



## **Orchid Pest Management**

Our growers have some of the best year round weather and growing temperatures, but that can also mean year round issues with pests, fungus & bacteria. All of our plants are greenhouse grown under plastic or shade cloth, with just shade cloth for walls which does not provide a barrier for insects or fungal/bacteria spores. We have to be diligent with a regular spray program to prevent pest problems and plant loss due to fungal and bacterial issues. It is always best to keep these issues at bay, rather than treating the problem once it has become established.

The following information is meant to be a BASIC Guideline of how we prevent and/or treat Pests and Diseases. Please always read labels, mix at the correct label rate and follow the correct application schedule. Most importantly, always wear protective gear (Gloves, eye protection, protective clothing) when mixing or applying any chemical and adhere to the proper re-entry levels.

### **Pesticides for Insect Control**

**Avid** - Mites, Foliar Nematodes

**Orthene** - Aphids, scale

**Admire** - Thrips

**Dipel** - caterpillars

**Conserve** -Spider Mites

**SlugFest** - Slugs, Bush Snail

**Distance** - Scale

**Dursban** - Most sucking type insects

### **Fungicides/ Bacteriacides**

**Pentahalon** - All purpose, both fungus and bacteria

**Heritage** - All purpose

**Aliette** - All purpose

**Subdue** - good for preventing root rot, pythium & phytophthora