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It's a bumper year for mealybugs and aphids

Spring scouting reports from Michigan greenhouses indicate there are lots of [mealybugs and aphids](#) on the prowl. Mich. St. Univ. entomologist David Smitley reports mealybugs have been found mostly on ipomea, but they can feed on many other plants. Aphid problems have been found on ipomea, peppers, *Asparagus sprengeri*, spikes, digitalis, shasta daisy, gerbera, dusty miller and licorice plant. Because these 2 pests are closely related, Smitley said the same insecticides are effective on both. Best products to use, according to Smitley, are systemic insecticides absorbed by the roots, including Marathon, Discus, Celero, Safari, Aria and Flagship.



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