Great News for Strawberry Growers  
Bad News for Lygus

Beleaf 50 SG insecticide offers a novel mode of action that specifically targets lygus and aphids. These insects stop feeding within 20 minutes after contacting Beleaf 50 SG insecticide. This rapid activity protects berries, while not disrupting beneficial insects and mites.

Flonicamid is the only insecticide in IRAC Group 29. (Neonicotinoids are in IRAC Group 4A.) There is no known cross resistance between flonicamid and other insecticide chemistries making Beleaf 50 SG insecticide an excellent tool for managing insect resistance.

Lygus Control in Strawberry  
Lygus per Plant  
Frank Zalom, UC, Prundale, CA 2010

- Untreated
- Rimon® 0.83EC insecticide 0.83EC 12 fl. oz.
- Beleaf 50 SG insecticide 2.8 oz.
- Brigade® WSB insecticide 16 oz.

All treatments made with 100 GPA and include Dyne-Amic® adjuvant 0.25% v/v

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How Beleaf® 50 SG Insecticide Works

Beleaf 50 SG insecticide works by contact and ingestion. Because of its translaminar activity, Lygus and aphids become intoxicated by Beleaf 50 SG insecticide and lose their ability to penetrate the leaf surface with their sucking mouth parts. This happens within 20 minutes of exposure to Beleaf 50 SG insecticide and the effect is irreversible. Death is by starvation and desiccation. Although there isn’t a quick knock down, insect damage stops almost immediately.

Beleaf 50 SG insecticide alone, in tank mixes, or as part of a lygus control program has been shown to reduce lygus numbers and, more importantly, stop lygus feeding and reduce the amount of damaged fruit.

Application Recommendations for Beleaf 50 SG Insecticide in Strawberries

Begin early before pest populations flare. Beleaf insecticide is not a knockdown material but it does quickly stop aphid and lygus feeding. Because Beleaf 50 SG insecticide is easy on beneficial insects, predators and parasitoids aid in keeping pest populations low.

Coverage is essential for good control. Use higher spray volumes when crop canopy is dense and pest populations are high. Use a surfactant approved for use in strawberries.

Optimum control is attained with two sequential applications of Beleaf 50 SG insecticide. Since you may always find a few lygus adults migrating into the field – especially around the margins – make your second application when you start finding young nymphs again. Allow at least 7 days between Beleaf insecticide applications.

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