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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Ms. Diona Bujor, Regulatory Manager
Valent Biosciences Corporation
870 Technology Way
Libertyville, IL 60048

Subject: Correction to the August 13, 2008 Notification acceptance letter. Application for Label Notification Dated June 10, 2008 to reinstate the recycling methods which was omitted by mistake
Product Name: ReTain Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder
EPA Reg. No: 73049-45

Dear Ms. Bujor,

It has come to the Agency's attention that there was a typographical error in the August 13, 2008 notification acceptance letter (copy enclosed) for your application dated 6/10/08. The product name was incorrect. The incorrect product name on the 8/13/08 letter was "ReTain Plant Growth Regulator Solution." The correct product name that should have been on the 8/13/08 letter is, "ReTain Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Powder." This letter supersedes the August 13, 2008 Agency letter.

The Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division is in receipt of your application for Notification under Pesticide Registration Notice (PRN) 98-10 dated above. A screen of the labeling revision request has been conducted for its applicability under PRN 98-10, and it has been determined that the action(s) requested falls within the scope of PRN 98-10. Our records have been duly noted, and the printed label with this application has been stamped "Notification, received and reviewed" and will be placed in our records as current and updated. Should you have any questions regarding this action, you may contact Andrew Bryceland, of my staff, at (703) 305-6928 or via email at bryceland.andrew@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Hollis, Chief
Biochemical Pesticides Branch
Biopesticides and Pollution
Prevention Division (7511P)

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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August 13, 2008

OFFICE OF
PREVENTION, PESTICIDES
AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Doina Bujor, Regulatory Manager
Valent BioSciences Corporation
870 Technology Way
Libertyville, IL 60048

RE: Product Name: ReTain Plant Grow Regulator Solution
EPA Reg. No: 73049-45
Application for Label Notification Dated June 10, 2008 to Reinstate the Recycling
Methods Which was Omitted by Mistake

Dear Ms. Bujor:

The Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division is in receipt of your application for Notification under PR Notice 98-10 dated above. A preliminary screen of this request has been conducted for its applicability under PRN 98-10 and it has been determined that the action(s) requested falls within the scope of PRN 98-10. Our records have been duly noted, and the label submitted with this application has been stamped "Notification, received and reviewed" and will be placed accordingly in our records.

Questions concerning this action should be directed to Ms. Diana Hudson at (703) 308-8713 or email at hudson.diana@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda Hollis

Linda Hollis, Chief
Biochemical Pesticides Branch
Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention
Division (7511P)

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Print Form

Please read instructions on reverse before completing form.

Form Approved, OMB No. 2070-0080



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

OPP Identifier Number

Application for Pesticide - Section I

1. Company/Product Number 73049-45	2. EPA Product Manager Linda Hollis	3. Proposed Classification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
4. Company/Product (Name) ReTain Plant Growth Regulator	PM# 91	
5. Name and Address of Applicant (Include ZIP Code) Valent BioSciences Corporation 870 Technology Way Libertyville, IL 60048 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is a new address	6. Expedited Review. In accordance with FIFRA Section 3(c)(3) (b)(i), my product is similar or identical in composition and labeling to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EPA Reg. No. _____ Product Name _____	

Section - II

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment - Explain below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Final printed labels in response to Agency letter dated _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission in response to Agency letter dated _____	<input type="checkbox"/> "Me Too" Application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification - Explain below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - Explain below.

NOTIFICATION
Date Reviewed: 8-13-08
Reviewed By: D. Hudson

Explanation: Use additional page(s) if necessary. (For section I and Section II.)

Notification of of Storage and Disposal Statement (PR Notices 83-3 and 83-1) per PR Notice 1998-10. This notification is consistent with the provisions of PR Notice 98-10 and EPA regulations at 40 CFR 152.46, and no other changes have been made to labeling or the confidential statement of formula of this product. (continue)

Section - III

1. Material This Product Will Be Packaged In:				2. Type of Container	
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* Certification must be submitted		If "Yes" Unit Packaging wgt.	No. per container	If "Yes" Package wgt	No. per container
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper	Other (Specify) _____
3. Location of Net Contents Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Label <input type="checkbox"/> Container		4. Size(s) Retail Container		5. Location of Label Directions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Label <input type="checkbox"/> On Labeling accompanying product	
6. Manner in Which Label is Affixed to Product		<input type="checkbox"/> Lithograph <input type="checkbox"/> Paper glued <input type="checkbox"/> Stenciled		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

