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Citrus Canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis*) added to Actinovate AG label

Powerful biological fungicide provides effective control of citrus canker on grapefruits, oranges, lime and other citrus trees.

August 15, 2011 – (Houston) Citrus canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis*) is the latest disease that has been added to the Actinovate AG label. Trials from IFAS and University of Florida show that Actinovate AG has great potential for combating this pervasive disease.

“With citrus canker, in the past two years of trials, we have found Actinovate AG plus the lowest labeled rate of copper hydroxide (Kocide® 3000) outperforms a high rate copper hydroxide alone,” said Matt Kowalski, president of Natural Industries. “We have been testing this combination on multiple sites this year and expect to see this same synergistic effect to occur.”

With an overuse of copper products always an issue, Actinovate AG is a welcome new tool in the ongoing battle with citrus canker in Florida.

About Actinovate AG

Actinovate AG contains the patented microorganism *Streptomyces lydicus* WYEC 108. When applied, this beneficial bacterium colonizes the surface of the plant’s roots and leaves. While growing with the plant, Actinovate AG attacks diseases employing several different modes of action. Soil diseases controlled/suppressed by Actinovate AG include *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Rhizoctonia*, and *Fusarium*. Foliar diseases suppressed/controlled include Powdery Mildew, Downy Mildew, *Botrytis*, Walnut Blight, and *Monilinia*. Actinovate AG has also been shown to be effective for scab, Greasy Spot and *Alternaria* in citrus.

Actinovate AG is approved for use in organic farming under the standards of the National Organic Program (NOP). Actinovate AG is an OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) listed material. Actinovate AG has no Pre-Harvest Interval and has no maximum limit to the number of spray applications each year.

Natural Industries, the manufacturer of Actinovate, has been developing patented, beneficial plant protection microorganisms since 1992.

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