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Subject: Non-PRIA (Pesticide Registration Improvement Act) Labeling Amendment - Revision to update label language and to add uses for sweet cherry, blueberries and apples for California.  
Product Name: PROTONE SG PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR SOLUBLE GRANULE  
Admin Number: 73049-461  
EPA Receipt Date: 11/25/2024  
Action Case Number: 00638439

Dear Maria Herrero:

The amended labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, is acceptable.

This approval does not affect any terms or conditions that were previously imposed on this registration. You continue to be subject to existing terms or conditions on your registration and any deadlines connected with them.

A stamped copy of your labeling is enclosed for your records. This labeling supersedes all previously accepted labeling. You must submit one (1) copy of the final printed labeling before you release this product for shipment with the new labeling. In accordance with 40 CFR § 152.130(c), you may distribute or sell this product under the previously approved labeling for 18 months from the date of this letter. After 18 months, you may only distribute or sell this product if it bears this new revised labeling or subsequently approved labeling. "To distribute or sell" is defined under FIFRA section 2(gg) and its implementing regulation at 40 CFR § 152.3.

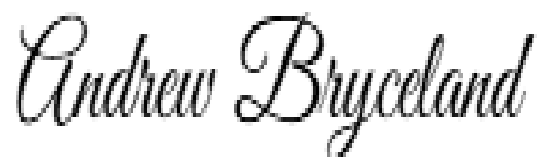
The label submitted with the application has been stamped "Accepted Only Indicated Revisions Reviewed" and is enclosed for your records.

Should you wish to add/retain a reference to your company's website on your label, then please be aware that the website becomes labeling under FIFRA and is subject to review by EPA. If the website is false or misleading, the product will be considered to be misbranded and sale or distribution of the product is unlawful under FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E). 40 CFR § 156.10(a)(5) lists examples of statements the EPA may consider false or misleading. In addition, regardless of whether a website is referenced on your product's label, claims made on the website may not substantially differ from those claims approved through the registration process. Therefore, should the EPA find or if it is brought to our attention that a website contains statements or claims substantially differing from statements or claims made in connection with obtaining a FIFRA section 3 registration, the website will be referred to the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Your release for shipment of this product constitutes acceptance of these terms. If these terms are not complied with, this registration will be subject to cancellation in accordance with FIFRA section 6.

If you have questions, please contact Cecilia Kujawa via email at [kujawa.cecilia@epa.gov](mailto:kujawa.cecilia@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Bryceland". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Andrew Bryceland, Team Leader  
BPB, BPPD  
Office of Pesticide Programs

[Text in brackets [] indicates optional language or language intended for explanatory purposes to facilitate label review. Thus, this language will often not appear on final printed labeling. Also, this page is present (page 1) to delineate sublabels and will not appear on the final printed labeling.]

**PROTONE® SG  
PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR  
SOLUBLE GRANULE**



**ACCEPTED**

**ONLY INDICATED  
REVISIONS REVIEWED**

**02/04/2025**

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and  
Rodenticide Act as amended, for the pesticide  
registered under EPA Reg. No.

**73049-461**

No label revisions other than those indicated were  
reported to the Agency.

**Alternate Brand Names:**

**SugarMax™ SG Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Granule  
VBC-30051G SG Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Granule**

**MASTER LABEL**

Sublabel I: For use on grapes to enhance color development. **For use on blueberry and sweet cherry to increase size.** For use on grapes, apples and pears for thinning, apples to reduce bitter pit and for use on fruit and nut trees and vines for defoliation.

Sublabel II: For use on sugarcane, sugarbeet and potato.

Sublabel III: For use on wheat, barley, rice, field corn and soybeans

**Active Ingredient**

S-Abscisic Acid .....	20.0% w/w
Other Ingredients.....	80.0% w/w
Total.....	100.0% w/w

ProTone SG Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Granule contains a total of 20 g of S-Abscisic acid (S-ABA) in 100 g of product. S-Abscisic acid, commonly known as S-ABA, is a growth regulator found in all plants.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
CAUTION**

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EPA Establishment No. 33762-IA-001

Registrant: Valent BioSciences LLC  
1910 Innovation Way, Suite 100  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
1-800-323-9597

Net Weight: 1.65 lb. (750 grams)

This container will treat 0.4 acres when applied at the maximum label rate.

**ProTone® SG**  
**PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR**  
**SOLUBLE GRANULE**



**FOR USE ON**  
**GRAPES, APPLES, APPLES IN CALIFORNIA. BLUEBERRIES AND SWEET CHERRY**  
**FRUIT AND NUT CROPS (NURSERY AND ORCHARD TREES)**

**[SUB-LABEL I]**

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**CAUTION**

FIRST AID	
If in eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
HOT LINE NUMBER	
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also call toll-free 1-800-892-0099 (24 hours) for emergency medical treatment and/or transport emergency information. For all other information, call 1-847-968-4700.	

This label must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.

