



## RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

### **Aphidius ervi** Parasitic wasp

- Shipped as pre-fed, mated adults. Check to see if the mini-wasps still look like “mummies” or if they have started to hatch.
- If they have not started to hatch, store the bottle at a highly humid 65-80°F shaded location and check twice daily for hatch. Allow 7 days for hatch. When they begin to hatch, release at sundown of the same day.
- To release the wasps, open the bottle in the crop and let them fly out on their own as you walk among the plants. You can tap the bottle gently to speed up their exit from the bottle.
- If they start coming out too quickly, which could happen if they are warm, close the bottle except at release points.
- Be sure and release the bulk of them near the most heavily infested plants.
- If some of the wasps will not come out of the bottle, or there are some that are unhatched, place the bottle into the foliage of the infested plant.
- We recommend that you remove any yellow sticky traps you may have around before release.

**Storage:** Do not store the hatched wasps in the bottle for more than 10-12 hours. Store at a humid 45-56°F. Do not attempt to cold store the unhatched “mummies” for period exceeding 70 hours.

