

# IMPORTANT

## TRICHOGRAMMA WASP EMERGENCE INFORMATION

When your Trichogramma left Brisbane they had ..... days to emerge when kept at 25°C.

This puts emergence time at .....

**However**, temperatures in transit and at your end may vary from 25°C. If its hotter they will come out earlier and if its colder, later.

If the Trichogramma are placed in the field on arrival, it may be several days before the wasps emerge and some Trichogramma pupae may be eaten by predators - usually ants - before the wasps emerge.

We suggest you place the cards in the field within 24 hours of the wasp emergence. This will minimise predation. Some strips can be placed in a glass jar on arrival. If wasps start coming out in the jar then place the cards immediately or also store them in a fridge.

If the weather is unsuitable for placement in the field, the Trichogramma can be slowed by placing them in a cool place. Wasp development is minimal below 12°C. Place the Trichogramma in a fridge that runs between 5 and 14°C **or** in an Esky with several ice bricks.

Refridgeration should not exceed 4 days as wasp fitness will decline beyond this time.

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