### CERTIS Biologicals

# **IR-4 Update**

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# New Mycoinsecticides



**Biologicals** 

### Fungal biocontrol agents of arthropods

Product	Active ingredient	Major targets
BoteGHA <sup>®</sup> Optima	<i>Beauveria bassiana</i> strain GHA 2% ES	Whiteflies, aphids, thrips, psyllids, mealybugs, weevils, plant bugs, borers and more on listed food and nonfood crops grown outdoors, in indoor/outdoor nurseries, greenhouses, shadehouses, commercial landscapes, interiorscapes, and turf.
PFR-97 <sup>®</sup> 10% ES	<i>Isaria fumosorosea</i> strain Apopka 97	Whiteflies, thrips, aphids, psyllids, mealybugs, spider mite and more on all indoor and outdoor crops listed
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### Overview BoteGHA<sup>®</sup> Optima, Beauveria bassiana strain GHA 2% ES



% AI & Formulation	2%, Emulsifiable Suspension
Spore Content	Minimum 1 x 10 <sup>9</sup> per mL of product
Storage	40 – 85° F
Application rates	0.5-3.0 qt/100 gal in greenhouse; 0.25 – 1.5 qt/acre outdoor, depending on crop and target pest
Application interval	2 – 10 day intervals, depending on crop and target pest
Application methods	Ground (foliar), aerial, chemigation (sprinkler, drip)
Tank mix compatibility	Compatible with most chemical insecticides and some fungicides. NO ADJUVANT NEEDED





Residue

Exempt/





### Overview PFR-97® 10% ES, Isaria fumosorosea strain Apopka 97



% AI & Formulation	10%, Emulsifiable Suspension
Spore Content	Minimum 5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> per mL of product
Storage	40 – 68° F Do not freeze
Rates/acre	14-28 fl oz/100 gal in greenhouse; 1-2 pints/acre outdoor-grown crops
Application interval	3 – 10 day intervals, depending on crop and target pest
Application methods	Foliar spray, soil, chemigation (drip, sprinkler)
Tank mix compatibility	Compatible with most chemical insecticides and copper-based fungicides









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### Yellow Onion var. 'Hornet'

#### Weslaco, TX CER-2022-7560

Means with \* are significantly different than the untreated control at alpha 0.05

	Number of thrips/plant (5 onion plants randomly sampled per plot)								
	Trt A	7 DAT A	Trt B	7 DAT B	Trt C	4 DAT C	Trt D	3 DAT D	AVG.
Water-treated check		13.2 <b>a</b> *		13.6 <b>a</b>		14.8 <b>a</b>		20.2 <b>a</b>	15.4
BoteGHA Optima @									
0.5 qt/a (A,B,C,D)		9.4 <b>abcd</b>		3.9 <b>b</b>		3.6 <b>cd</b>		4.0 <b>bc</b>	5.2
BoteGHA Optima @									
1.0 qt/a (A,B,C,D)		8.8 <b>bcd</b>		4.7 <b>b</b>		4.6 <b>cd</b>		7.3 <b>b</b>	6.3
PFR-97 10% ES @ 1.0									
pt/a (A,B,C,D)		11.8 <b>abc</b>		5.4 <b>b</b>		9.3 <b>b</b>		9.0 <b>b</b>	8.8
PFR-97 10% ES @ 2.0									
pt/a (A,B,C,D)		7.5 <b>cd</b>		5.3 <b>b</b>		3.5 <b>cd</b>		8.3 <b>b</b>	6.1

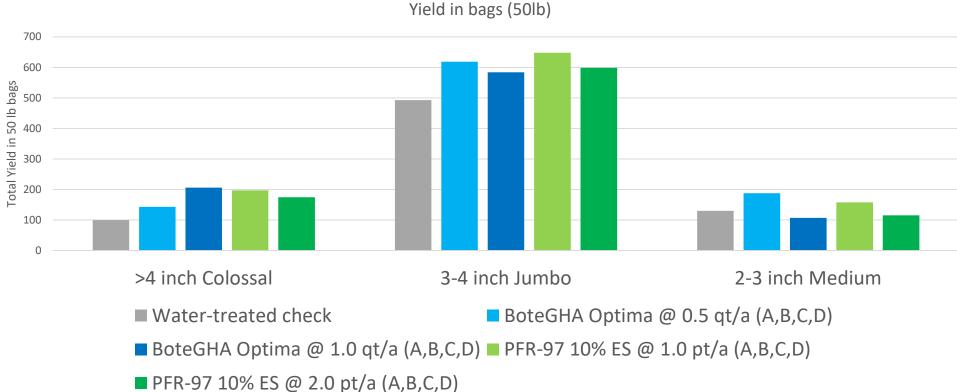
• \* Duncan's New Multiple Range Test p=0.05

- Planted by seed 14 Oct, 2022
- 4 applications made, A-D: 3, 13, 20, 24 March 2023
- NIS surfactant (R-11) @ 0.25% added to all treatments
- Spray volume 58.7 gal/acre
- Randomized block design w/ 4 replications
- Cooperator: Dr. Juan Anciso, Texas A&M AgriLife



