



INSTRUCTION FOR ICHNEUMON FLIES OF THE SPECIES TRICHOGRAMMA EVANESCENS FOR COMBATTING FOOD MOTHS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

The trichogramma cardboards should be placed in close proximity of food that is possibly or is already infested by moths.

One cardboard is efficient for round about one meter of shelf length. Should you have a pantry with four shelves of one meter length each, you would have to place four cardboards at the same time.

REMARKS ABOUT INFESTED FOOD SUPPLIES:

Food moths only lay their eggs in food. They infest dry food supplies such as flour and flour products, cereals, rice, legumes, nuts, chips and salty snack-sticks, as well as in tea, coffee, spices and chocolate. Dry pet food and dried flowers or straw can also be affected.

The food is infested, irrespective of where it is stored. So, when placing the trichogramma cardboards, also remember to think about other storage places such as seldom used storage facilities for groceries, or even the drawer with sweets and chips in the living room. Decorations made of straw (such as dried flowers or Christmas decorations), should not be forgotten about.

PERIOD OF APPLICATION:

The ichneumon flies of the species trichogramma evanescence, hatch within about three weeks, and crawl out of the slots on the side of the cardboards. They immediately start their hunt for moth eggs in the close proximity. The period of application altogether is nine weeks, - just as long as the moth's life cycle. In order to eliminate a food moth population completely, it is necessary to replace the cardboards with new one three times in a row in the same places.

STORAGE:

Trichogramma are living insects. They cannot be stored for a long period of time. Therefore the cardboards must be used immediately. Should you not be able to place the cardboards right away, you can keep them in the vegetable compartment of your fridge at 8 - 10 °C for max. 24 hours.

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PRECAUTIONS:

Keep the cardboards closed and take care they are not damaged and no pressure is put on them! The trichogramma could escape before the cardboards are placed at their place of action.

Never use insecticides in your house or garden during the period of application! Otherwise the trichogramma evanescens will be killed. Also do not use fragrance oil during this time. It is not necessary to “feed” the trichogramma. They only feed on moths eggs. That is why they are the perfect biological protection against moths.