Biological Control Resources

Where to get Biological Control Information:
National Biological Control Institute
USDA APHIS, Office of the Administrator
4700 River Road Unit 5
Riverdale, MD 20737-1229
Phone: (301) 734-4329, Fax: (301) 734-7823
For an idea of what they have available (and to find links to other pages) - http://www.aphis.usda.gov

For a catalog that lists all the places you can buy beneficial insects:
Hunter, C.D. Suppliers of Beneficial Organisms in North America
California EPA, Sacramento, CA
Phone: (916) 324-4100
http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/impinov/bensup.pdf

For a good discussion of the biology of beneficial insects look for the book:
Hoffmann, M.P. and A.C. Frodson, 1993. Natural Enemies of Vegetable Insect Pests, published by Cornell University Cooperative Extension. For information about ordering the book or accompanying slide set, contact:
Resources Center, 7 Business/Technology Park
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850
Phone: (607) 255-2080, Fax: (607) 255-9946
Cornell also has a Guide to Natural Enemies of North America on their website.
http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/biocontrol

To subscribe to the Midwest Biological Control News, contact:
Midwest Biological Control News
Department of Entomology
University of Wisconsin
1630 Linden Drive
Madison, WI 53706
http://www.entomology.wisc.edu/mbcn/mbcn.html

Books:


Many other excellent titles are available, these are just some examples. Don’t be afraid to contact your local commercial insectaries for information. They often know what works best in your area and are very willing to help you with your pest problem.

Biological Control Suppliers:

A-1 Unique Insect Control
5504 Sperry Drive
Citrus Heights, CA 95621
Phone: (916) 961-7945, Fax: (916) 967-7082
http://www.a-1unique.com

Arbico
P.O. Box 4247 CRB
Tucson, AZ 85738
Phone: (800) 827-2847
http://www.arbico-organics.com
When ordering beneficial insects, know:

- What pests you need to control.
- Proper timing of beneficial insect release based on life cycle of pest (when you order).
- How many you need to release (the release rate).
- A safe delivery address where the shipment will be cared for as soon as it arrives and won't be exposed to extreme heat or cold.
- Proper release procedures, such as time of day, food and water needs, etc.
- Proper storage methods if the insects can't be released immediately.

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