

Storage of Beneficial Bugs

Product	Temp°C	Shelf life	Special Instructions
Ladybugs Cool	5-8	8 days	Keeping the bags of ladybugs in the crisper of the fridge increases their shelf life. The cooler temperature keeps them dormant for longer. DO NOT FREEZE!!!!
Ladybugs Warm	15-20	4-5 days	Kept at the till, they make great impulse buys. The bags have air holes and a sugar wick to drink.
Nematodes	5-8	3-4 weeks	Best kept in crisper of fridge. It's important that nematodes do not dry out and do not freeze.
Hypoaspis	15-20	1 week	These can be kept at room temperature away from direct sunlight.
Cucumeris	10-20	1 week	These can be kept in the fridge, or at room temperature away from direct sunlight
Persimilis	5-10	1 week	Treat like lettuce. Predator mites can tolerate a wide range of temperature, but leaves will wilt if kept too warm
Cryptolaemus	15-20	8-10 days	These tropical bugs do not like to be refrigerated. They have a smear of honey in their containers to keep them happy until their next mealybug meal.
Atheta	15-20	8-10 days	DO NOT refrigerate. Cocoa peat carrier should be fairly moist.