before harvest

**NOTE:** A maximum total dose of 500g azoxystrobin must not be exceeded within a 12 month period on the same field



**MAPP No:** 19305

**Active ingredient:** Oxathiapiprolin

**Approved use:** Outdoor lettuce

**Maximum individual dose:** 0.15 l/ha

**Maximum number of applications:** 2 per crop

**Latest time of application:** 14 days before harvest when used with AMISTAR

\*Applications made under an Extension of Authorisation for Minor Use (EAMU) are at all times at the user's choosing, and the commercial risk is entirely theirs. Syngenta implies no commercial support or provision of liability cover for this use. The basic principle underlying this legislation is that there is no increased risk to the Operator, Consumer or the Environment. The user must observe all safety precautions and statutory conditions relating to use on the original approval and the EAMU approval certificate. A copy of the EAMU must be held by the user. This can be obtained from the Chemicals Regulation Directorate. For full and up-to-date information, go to the Chemicals Regulation Directorate website: <https://secure.pesticides.gov.uk/offlabels/search.asp>

\*\*Crops harvested no later than the 8 true leaf stage # Please refer to the full list of herbs included at the back of the product label.

# NEW FOR 2021



# Orondis<sup>®</sup> Plus with



# Amistar<sup>®</sup>

Available in 2021 as a co-pack

## FOR THE CONTROL OF DOWNY MILDEW IN OUTDOOR LETTUCE, ONIONS, GARLIC AND SHALLOTS

New mode of action for Oomycete control, moves quickly into the leaf tissue with some retention in the wax layer. Good protection of new growth in the plant.

ORONDIS Plus is based on new chemistry which is very active at a low dose and should always be used in combination with AMISTAR to minimise the risk of fungicide resistance developing to oxathiapiprolin.

ORONDIS Plus with AMISTAR works best as a protectant and should be used before disease becomes established and be incorporated into a programme of treatments to protect lettuce from *Bremia lactucae* through the season.

## TRIAL RESULTS FROM STOCKBRIDGE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE 2020

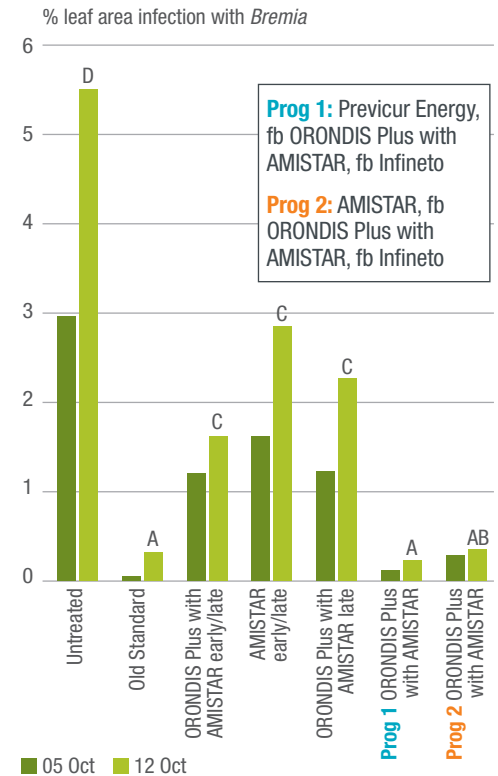
A trial was carried out using a butterhead lettuce, variety Cobham Green. After seeding in July, the peat blocks were planted out on 20th August. The trial was inoculated with *Bremia lactucae* on 26th August and again on 10th September. Fungicide applications were made on 2nd, 17th and 28th September. Harvest was on 15th October.

The effect of the programmes against *Bremia* are shown opposite. The old standard treatment plan was based on AMISTAR + Invader at T1, then Infinito at T2 and FUBOL Gold at T3 may not be possible in future due to the impending loss of approval for mancozeb.

When used without ORONDIS Plus, AMISTAR gave some control of *Bremia* showing the product has useful activity but the best results came from using ORONDIS Plus with AMISTAR as per the product recommendations.

The results also showed that ORONDIS Plus with AMISTAR can be successfully integrated into a programme with other fungicides to provide good control of lettuce downy mildew. In this trial this was especially effective when ORONDIS Plus with AMISTAR was used in the centre of the programme of applications

## THE CONTRIBUTION OF ORONDIS PLUS WITH AMISTAR FOR *BREMIA* CONTROL IN LETTUCE



## APPLICATION ADVICE

GROWTH STAGE	WATER VOLUME (l/ha)*	BEST NOZZLE	REDUCED DRIFT OPTION	
Small open	100-200	AMISTAR <sup>®</sup> nozzle		LERAP rating: ★★ ★ 1.0-1.5 bar (at least 75% less drift)***
Hearted	300-800	05-06 or 08 Syngenta vegetable nozzle		

### KEY TIPS

- Monitor crops closely before applying REVUS or AMISTAR, ensure the crop is free from any stress caused by environmental or agronomic factors
- Best results will be achieved from applications made in the earliest stage of disease development or as a protectant treatment following a disease risk assessment or the use of appropriate decision support systems

\*\*\* LERAP drift ratings are compared with reference F110/1.2/3.0 blue nozzles. Approvals are at pressures shown for nozzle 50 cm above the target at 6-12 kph

## IN BRIEF - RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT

Use AMISTAR as part of an Integrated Crop Management (ICM) strategy, incorporating other methods of control including, where appropriate, other fungicides with a different mode of action. To avoid the likelihood of resistance developing, application of AMISTAR should be made with due regard to current FRAG-UK guidelines for QoI compounds. Do not apply more than a total of two applications when used as part of a programme.

To minimise the risk of resistance developing, REVUS<sup>®</sup> may be applied in tank mixture, or applied in alternation with another fungicide of a different mode of action that is effective against Downy mildew. Further information on suitable tank mix products and resistance management strategies is available on the FRAG website. Avoid sequential applications with other CAA fungicides e.g. dimethomorph.