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LETTER RELATING TO ALL SPRAY PROGRAMMES

It is important to note that the programmes are general guidelines and must be managed according to strict monitoring programmes and administered as such. The suggested programme/s attached are a starting point, and further discussion is necessary, in detail, highlighting your particular growing conditions, history of pests and diseases, etc. Please also remember that we have got additional products pending organic certification, and as these products become registered they will be included in the programme.

Management of diseases must be altered according to past history, weather conditions and product being used. As most organic products are preventative, a strict monitoring programme for infectious periods is paramount. Knowing and understanding the various diseases associated with your crops is a very important management requirement.

Management of insects must go hand-in-hand with a strict monitoring system, implemented, at least, on a weekly basis. Additional tools like baiting stations, pheromone attractants (mating disruption), physical barriers, sticky pads, companion plantings and release of predators must all be taken into management consideration.

Our aim is to manage the build-up of resistance by insects to sprayed products, to limit the environment exposure to harsh chemicals as well as human safety, and to manage residue limits on your crops. By doing this correctly we will create a better environment for the build-up of natural predators as well as a stronger plant with a better quality soil.

SPRAYING TIPS:

- ➔ Monitor the pH of your spray water and maintain it in the 5 – 7 bracket.
- ➔ Apply enough water according to control and growth stage of crop.
- ➔ Calibrate your machine correctly.
- ➔ Mix and agitate according to instructions on product labels.
- ➔ Spray in the coolness of the day, in temperatures below 30°C.
- ➔ Check compatibility on product labels.
- ➔ Shake containers well before mixing.

CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS (eg Tunnels, greenhouses etc):

Do a sampled, proportional jar test for phytotoxicity on crop, before spraying large areas. Recommend testing at the lowest recommended dosage for control.

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