

APHYTIS

Aphytis melinus is an internal parasite of the California red scale, *Aonidiella aurantii*, which is a pest of citrus.

The **small yellow wasps** lays it's eggs under the scale cover




CROPS

Citrus, olives, passion fruit, roses & ivy.

EFFECTIVE AGAINST



- California red scale (*Aonidiella aurantii*)
- Oleander scale (*Aspidiotus nerii*)
- Oriental scale (*Aonidiella orientalis*)
- San Jose scale (*Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*)



Available in:

10 000 Adults in plastic containers

STORAGE



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Aphytis are best released in spring & early summer, before scale populations build up to high levels.

- In Citrus orchards, releases should be considered after the spring complex sprays are complete.
- Winter releases are not recommended due to low temperature & the consequent reduction in scale populations.
- Do not release Aphytis too soon after applying toxic chemicals & avoid harsh chemical applications after insects are introduced.

RELEASE TIPS

Aphytis are sold & supplied in **adult form**. Remove the lid from the packaging. Place each envelope on the inside of a tree at head height & if possible, in close proximity to scale. Once the envelopes is placed out, the adult **wasps will most likely fly a few meters**, settle and start looking for scale.