

# Biopesticide Profile

## LifeGard

### Active ingredient

*Bacillus mycoides* isolate J (alive)

This information is not meant to be a substitute for reading the label. Always read and follow all pesticide labels. Ensure the pesticide is currently registered in your state.

## PRODUCT

**Formulations:** WG

**Pests:** Plant diseases

**FRAC Code (Fungicide Resistance Action Committee):** P 06

**Mode of Action:** Turn on resistance

## APPLICATION

**Where to apply:** Agricultural crops, outdoors or under cover including greenhouses and shadehouses; healthy, actively growing foliage, non-stressed plants

**When to start applying:** >2 days before expected initial infection (based on past experience); any time of day

**How to apply:** Avoid silicon spreaders.

**Tank mix & application compatibility:** Do not tank mix with antibiotics, peracetic acids, or hydrogen peroxides; compatible with many fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides.

## ENVIRONMENT

**Temperature tolerance in field:** Any temperatures typical of NY growing season

**Rainfastness:** Bacteria need to be on the leaf for 3 hrs to induce plant resistance

**UV tolerance:** Not a concern, since bacteria only need to stay alive for 3 hrs

## STORAGE

**How to store:** <77° F

**Shelf life:** 2 years if exposed to extreme heat; 3 years at room temperature

## RISK

**Signal word:** Caution

**REI (Restricted-entry interval):** 4 hr

**PHI (Pre-harvest interval):** 0 days

**Impacts on beneficial insects:** No known toxicity concerns for bees or other tested beneficial insects (lacewing)

# About biopesticides





















## USING BIOPESTICIDES

- Apply preventatively.
- Use as part of an IPM strategy, including cultural management practices, other pesticides, etc.
- Mix only what you need; don't leave in spray tank overnight.
- Don't expose to excessive heat in storage.
- When tank mixing, follow label instructions for all products. Check with company rep or distributor if you have questions. Do a "jar test" to determine physical compatibility if you want to mix two products for which you cannot find information on their compatibility.
- Proper cleaning of spray tanks after any pesticide application is always important. Pay special attention to tank cleaning when a biopesticide is applied after another incompatible product.

## HOW BIOPESTICIDES WORK

### Modes of action (MOAs)



<b>Eat</b>	Live microbe grows on/in pest	 	
<b>Poison</b>	Biopesticide (or its products) kills the pest directly	 	
<b>Keep out</b>	Live microbe grows on plant, leaving no room for pests		
<b>Turn on resistance</b>	Turns on the plant's defenses before pest attacks		
<b>Grow strong plants</b>	Makes plant stronger, healthier, more resilient		
<b>Repel</b>	Pest avoids plants treated with biopesticide		
<b>Stop feeding</b>	Stops pest from feeding; pest eventually starves		
<b>Stop growth</b>	Stops pest from growing or molting; pest eventually dies		
<b>Stop reproduction</b>	Hampers pests' ability to find a mate, lay eggs		

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### Biocontrol Bytes blog

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