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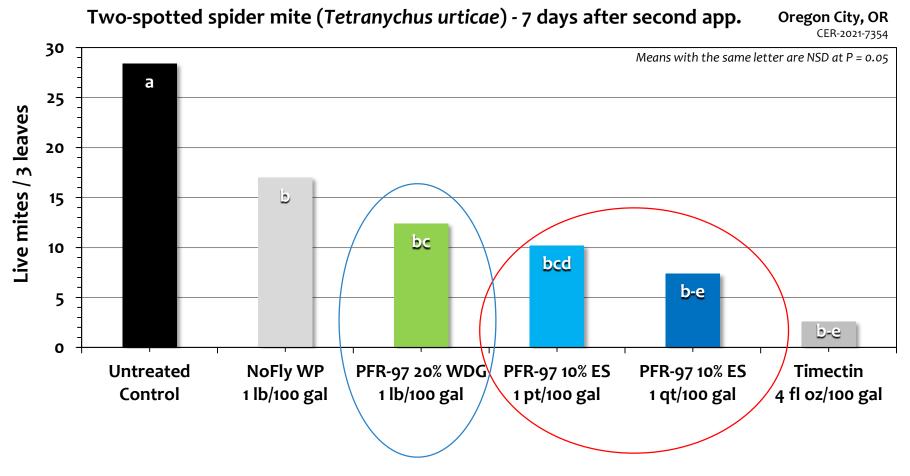
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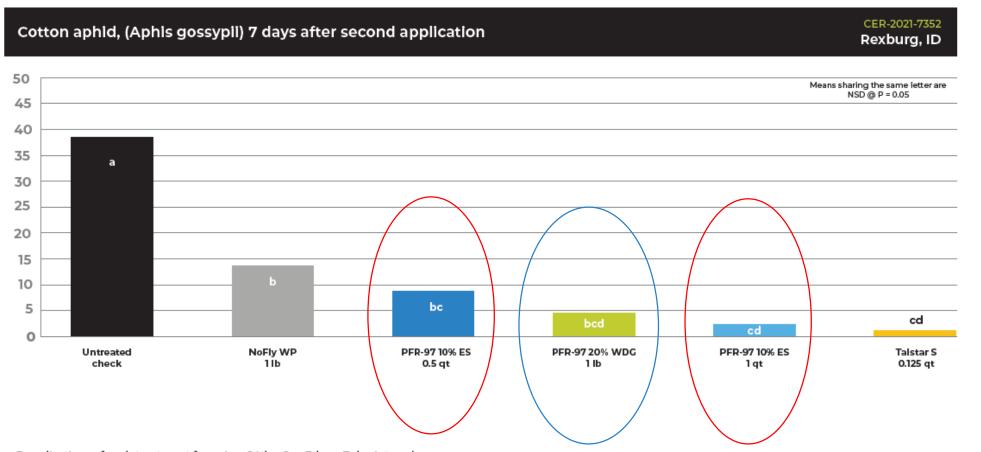
### Hemp var. 'CW1 Mandrake'



- 3 applications of each treatment from Aug 3rd Aug 17th on 7 day intervals
- Greenhouse trial, randomized complete block design with 5 single-plant replicates
- Spray volume was 100 gal/A (full coverage) via single nozzle backpack sprayer at 40 psi
- Cooperator: C. Collins, Collins Ag. Research

### FIGHT COTTON APHIDS IN PETUNIA USING PFR-97 10% ES AND PFR-97 20% WDG

Trial supports efficacy of PFR-97 against aphids, performing better than NoFly WP and similar to the conventional standard insecticide (Talstar S)



3 applications of each treatment from Aug 24th – Sep 7th on 7 day intervals

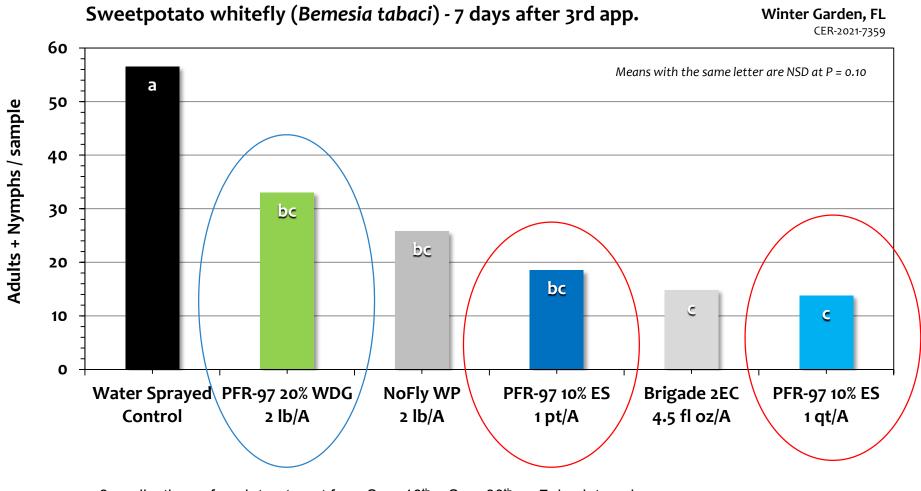
- Greenhouse trial, randomized complete block design with 4 replicates
- Spray volume was 2.3 gal/1000 sq. ft. (complete coverage) at 40 psi

Cooperator: B&B Ag. Consulting, a division of Two Bees Ag. Research





### Cucumber var. 'Deli-Star'



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- 3 applications of each treatment from Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> on 7 day intervals
- Randomized complete block design with 4 replicates, 25 ft plot length x 5 ft plot width
- Spray volume was 20 gal/A via CO2 backpack sprayer with three TeeJet flat fan nozzles
- Cooperator: B. Lange, Lange Research & Consulting

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