

Product testing report

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Agro Argentum Forte			
Supplying company:	B+H Solutions Gmbh		
Active ingredient:	Nitrogen, nanosilver, potassium		
Test protocol:	Protectant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biological <input type="checkbox"/>	Elicitor <input type="checkbox"/>
Application rate (per 100L)	750mL		

Test results																					
Test	Greenhouse seedling tests																				
Method description	<p>Experiment 1: Protectant (17 April 2012 – 8 May 2012) Hayward seedlings were treated once with the product, allowed to dry, then sprayed with Psa-V @ 10^9 cfu/mL. Thereafter, the degree of leaf spotting was determined visually at weekly intervals using a 0 – 5 scale and plotted as an 'Infection Score'.</p>																				
Results	<p>Experiment 1: Agro Argentum Forte did not significantly reduce leaf spotting as shown in the following graph.</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Approximate Infection Scores from Graph</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Time</th> <th>KeyStrepto</th> <th>Agro Argentum Forte</th> <th>Psa</th> <th>Water</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 Week</td> <td>0.4</td> <td>1.4</td> <td>1.3</td> <td>0.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Weeks</td> <td>0.5</td> <td>2.0</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>0.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Weeks</td> <td>0.8</td> <td>2.6</td> <td>2.8</td> <td>0.3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* Asterisks are used in the above graph to denote any treatments that are statistically significantly from the Psa control at the 5% level</i></p>	Time	KeyStrepto	Agro Argentum Forte	Psa	Water	1 Week	0.4	1.4	1.3	0.1	2 Weeks	0.5	2.0	2.5	0.1	3 Weeks	0.8	2.6	2.8	0.3
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Key:	<p>0 = no leaf spotting 1 = up to 10% 2 = up to 25% 3 = up to 50% 4 = up to 75% 5 = 100% (of leaf area)</p>																				

Summary

A single application of Agro Argentum Forte prior to inoculation with Psa-V did not significantly reduce leaf spotting.

Comments

A standardised screening protocol has been used to test products for efficacy against Psa-V to enable a high throughput of products. Protectant, biological or elicitation tests may be performed, depending on the mode of action of the product. Protectant tests involve the product being applied to the plant with inoculation following on the same day, once the product has dried. Biological tests involve the product being applied two to three days prior to inoculation with Psa-V. Elicitation tests involve the product being applied to the plants seven to ten days prior to inoculation with Psa-V. Assessments of leaf spotting are performed at weekly intervals after inoculation. This method has largely involved testing products using information provided on the product's label. In the future, products may be retested using protocols provided by supplying companies. Products which have previously shown some level of efficacy will be given priority for re-testing.

Data are presented for all assessment timings; however, evaluation of results is largely focussed on the final 'three week' assessment data. Disease symptoms will be better developed by this time and earlier assessments are considered to be less reliable. However, in the case of some elicitors, it is possible that the elicitation effect has been expended and that poor results at the 'three week' assessment time indicate reduced efficacy as a result of insufficient frequency of application.

Results from greenhouse trials primarily serve as a screening tool to determine products that will progress to field trials. Care should be taken when extrapolating results to field conditions. Results in the field may differ due to different environmental conditions and differences in plant material.

Note – leaf spotting may not necessarily mean the plant is infected. It may simply reflect that the plant has been challenged by Psa.

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