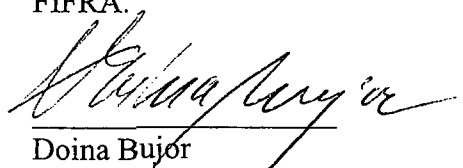
Section - IV

1. Contact Point (Complete items directly below for identification of individual to be contacted, if necessary, to process this application.)		
Name Doina Bujor	Title Regulatory Manager	Telephone No. (Include Area Code) 847-968-4724
Certification I certify that the statements I have made on this form and all attachments thereto are true, accurate and complete. I acknowledge that any knowingly false or misleading statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under applicable law.		6. Date Application Received (Stamped)
2. Signature 	3. Title Regulatory Manager	
4. Typed Name Doina Bujor	5. Date Jun 10, 2008	

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Notification of Storage and Disposal Statement (PR Notice 98-10) for ReTain Plant Growth Regulator, EPA Reg. No. 73049-45 (continuation from the previous page)

I understand that it is a violation of 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 to willfully make any false statement to EPA. I further understand that if this notification is not consistent with the terms of PR Notice 98-10 and 40 CFR 152.46, this product may be in violation of FIFRA and I may be subject to enforcement action and penalties under section 12 and 14 of FIFRA.



Doina Bujor
Regulatory Manager

June 10, 2008

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June 10, 2008

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RE: ReTain Plant Growth Regulator (EPA Reg. No. 73049-45) Notification

Dear Ms. Hollis:

Valent BioScience Corporation is submitting a notification for ReTain Plant Growth Regulator (EPA Reg. No. 73049-45) in accordance with PR Notice PR Notice 98-10. The changes made to the label are to the Storage and Disposal statement and include additional methods of disposal if the recycling is not available. These methods were removed by error when the recycling method was added per PR Notice 2007-4.

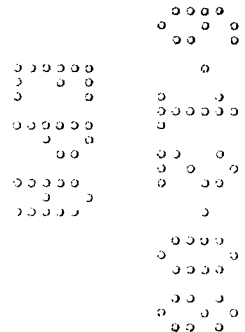
Present submission consists of:

- Application for Registration (EPA form 8570-1)
- One copy of the red-lined label
- One copy of the clean label.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 847-968-4724 or by e-mail at doina.bujor@valent.com.

Sincerely,

Doina Bujor
Regulatory Manager



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Master Label

NOTIFICATION

ReTain®

Date Reviewed: 8-13-08

Reviewed By: D. Hudson

**PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR
SOLUBLE POWDER
FOR USE ON APPLE, PEAR, STONE FRUIT (EXCEPT CHERRY),
WALNUT, PECAN, CUCUMBER (SEED PRODUCTION ONLY)
AND PINEAPPLE.**

Active Ingredient:

[S]- <i>trans</i> -2-Amino-4-(2-aminoethoxy)-3-butenic acid hydrochloride	15%
Other Ingredients	85%
Total	100%

EPA Reg. No. 73049-45
EPA Est. No. 33967-NJ-1

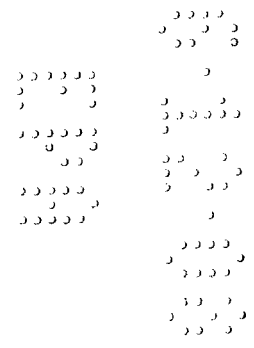
Batch Code: _____

Registrant:
Valent BioSciences Corporation
870 Technology Way
Libertyville, IL 60048
1-800-6-VALENT

Net Weight: 11.7 oz (333 grams)

One pouch will treat up to one half acre of listed nut crops at the maximum use rate.
For pineapple please see Table 1 to determine the number of ReTain pouches needed per acre based on rate and water volume.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
CAUTION**



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APPLICATION GUIDE

ReTain®

PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR SOLUBLE POWDER FOR USE ON APPLE, PEAR, STONE FRUIT (EXCEPT CHERRY), WALNUT, PECAN, CUCUMBER (SEED PRODUCTION ONLY) AND PINEAPPLE

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EPA Reg. No. 73049-45
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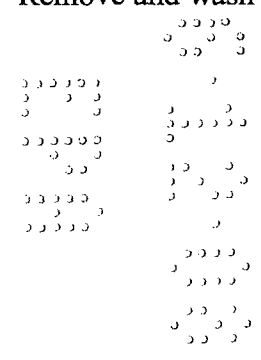
Net Weight: 11.7 oz. (333 grams)

