

Transcript: Helping Business Bloom, All Year Long with Actinovate SP

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“We grow a number of annuals, mainly bedding plants. We do run year-round using a lot of products throughout the year. Actinovate, we started using several years ago when it came out mainly to control powdery mildew. It does a real good job for us. We are spraying as pressure comes on; probably every two weeks. We have seen a decrease in our fertilizer costs. Not only that, it feels as though we had better or quicker growth also without fertilizer; being the natural way; trying to do as a whole picture; taking the “less chemical” approach and still getting a viable crop for our End-consumers.”

How has Actinovate complimented your current disease control plan?

“We do a lot of our beneficial insects, so, we are not spraying any more pesticides in the greenhouse. We are mainly doing a bio-route and it’s working out real well for us. Actinovate is a great addition to that. We don’t have to worry about any of those issues with mixing or anything else. When it first came out there are always questions about new products. I know it’s been out a while now and we have been with Actino-iron in our soil for a number of years. All our soil has Actino-iron in it so when the Actinovate came out it was a natural thing for us to use because it already has Actino-iron in the soil for our root issues. Now with the Actinovate SP, using it for foliar application is wonderful. We believed in Natural Industries and the product that they brought out with Actino-iron so it was very easy for us to say “alright, let’s try it” and once we tried it we got the results so we kept using it.”