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# Double Nickel<sup>®</sup> 55

A biological fungicide for the suppression of powdery and downy mildew on table grapes and powdery mildew on cucurbits. Ideal in IPM, zero residue and resistance management programs.

## Why use *Double Nickel*®55?

Features	Benefits	
Broad spectrum biofungicide containing the active ingredient <i>Bacillus</i> <i>amyloliquefaciens</i> isolate D747 supplied by Certis USA	Well researched product of high quality delivering consistent results	
Bacteria based active ingredient	Ideal resistance management option for IPM programs	
Multiple modes of action	Good efficacy and low risk of resistance build-up. Ideal resistance management option in IPM program with conventional chemicals	
OMRI listed	Suitable for use in organic production	
No Maximum Residue Limit (MRL)	Helps growers meet demands of export markets in terms of minimal/zero residue pest management programs	
Stable formulation with 2 year shelf life at room temperature	Limited risk of expiring stock and more consistent results	

## Mode of Action:

## 1. Production of antimicrobial metabolites

*Double Nickel*<sup>®</sup> *55* is capable of producing a number of antimicrobial metabolites such as Iturin and Surfactin which inhibit growth of fungi and bacteria.



Healthy, untreated conidia and hyphae of powdery mildew of cucurbits.



Shrinkage and loss of turgor of powdery mildew conidia after being treated with *Bacillus* lipopeptide extracts. (Images repro. from Romero *et al*, 2007. J app. Micro.)

# **Double Nickel® 55** management of powdery mildew on table grapes

#### Powdery mildew severity rating



# **Double Nickel® 55** management of powdery mildew on cucurbits

Powdery mildew severity (%)



### 2. Competition for space and nutrients

*Double Nickel*<sup>®</sup> *55* colonises plant surfaces, occupying space and using up nutrient sources at potential infection sites thus making it difficult for pathogens to get established.



Colonisation of kiwifruit by *B.a.* D-747 (spray application). **Source:** G. Balestra *et al. L'Informatore Agrario* 22: 50-53.

### 3. Induced Systemic Resistance (ISR)

**Double Nickel® 55** can help activate a plants natural defence mechanisms through ISR. ISR is a state of enhanced immunity to infection demonstrated by plants following an injury or presence of inducer organisms like *B. amyloliquefaciens (B.a.)*.



In response, plants produce substances (represented by red arrows) which, over time, evoke resistance and make it less susceptible to pathogens.

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## Application instructions:

Сгор	Method	Dose rate
Table grapes	Full cover foliar spray	1–2 kg/ha.
Cucurbits	Full cover foliar spray Appl	Apply every 7 days with min. 3 applications. Apply as soon as disease is noticed or, preferably as a preventative measure.
Botrytis	Full cover foliar spray	
		Please refer to the registered label for further details.

- *Double Nickel*<sup>®</sup> 55 is compatible with most fertilisers, adjuvants and pesticides but if uncertain check with your Andermatt Biospecialist before making tank mixes.
- Avoid the use of silicone spreaders (spreader-stickers and oil based products are preferred).
- Avoid extreme pH (between 6–8 is optimal).

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