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmful if inhaled or absorbed through skin. Avoid breathing spray mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before reuse.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long sleeved shirt and long pants
- Shoes plus socks
- Waterproof gloves

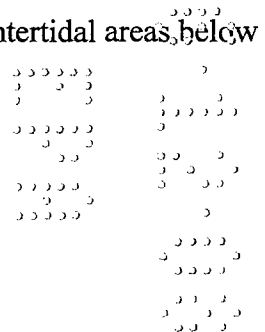
Hand-wand applicators must wear dust/mist filtering respirator (MSHA/NIOSH approval number prefix TC-21C), or a NIOSH approved respirator with N,R, P or HE filter when applying this product.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

<p>User Safety Recommendations</p> <p>Users should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. - Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then, wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. - Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

Environmental Hazards

Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.



DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the State/Tribal agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

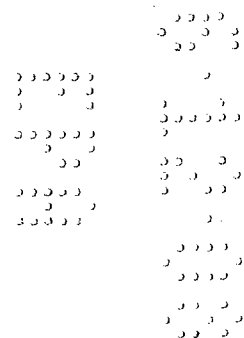
AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements in this labeling about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated such as plants, soil, or water is:

- Coveralls
- Waterproof gloves
- Shoes plus socks



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR USE

IMPORTANT: Before application, read all use directions thoroughly. Use ReTain® only as directed.

ReTain® contains 15% (wt/wt) [S]-*trans*-2-amino-4-(2-aminoethoxy)-3-butenic acid hydrochloride, commonly known as aminoethoxyvinylglycine, aviglycine HCl, or AVG. AVG is a potent plant growth regulator produced by fermentation. AVG inhibits the production of ethylene in plant tissues. Ethylene affects plant processes such as flower development, fruit set, fruit maturation, fruit ripening, and fruit abscission.

GENERAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.
- ReTain® is packaged in a water-soluble bag sealed inside a metallized polyester pouch. Each water-soluble bag contains 11.7 oz (333 grams) of ReTain®. Once the outer pouch is opened, the entire water-soluble bag must be used.
- Because the proper timing of ReTain® application is particularly important to product performance, serious consideration is to be given, on a block-by-block basis, to any site conditions (e.g., elevation, sun exposure, soil texture), growing condition(s) (e.g., prevailing or anticipated weather patterns such as high temperature, drought or flood conditions, nutrient levels) or production practices (e.g., crop load, pruning severity) that could impact flowering, fruit set, or fruit maturation during the course of the season.
- Apply ReTain® in a sufficient amount of water to ensure good coverage of the tree or crop canopy. Product efficacy requires that flowers, fruits, and foliage receive thorough spray coverage. Use calibrated spray equipment to ensure uniform coverage of flowers, fruit, and foliage. Adjust water volumes based on plant size and spacing. Excessive spray application volumes that result in spray runoff will reduce product performance.
- Prepare spray solution by mixing the required amount of product with water in a clean, empty spray tank. Dispose of any unused spray material at the end of each day
- Avoid applications during the heat of the day. For best results, apply ReTain® under slow drying conditions, e.g. early in the morning or at night, in order to maximize absorption.
- Maintain solution pH between 6 and 8.
- Do not apply ReTain® to plants or fruit under stress (e.g. heat, water, disease, insect). Injured or stressed plants or fruits may not respond to ReTain®.
- Do not use overhead cooling or irrigation equipment for at least 8 hours following

