Cryptolaemus
• are Australian native ladybird beetles
• devour several mealybug species
• have been successfully introduced to many countries around the world

Mealybugs
• are common pests of many crops and ornamental plants
• cause damage to plants & fruit
• produce large quantities of sooty mould
• are difficult to control chemically due to their cryptic habit, waxy covering and resistance to pesticides

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Guide to release
These rates are a guide only - need will vary with crop and infestation levels.

- With all biological control agents it is best to release early before pests build up to damaging levels.
- Make 3 releases 2 weeks apart.
- Concentrate larvae into ‘hot spots’.

Greenhouse
Low level infestation
• 1 tube / 100m²

High level infestation
• 1 tube / 40m²
+ additional hotspot releases as required

Orchard & Field
Low level infestation
• 5-10 tubes / Ha

High level infestation
• 20+ tubes / Ha
+ additional hotspot releases as required

Other notes
Cryptolaemus are supplied as the larval stage. They should be placed on or near mealybugs in the crop. The larvae will start feeding immediately on mealybugs and complete their development to become adult beetles which mate and continue the cycle. Releasing at the larval stage helps improve the establishment of cryptolaemus in your crop.

Call to discuss your crop and individual needs…07 4165 4663

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