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Subject: Labeling Amendment to incorporate safety language for the State of California  
Varsity® Fire Ant Bait  
EPA Registration No. 100-893  
Submission Date: August 16, 2011  
Decision #: D453733

Dear Ms Brinkley:

The labeling referred to above, submitted under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, is acceptable. A stamped copy is enclosed for your records. Please submit one (1) final printed copy for the above mentioned label before releasing the product for shipment. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Rogala at (703) 347-0263 or via email at [rogala.jessica@epa.gov](mailto:rogala.jessica@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Sr.* Venus Eagle  
Product Manager 01  
Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch  
Registration Division (7505P)

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See additional precautionary statements and directions for use [inside booklet] [on bag].

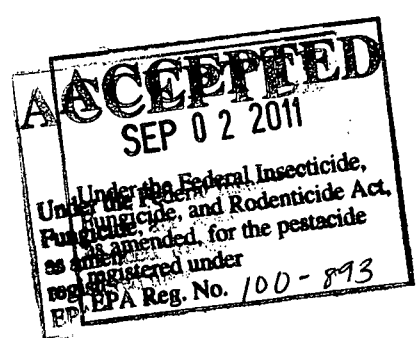
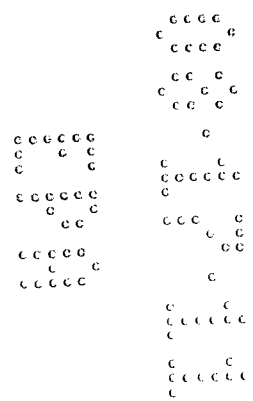
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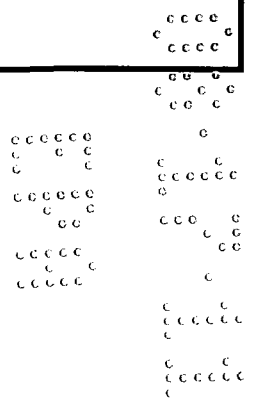
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2 pounds  
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25 pounds  
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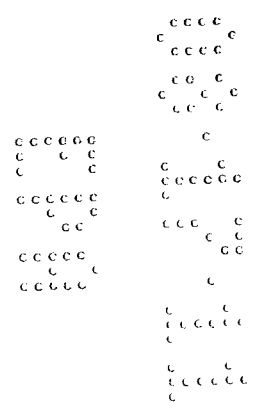
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**Attention: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.**



**CONDITIONS OF SALE AND LIMITATION OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY**

**NOTICE:** Read the entire Directions for Use and Conditions of Sale and Limitation of Warranty and Liability before buying or using this product. If the terms are not acceptable, return the product at once, unopened, and the purchase price will be refunded.

The Directions for Use of this product must be followed carefully. It is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as manner of use or application, weather or crop conditions, presence of other materials or other influencing factors in the use of the product, which are beyond the control of SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC or Seller. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Buyer and User agree to hold SYNGENTA and Seller harmless for any claims relating to such factors.

SYNGENTA warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated in the Directions for Use, subject to the inherent risks referred to above, when used in accordance with directions under normal use conditions. To the extent permitted by applicable law: (1) this warranty does not extend to the use of the product contrary to label instructions, or under conditions not reasonably foreseeable to or beyond the control of Seller or SYNGENTA, and (2) Buyer and User assume the risk of any such use. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, SYNGENTA MAKES NO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE NOR ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY EXCEPT AS WARRANTED BY THIS LABEL.**

To the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall SYNGENTA be liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages resulting from the use or handling of this product. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY OF THE USER OR BUYER, AND THE EXCLUSIVE LIABILITY OF SYNGENTA AND SELLER FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, INJURIES OR DAMAGES (INCLUDING CLAIMS BASED ON BREACH OF WARRANTY, CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE) RESULTING FROM THE USE OR HANDLING OF THIS PRODUCT, SHALL BE THE RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT OR, AT THE ELECTION OF SYNGENTA OR SELLER, THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT.**

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### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

Observe all cautions and limitations on this label.

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#### USE INFORMATION

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##### WHERE TO USE

To control imported fire ants on turf, lawns and landscapes, and other noncrop areas.

##### HOW VARSITY WORKS

Varsity is formulated in an oil bait that functions as an attractant to imported fire ants.

Varsity is a stomach insecticide which acts slowly to reduce fire ant colonies. An effective fire ant insecticide should be slow acting so that the bait can be passed by the workers throughout the ant colony and eventually to the queen. Varsity is toxic to fire ants; however, it is most effective against the fire ant queen and causes an immediate halt of egg production and disappearance of worker brood. The disappearance of worker ants leads to the decline and eventual elimination of the fire ant colony.

##### WHEN TO APPLY

Apply when ants are actively foraging (typically when soil temperatures are greater than 60°F [15°C]) or consult your state agricultural experiment station or state extension service for optimum timing of application. In cases where reinfestation occurs or when very large mounds remain active, retreatment may be desirable after 3-4 months. Apply after dew or rainfall has dried for maximum effectiveness. For best results, do not apply if rainfall is anticipated within 4-6 hours after application.

**Note:** Allow 7-10 days after applying Varsity before using a contact insecticide. This allows worker ants time to distribute bait throughout the colony.

##### HOW TO APPLY

**Broadcast Application:** Apply Varsity uniformly on areas to be treated at a rate of 1 lb. of bait/A. Do not exceed 1 lb. of bait/A.

**Individual Mound Treatment:** For best results, use 5-7 tbs. of Varsity per mound. Sprinkle the bait uniformly in a circle around the base of the mound, out to a distance of approximately 2-4 ft. Apply at a rate of 1 lb. of bait/A. Do not contaminate kitchen utensils with this product.

**LIMITATIONS:** Do not use in pastures, rangeland, or croplands.

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**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

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Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. Consult federal, state, or local disposal authorities for approved alternative procedures.

**Pesticide Storage**

Varsity may be an attractant to rodents and domestic animals. Store in a cool, secure, dry place. To maintain maximum effectiveness, close container tightly after each use and use within 5 months after opening.

**Pesticide Disposal**

To avoid waste, use all material in this container by application according to label directions. If waste cannot be avoided, offer remaining product to a waste disposal facility or pesticide disposal program (often such programs are run by state and local governments or by industry).

**Container Handling(plastic jug)**

Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Completely empty jug into application equipment. Then offer for recycling if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other means allowed by state and local authorities.

**Container Handling (bag)**

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For minor spills, leaks, etc., follow all precautions indicated on this label and clean up immediately. Take special care to avoid contamination of equipment and facilities during cleanup procedures and disposal of wastes.

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<p>For non-emergency (e.g. current product information) call          Syngenta Crop Protection at 1-800-334-9481.</p>
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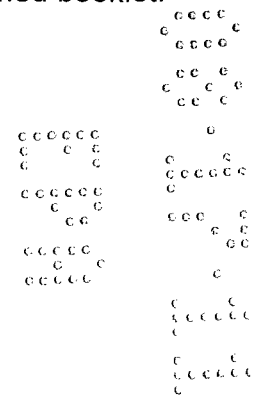
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