APPLE AND PEAR

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT:	APPLICATION TIMING/ USE INSTRUCTIONS
<p>Apple</p>	<p>Depending on cultivar, orchard conditions, application timing, and grower objectives, one or more of the following benefits will be associated with ReTain®</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delayed fruit maturity • improved harvest management • reduced preharvest fruit drop • additional time for increase in fruit size • additional time for color development • maintenance of fruit firmness • improved fruit quality (e.g., reduced incidence and/or severity of watercore and stem bowl cracking) • enhanced storage potential <p>Consult your local Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-Valent) for specific information on the best use practices for your particular orchard(s).</p>	<p>Single Pick Harvest: Apply one pouch of ReTain® per acre four weeks prior to the anticipated <i>beginning of the normal harvest period of untreated fruit</i> for the current season. ReTain® applied four weeks before harvest will delay the harvest period up to 7 to 10 days. Applications made either too early or too late will significantly reduce the efficacy of the product for one or more of the possible benefits.</p> <p>Multiple Pick Harvest: To improve the fruit quality and storage potential of later picked apples (2nd, 3rd, 4th picks) apply one pouch of ReTain® per acre, one to two weeks prior to the anticipated <i>beginning of the normal harvest period of untreated fruit</i> for the current season. ReTain® applied one to two weeks before harvest typically will not delay the start of the harvest (1st pick), but will help control the maturation rate of the later picks.</p>
<p>Pear</p>	<p>ReTain® will offer one or more of the same benefits as listed for apples, depending on the cultivar, growing conditions, and grower objectives. Consult your local Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-Valent) for specific information on the best use practices for your particular orchard(s).</p>	<p>Apply one pouch of ReTain® per acre one to two weeks prior to the anticipated <i>beginning of the normal harvest period of untreated fruit</i> for the current season.</p>
<p>Water Volume: ReTain® efficacy requires that fruit and foliage receive thorough spray coverage. To ensure thorough coverage adjust water volumes based on tree size and spacing and use calibrated spray equipment (i.e. orchard air blast sprayer). Excessive spray application volumes that result in spray runoff will reduce product performance. In most cases, 100 gallons per acre has been shown to be effective.</p>		
<p>Adjuvants: For optimal response, use ReTain® with Break-Thru®, RNA Si 100, Silwet L-77®, or Sylgard® 309 organosilicone surfactant. Use a final surfactant concentration of 0.05 to 0.1% (v/v) in the spray tank. To prevent possible spotting, use the 0.05% (v/v) concentration when high temperature (in excess of 86°F) weather conditions prevail or are anticipated. Do not use a surfactant concentration greater than 0.1% (v/v). To reduce foaming, add the adjuvant last and minimize agitation.</p>		

Harvest: The normal harvest period for a particular orchard block refers to that time when fruits not treated with ReTain® would be harvested for long term storage. To help determine the *beginning of the normal harvest period*, refer to historical trends for harvest dates and the "days from full bloom to harvest" interval for each cultivar in your area.

Additional Notes:

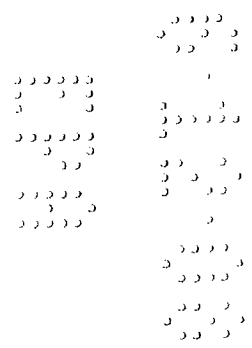
- ReTain® is to be applied only after fruit set has occurred.
- Combination effects and potential interactions between ReTain® and naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA) or ethephon products have not been thoroughly evaluated. Use of these products on ReTain®-treated apple and pear trees can partially negate the benefits of ReTain®.
- If using reflective films or foil mulch, apply ReTain® first and then lay down the reflective film or foil mulch under the ReTain®-treated apple trees.
- ReTain® has a 7 day preharvest interval (PHI) for Apple and Pear.

• **STONE FRUIT (EXCEPT CHERRY)**

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION TIMING/ USE INSTRUCTIONS
<p>Peach Nectarine</p>	<p>Depending on cultivar, orchard conditions, and grower objectives, one or more of the following benefits will be associated with ReTain®:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved harvest management • additional time for increase in fruit size • maintenance of fruit firmness • reduced preharvest fruit drop • improved fruit quality • enhanced storage potential. <p>Consult your local Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-Valent) for additional specific information.</p>	<p>Apply one pouch of ReTain® per acre one to two weeks prior to the anticipated <i>beginning of the normal harvest period of untreated fruit</i> for the current season.</p>
<p>Plum Prune Apricot</p>	<p>ReTain® will offer one or more of the same benefits as listed for peach and nectarine, depending on the cultivar, growing conditions, and grower objectives. For these crops and interspecific variations of these crops, such as Plumcot, Pluot®, & Aprium®, consult your local Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-Valent) for additional specific information.</p>	<p>Apply one pouch of ReTain® per acre one to two weeks prior to the anticipated <i>beginning of the normal harvest period of untreated fruit</i> for the current season.</p>

