

Good Lady Bug versus Bad Lady Beetles



Good ladybugs eat aphids (other insects). These insects suck the juices out of plants. They also eat plant mites and mildew.

*Ladybugs are carnivores because they eat other animals.



Of the thousands of varieties of Lady Bug, all carnivorous and eating other insects, there are only two that eat our crops.

MEXICAN BEAN BEETLE

Description: These bugs always have 16 black spots on their back, eight on each wing section. They can be bright red to rusty brown to golden yellow. To determine if its a crop eater, count the black spots. If there are 8 on each wing section, destroy the pest. It feeds on all the bean family crops.



SQUASH LADY BEETLE

Description: This one always has 14 black spots on its back, 7 on each wing section. Color ranges from straw or cream as a youngster, but it darkens to orange brown with bronze tones as it becomes an adult. To be sure, count the spots. If there are 7 on each wing section, destroy it. It feeds on all the squash family crops.

Both species have larvae that is yellow and spiny.