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New Formulation for Ancora Insecticide

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OHP announced a key formulation change to its Ancora Microbial Insecticide, designed to make spray applications easier in a greenhouse or nursery.

OMRI-listed and approved for organic production, Ancora contains a naturally-occurring fungus that infects both foliar and soil-dwelling pests, such as whiteflies, thrips, aphids, leafminers, spider mites, grubs and other pests. The new Ancora is formulated on a different carrier, a diatomaceous earth granule, which allows the product to mix more readily in water for easier sprayer application. And there's less issue with clogged filters, notes Dr. Carlos Bográn, OHP Manager-Technical Service. He adds that they still recommend growers use Ancora through a fogger, allowing the product to decant in water for 20 to 30 minutes before pouring in a tank and spraying.

The active ingredient in Ancora, Isaria fumosorosea Apopka 97 strain, provides fast broad-spectrum activity on both foliar and soil insects in the greenhouse, nursery and landscape markets. Ancora may be used on vegetables, herbs, certain fruits and other crops. It carries a four-hour Restricted Entry Interval (REI) and Caution signal word. **GT**