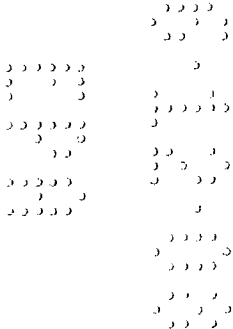
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<p>Water Volume: ReTain® efficacy requires that fruit and foliage receive thorough spray coverage. To ensure thorough coverage adjust water volumes based on tree size and spacing and use calibrated spray equipment (i.e. orchard air blast sprayer). Excessive spray application volumes that result in spray runoff will reduce product performance. In most cases, 100 gallons per acre has been shown to be effective.</p>
<p>Use of Adjuvants: If improved wetting and coverage of stone fruit (except cherry) is desired, use an organosilicone adjuvant such as Break-Thru®, Silwet L-77®, or Sylgard® 309 at a final surfactant concentration in the spray tank of up to 0.1% v/v. Do not use a concentration higher than 0.1% v/v. If a non-organosilicone adjuvant is preferred, use Regulaid® or NuFilm-P® at the rates indicated on the manufacturers' label. To reduce foaming, add the adjuvant last and minimize agitation.</p>
<p>Harvest: The normal harvest period for a particular orchard block refers to that time when fruits not treated with ReTain® would be harvested. To help determine the beginning of the normal harvest period, refer to historical trends for harvest dates and the "days from full bloom to harvest" interval for each cultivar in your area, and closely monitor the fruit maturity development for the current season.</p>
<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ReTain® is to be applied only after fruit set has occurred. • ReTain® has a 7 day preharvest interval (PHI) for Stone Fruit (except cherry).



NUT CROPS

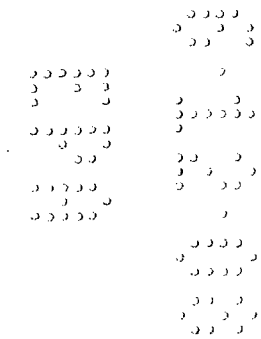
CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION TIMING/ USE INSTRUCTIONS
Walnut	Increased nut set in cultivars affected by pistillate flower abortion (PFA). Consult your local walnut tree specialist or Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-Valent) for more information.	Apply one to two pouches* of ReTain® per acre, as a single application, to trees when most pistillate flowers are receptive to pollination. In most cases, ReTain® applications at 5 to 30 percent pistillate flower bloom have been shown to be effective. Applications made either too early (pre-bloom) or too late (full bloom or later) will significantly reduce efficacy of the treatment.
Pecan	To increase nut set in cultivars that experience low set in some years. Consult your local pecan tree specialist or Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-Valent) for more information.	Apply one to two pouches* of ReTain® per acre, as a single application during bloom time. Applications made either too early (pre-bloom) or too late (after full bloom) will reduce the efficacy of the treatment.
<p>Water Volume: ReTain® efficacy requires that flower buds and flowers receive thorough spray coverage. To ensure thorough coverage use calibrated spray equipment (i.e. air blast sprayer) and adjust water volumes based on tree size and spacing. Use sufficient water volume to achieve good coverage without excessive runoff. In most cases, 100 to 200 gallons spray volume per acre has been shown to be effective.</p>		
<p>Use of Adjuvants: Use of adjuvants with ReTain® for bloom applications has not been fully researched. Some adjuvants will cause a bloom thinning effect and will reduce the benefits of ReTain®.</p>		
<p>*Rate: Use higher rates on cultivars/orchards that have experienced high incidences of poor nut set.</p>		



CUCUMBER (SEED PRODUCTION ONLY)

CUCUMBER (FOR GYNOECIOUS INBRED SEED PRODUCTION OR HYBRID SEED PRODUCTION WITH GYNOECIOUS POLLINATOR)

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION TIMING/ USE INSTRUCTIONS
<p>Cucumber (<i>Cucumis sativus</i>) Gynoecious inbred breeding lines.</p>	<p>Promotion of staminate (male) flowers in gynoecious (female flowering) cucumber-breeding lines for the purpose of producing inbred and hybrid cucumber seed.</p>	<p>Apply ReTain® directly to gynoecious plants to be converted. Make one to four applications of 250 ppm to 500 ppm active ingredient (a.i.) beginning at early first leaf stage through tenth leaf stage. Use the appropriate skip row technique to achieve desired sex ratio of plants.</p>
<p>Water Volume: Apply ReTain in a sufficient amount of water to ensure good coverage. In most cases, 27 to 54 gallons per treated acre will be sufficient. One pouch of ReTain in 27 gallons of spray solution will provide 500 ppm a.i. One 11.7 oz. (333 g) pouch of ReTain in 54 gallons of spray solution will provide 250 ppm a.i. The application rate and frequency of application will depend on the sensitivity of the individual inbred line to ReTain. Transient leaf yellowing will occur at high rates. If unacceptable leaf yellowing is noted, use lower concentrations in subsequent applications.</p>		
<p>Use of Adjuvants: Use of an adjuvant is not optimum. Addition of an adjuvant to ReTain increases the likelihood of leaf yellowing in young cucumber plants.</p>		
<p>Additional Note: Do not reapply ReTain within 24-hours of application. Do not apply more than two pouches of ReTain (666 g product) per acre per season. Use of ReTain on cucumber is for gynoecious breeding line and hybrid seed production only. Do not apply directly to, or allow spray to drift to cucumber crops grown for fresh or processed markets. Fruit from plants treated with ReTain is not to be used for human or animal consumption. Consult your local vegetable specialist or Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6-VALENT) for more information.</p>		



