
	Date:	January 27, 2010
	Grower/Contact:	W. Farone, Anaheim California
	Company:	NA
	Industry/Crop:	Orchids (Cattleya, Oncidium, Vanda, Cymbidium and Paphiopedilum)
	Product:	SorbiShield 90
	Pest/Problem:	Mealy bugs , Red spider mites and ants

The following was received as a client email and used with permission.

I have been using SorbiShield 90 on my orchids for years.

"Many of the pests in orchids live and propagate in the growing medium and some pests like mealy bugs and ants carry virus from one plant to the next before one realizes that the infecting plant has a virus. The advantage of this product is that you can spray to drench both the plant and the growing media without any problems from the residue. When you normally water or spray any residual is washed off and since it degrades readily, build up is not an issue.

It is the only thing I have found that is good enough yet safe enough to use for mealy bugs. It works well on red spider mites which are another difficult pest for orchids.

I grow mainly members of the Cattleya, Oncidium, Vanda, Cymbidium and Paphiopedilum alliances. I have a few Phalaenopsis but they do not do as well either in the greenhouse (unheated) or outdoors in Southern California.

I use the product when I see evidence of the pests. This is about 4-5 times per year."

Natural Forces would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to Bill Farone who was instrumental in developing the new FIFRA 2 ee recommendation for SorbiShield 90 and providing invaluable data and feedback.

Application Rate: 0.2% v/v plus surfactant applied with garden sprayer or 32oz spray bottle.