BIOLOGICAL RED MITE CONTROL FOR LAYER FARMS
Finally a real organic solution: Natural Enemies

The chicken red mite is a parasite notoriously difficult to control. Pesticides are often unsafe for birds and staff and one should take into account that increased resistance is a side effect when using chemicals. Biological pest control using natural enemies, a bio control method used successfully in horticulture for over four decades, reduces the need for chemical pesticides. The Androlis Pro biological control system consists of two predatory mite species, both indigenous to the UK. The difference in behaviour allows increased effectiveness in killing red mites, their eggs and larvae. Androlis predatory mites released in a poultry house will actively kill red mites for 4 to 6 weeks before they die. Besides being fully organic, predatory mites have no side effects and will only feed on red mites.

Mites hide in inaccessible spots

Androlis mite predators will kill red mites in spots where pesticides are impossible to apply.

Androlis pro is the effective and sustainable method to control red mite.

The lifecycle of the poultry red mite

Red mites can, in a short time, suck enough blood from your hens to cause anaemia and even death. Depending on the temperature, the life cycle from egg to adult varies from 5 to 15 days only. A seemingly small infestation can rapidly become a disaster!

Red mite control strategies

Eradicating red mite infestations with pesticides is often a form of damage control. Biological control needs a different approach and is far more effective as a preventive measure. Frequent monitoring the is crucial to determine whether the red mite is under control or whether a new release of natural enemies is needed. Depending on the season, a freearange system will need the first release around 4 weeks after the flock is placed. For aviary systems, we strongly advise to start with the first release of predators before the new flock is placed. Generally about 3 to 5 releases of predatory mites per flock will be sufficient to keep the mite population under control.

Why Androlis Pro?

- Unlike other remedies, Androlis mite predators kill all stages of the red mite.
- No build-up of resistance possible.
- 100% biological and safe for humans and animals.
- Androlis Pro is easy to apply. Save time and let your mite predators take care of the red mite.

Please contact us to discuss the possibilities for organic pest control on your farm.