PINEAPPLE

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT:	APPLICATION TIMING/ USE INSTRUCTIONS
<p>Pineapple</p>	<p>Reduce the incidence of natural induction of flowering in pineapple (NI), also known as Naturally Differentiated Flowering (NDF).</p> <p>Reduction of NDF allows for artificial induction of flowers (forcing) at the appropriate plant maturity to give more uniform flowering and consequently more uniform fruit maturity. This has been shown to result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • larger and more uniform fruit size, and • a more concentrated harvest period. <p>Consult your local Valent USA Agricultural Specialist (800-6-VALENT) for specific information on the best use practices.</p>	<p>Apply ReTain® directly to foliage of pre-flowering pineapple plants using 50 to 200 ppm AVG active ingredient (a.i.) For best results, make the first application of ReTain® 7 days prior to the first anticipated occurrence of conditions that favor NDF. Make subsequent applications should be made at 7-14 day intervals when conditions favor NDF. Make up to 10 applications per growing cycle. Use higher rates on cultivars/plantations that experience high incidences of NDF.</p> <p>See Table 1 for determination of ReTain® application rates.</p> <p>Conditions that favor NDF in pineapple are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cool temperatures (< 68°F); • short photoperiod (< 12 hr); • when pre-flowering plants weigh more than 3.1 lbs. <p>Make the last application of ReTain® per growing cycle prior to artificial induction of flowers (forcing).</p>
<p>Water Volume: ReTain® efficacy requires that pineapple plants receive thorough spray coverage. Insufficient spray application volumes or uneven application patterns will reduce product performance. In most cases, a spray volume of 90 to 300 gallons per acre, has been shown to be effective.</p>		
<p>Adjuvants: For optimal response, use ReTain® with Break-Thru®, RNA Si 100, Silwet L-77®, or Sylgard® 309 organosilicone surfactants. Use a final surfactant concentration of 0.05 - 0.1% (v/v). To reduce foaming, add the adjuvant last and minimize agitation.</p>		
<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply ReTain® to pineapple plants prior to flowering. Do not allow spray to drift onto pineapple plants that are in bloom or have fruit. • Combination effects and potential interactions between ReTain® and other agrochemical products have not been thoroughly tested. Tank-mixing ReTain® with other agrochemical products may reduce the efficacy of ReTain®. • Leaf discoloration can occur in some cultivars at high use rates and shorter application intervals. If unacceptable leaf discoloration is noted, reduce concentration of a.i. in subsequent applications. 		

Table 1 – Parts per Million (ppm) of AVG in Spray Tank at Varying Spray Volumes and Numbers of ReTain® Pouches per Acre

Number of ReTain pouches/A	AVG Parts per Million (ppm) at Specified Gallons per Acre (gpa)					
	90 gpa	100 gpa	150 gpa	200 gpa	250 gpa	300 gpa
1	147 ppm	132 ppm	88 ppm	66.0 ppm	53 ppm	
2			176 ppm	132 ppm	106 ppm	88 ppm
3				198 ppm	159 ppm	132 ppm
4						176 ppm

Each 11.7 oz (333 grams) Pouch/Water soluble bag of ReTain® contains 1.76 ounces (50 grams) of AVG active ingredient (a.i.)

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL
Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.
Pesticide Storage: Store product in a cool and dry place. Avoid extended storage conditions at temperatures above 25°C (77°F).
Pesticide Disposal: Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on-site or at an approved waste disposal facility.
Container Disposal: Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling, if available. Completely empty container into applicable equipment. If recycling is not available dispose of empty container in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

