

Guidance note

Controlling red spider mite



The red spider mite *Tetranychus urticae* is most prevalent in the hotter summer months and is a pest of the hotter drier areas such as the Briars, Jamestown and Half Tree Hollow.

Signs to look out for:

- Pale speckling on the upper surface of leaves.
- Small dark red dots moving slowly around on the underside of leaves. In heavier infestations there will also be light webbing.

Affects:

- Aubergine, beans, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, many endemic plants

Management:

Scout plants regularly, at least once a week and preferably more often, to check for signs of any problems. Treat when mites are first seen:

- Dynamec (active ingredient abamectin): spray the recommended rate at 7 day intervals, maximum of 6 sprays per crop, 2 at the pre-flowering stage and 4 for flowering and fruiting plants.

If mites recur at a later stage of a crop when the maximum number of Dynamec applications has already been applied, call in the ANRD spraying service which has other products with different modes of action.

For further advice please contact Farmer Support at ANRD on 24724.