

BIOWORKS LAUNCHES PREFENCE™ A NEW BIOFUNGICIDE FOR WILT AND ROOT DISEASES

Victor, New York (Jan 9, 2018) – BioWorks today launched PreFence[™], a new organic biological fungicide that effectively controls a wide range of pathogens: damping-off caused by various fungi, such as *Alternaria* and *Rhizoctonia solani*; wilt and root diseases caused by *Fusarium*, *Phytophthora* and *Pythium*. PreFence can also be used to suppress grey mold caused by *Botrytis*.

PreFence contains mycelium and spores of *Streptomyces* strain K61, a naturally occurring bacterial strain isolated from *Sphagnum* peat.

The product (a wettable powder) is mainly used in the form of an aqueous suspension. It may be applied by any of the following methods: drip irrigation, drenching or spraying onto the growing medium, incorporating into the growing medium, as a dry seed treatment, or as a bulb and cutting dip.

PreFence is a product that features well in programs with RootShield *PLUS*⁺ and CEASE/MilStop. It is safe for beneficials and is compatible with many chemical inputs.

"The BioWorks team is excited to offer another organic biofungicide that is safe, proven and effective." said Jeff Distasio, National Sales Manager. "The option of adding another bio-control agent and other modes of action will help our customers control higher pressure situations."

About BioWorks

BioWorks provides the expertise for managing plant and soil health using reliable, environmentally responsible products, when and how you need them.

For 25 years BioWorks has been helping our customers in the horticulture and specialty agriculture markets develop effective and efficient custom programs using products that are safe and proven. We are continuously reinventing the way our customers work by providing biologically based, integrated, safe solutions and programs.

BioWorks is a founding member of the Biological Products Industry Alliance (BPIA) and also a proud sponsor of the <u>AFE scholarship program</u>, funding the 'BioWorks IPM/Sustainable Practices Scholarship'. For more information, please visit www.bioworksinc.com.

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