

Order Trichogramma in early May for release in early corn!

A reliable commercial source of *Trichogramma ostrinae* for European corn borer control is now available. IPM Laboratories, Inc. is rearing the wasps themselves and will ship for weekly release. T. o come as parasitized eggs of another host, in the pupal stage. These tiny dark pupae are glued onto a card so the adults will emerge in the field – ready to go out in search of ECB egg masses!

IPM Labs can produce cards with 15,000 per card for those who wish it. This would mean using two cards per acre for the 30,000/acre release rate, or 4 cards per acre for 60,000 release rate. Cards can be spread out through the block of early corn. The cost for 30,000 is \$14.95 with discounts for volume orders within the same shipment. The discounts start at 300,000 eggs (\$13.80 per 30,000). 300,000 eggs would be 20 cards, enough for 5-10 acres depending on release rate).

Order in early May (Ph 315 497 2063) for release at the last week of May or first week of June! Carol Glenister prefers to get the orders when the corn is planted, since she has to raise the parents prior to producing the product to ship, which requires ordering in the eggs for the parents 2 weeks before she begins parent production. So the more orders that that she can forecast with early in the season, the more likely she will be able to fill whatever orders come in. People can forecast their orders and call and shift them forward or back. Also she will try to accommodate other orders as she can.

On the shipping, it is usually priority mail and in the \$5.65 range for packages that can be tracked. First class mail is a possibility, but untrackable once sent, so we are steering away from that.

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