

## A New Worldwide Database of Insect, Mite and Nematode Cultures Available for Distribution

The Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada, has established a comprehensive world-wide listing of producers and suppliers who are willing to sell or donate live insects, mites or nematodes. This database is intended to provide current sources of live cultures and to give producers and suppliers a no-cost opportunity to expand their client base. **We are currently soliciting the enrolment of additional insect, mite and nematode producers and suppliers.**

Producers and suppliers are required to submit contact information, identify the cultures they have available for sale or distribution, select target pests for biological control agents, and provide the geographical locations of the cultures. This information is entered by selecting appropriate information from our drop down menus.

The database can be sorted by order, family, genus, scientific name, common name, and geographical region of production or by target pest of a biological control agent. There is a list of target pests linked to the sources of agents, i.e., all suppliers who have a product that will control the pest. Each supplier has provided a link to their catalogue that lists the target pest and its associated product.

We manage the database so that submissions are screened and the information is verified. Registrants may review their information at any time and submit revisions. Also, registrants are contacted annually to update their submissions and assure that the cultures remain available. The database is designed to be accurate and available in perpetuity.

This database will become more useful as additional producers and suppliers participate by having their cultures listed. **We hereby solicit your enrolment and encourage you to make your colleagues and peers aware of the database:** [www.insect.glf.forestry.ca/prod](http://www.insect.glf.forestry.ca/prod).

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