

# **CITRUS FRUIT GROUP 10-10 - CITRUS RUST MITE (PHYLLOCOPTRUTA OLEIVORA)**

## General Information

### INFORMATION

MICROMITE 2L is an insect growth regulator which is effective on a wide variety of insect pests, predominately from the families Lepidoptera and Diptera. Because of its mode of action, which results in a disruption of the normal molting process of the insect larvae, the action of MICROMITE 2L is slow and several days may elapse before the full effect is seen. Because of its specificity, MICROMITE 2L is an excellent product for use in IPM programs.

**RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT:** When used as directed MICROMITE 2L provides control of a number of important insect pests as well as providing a margin of safety to beneficial insects and pollinators. MICROMITE 2L should be part of an IPM program that follows good management practices that include:

- Scouting regularly and use MICROMITE 2L against early immature stages for best results
- Always follow the label rate and timing directions
- Use chemical alternatives such as oil and preserve beneficial arthropods as part of an IPM program
- Maintain good coverage of all leaf surfaces with adequate water volume
- Alternate treatments to classes of insecticides with different modes of action

### RESTRICTIONS

Do not apply this product to bodies of water where swimming is likely to occur.

**Restriction on Rotational Crops:** Do not plant food or feed crops in diflubenzuron treated soils within 1 month following last application unless diflubenzuron is authorized for use on these crops.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### USE AND MIXING DIRECTIONS IF USED WITH WATER:

1. Fill tank with half of the required amount of water.

2. Begin agitation and add required amount of MICROMITE 2L.
3. Continue agitation while adding remainder of water.
4. If permitted for the use site, add proper quantity of oil slowly. To avoid formation of an invert emulsion use at least 2 parts of water for each part of oil.

#### Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

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##### RESTRICTIONS:

Maximum MICROMITE 2L allowed per year: Do not apply more than 60 fluid ounces (15 oz. ai.) per acre per year. MICROMITE 2L may be applied as three full rate applications of 20 fluid ounces per acre per year, or six split applications of 10 fluid ounces per acre per year, or a combination of full and split applications.

Maximum number of applications allowed per year: three full rate applications or six split applications, not to exceed 60 fluid ounces (15 oz. ai.) per acre per year.

Re-treatment interval: Repeat applications no closer than 30 days apart, except where split applications are used. See pest specific sections below for split application directions.

Pre-harvest interval: Do not apply within 7 days of harvest.

Do not harvest cover crops for animal feed or graze livestock in treated groves.

Ground Application: MICROMITE 2L may be applied by ground using hand-held, hand gun, air blast or air assisted equipment. Do not apply within 25 feet of bodies of water such as lakes, reservoirs, rivers, permanent streams, natural ponds, marshes or estuaries. In the State of Florida, do not apply within 100 feet of estuarine/marine bodies of water. Spray last three rows windward of surface water using nozzles on one side only, with spray directed away from surface water. Avoid spray going over tops of trees by adjusting or turning off top nozzles. Shut off nozzles on the side away from the grove when spraying the outside row. Shut off nozzles when turning at ends of rows and passing tree gaps in rows.

Aerial Application: Use fixed-wing or rotary equipment. Do not apply within 150 feet of bodies of water such as lakes, reservoirs, rivers, permanent streams, natural ponds, marshes or estuaries. In the State of Florida, do not apply within 1000 feet of estuarine/marine bodies of water.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Spray Volumes: Use sufficient spray volume for thorough coverage of leaf surfaces. For High Volume: Ground = 50 to 1,000 gallons per acre; Aerial = 5 to 20 gallons per acre. For low volume application: Spray nozzles that produce a droplet size with a volume median diameter of 90 microns or larger are required (see pest specific sections below).

\* 1 fl oz MICROMITE 2L per acre equals 0.0156 pounds active ingredient per acre

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##### Application Timing

Apply MICROMITE 2L at 20 fluid ounces per acre when citrus rust mites (CRM) are first observed on citrus leaves and/or fruit. Rotate to a product with a different mode of action before reapplying MICROMITE 2L in a CRM control program. The addition of petroleum spray oil, such as FC435-66, enhances spray coverage and penetration of MICROMITE 2L into immature CRM; improving activity on each stage of instar. Petroleum spray oil also aids knockdown of the CRM population present at application.

MICROMITE 2L's activity is on immature stages of CRM and has its greatest activity on late-instar CRM. MICROMITE 2L prevents immature CRM from molting. The full effect of MICROMITE 2L on a CRM population may not be apparent for up to 14 days after application. MICROMITE 2L does not control CRM eggs or adults.

MICROMITE 2L may be applied to citrus during any time of the year, but will have greatest impact on the largest spectrum of pests when new flush is emerging and/or present.

##### Method

[Broadcast/Foliar Air](#)

[Broadcast/Foliar Ground](#)

Pre-Harvest Interval

7 days

Rates

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Restricted Entry Interval

12 hours

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