[See succeeding panel for First Aid, Precautionary Statements, Storage & Disposal Statements and Directions for Use.]

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## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### HAZARDS TO HUMANS & DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**CAUTION:** Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Chemical Resistant Gloves
- Shoes plus socks.
- Protective eyewear

Follow the 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.

#### User Safety Recommendations

Users should:

- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Do not apply directly to water, or 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 wash-water or rinsate.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the Label. 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 or 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 on this label 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 4 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:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants (or Coveralls).
- Chemical resistant gloves (made of any waterproof material).
- Shoes plus socks.
- Protective eyewear.

## GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR USE

- Use only as directed. Read the label thoroughly and make sure it is understood before making applications.
- Undesired effects can result from any deviations from the label directions in the rates, timings, water volumes, or the adoption of untested spray mixes, when applying ProTone SG Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Granule (hereafter referred to as ProTone SG).
- To prepare the treatment solution, add the required amount of ProTone SG to a spray tank about half-filled with water. Agitate while bringing the total volume of water to the required level. Mix thoroughly with agitation and bypass circulation to completely dissolve the ProTone SG, and then add surfactant. Discard any unused treatment solution at the end of each day following local, state or federal law.
- Where recommended, use a non-ionic surfactant at the final adjuvant concentration directed by the adjuvant manufacturer.

- Do not apply ProTone SG to plants or fruit under stress (e.g., heat, water, disease, insect and nutrient). Injured or stressed plants or fruit will show a reduced response to ProTone SG.
- Do not overhead irrigate treated plants for at least 6 hours following application of ProTone SG.
- Do not apply ProTone SG if rain is expected within 6 hours of application.
- ProTone SG does not require a PHI (S-ABA is exempt from tolerance).

## COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Compatibility and performance data for ProTone SG with other agricultural products is not available.

Do not tank mix ProTone SG with compounds containing copper or iron ions for any use except defoliation. Do not tank mix ProTone SG with any product unless compatibility has been verified. If considering tank mixing ProTone SG with other products use the following **compatibility jar test** before mixing a whole tank:

Add water from the same water source to a clear glass or plastic jar. Add the pesticides in correct proportions. Mix thoroughly and let stand for a minimum of 15 minutes. Separation, gelling, or generation of heat are all signs of incompatibility.

Even if a mix passes the jar test for compatibility, it is imperative to test it on a designated area to evaluate for phytotoxicity or ineffectiveness.

Always read and follow all label directions and precautions of each product. When using combinations of products the most restrictive of label limitations and precautions must be followed. Do not mix with any pesticide that has a prohibition against tank mixing. For further information consult your Valent Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6 VALENT).

## APPLICATIONS, RATES, AND TIMINGS

### ENHANCED COLORATION OF GRAPES:

S-ABA is known to accelerate and enhance the color development of grape berries depending on cultivar, vineyard conditions, and growing region. One or more of the following benefits is often associated with treatment with S-ABA: improved fruit quality as a result of enhanced fruit color, earlier harvest, improved harvest management, and improved pack-out yield.

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Grapes</b> (Table Grapes, Juice Grapes, Wine Grapes)	Enhanced coloration of grapes.  Contact Valent Agricultural Specialist for more information.	<p>Apply ProTone within the period from 1 week before veraison (50 percent of the target fruit has softened) until anticipated harvest of target fruit. Application timing varies depending on the cultivar, vineyard conditions, and grower objectives.</p> <p><b>Spray Applications:</b>            Apply 375 to 1,250 grams of ProTone SG (75 to 250 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform and complete coverage of the grape bunches. In situations where greater color development is desired, use higher rates. Spray volumes ranging from 80 to 200 gallons/A have been shown to be effective when applied under slow drying conditions.</p> <p><u>Early timing:</u>            First application should be made between 1 week before veraison and 3 weeks after veraison. A single application made during this period has been shown to be effective to enhance grape berry color.</p> <p><u>Late timing:</u>            If additional color development is desired, up to three (3) applications of ProTone SG can be used. Multiple applications are expected to improve color on cultivars for which there is an extended period between veraison and harvest</p> <p>Apply to marketable clusters with significant green color. Fruit may need to remain on the vine for 2 to 3 additional weeks for harvestable color to develop. Fruit must be firm at time of application with the potential to remain firm until harvest.</p>
<p><b>Use of Adjuvants:</b>            Use a non-ionic surfactant at the final surfactant concentration directed by the surfactant manufacturer to improve wetting and coverage of grape bunches.</p>		



**Additional Instructions:**

- Optimal ProTone SG rates will vary according to the desired color effect, growing conditions & practices, application technique, environmental conditions, variety & cultivar, plant vigor, vine canopy and crop load. Different varieties or cultivars of the same species respond differently to ProTone SG. For specific variety or cultivar information contact your Valent representative. With increasing temperature and lower humidity consider using the higher rates within the range given in the application rates, remembering not to apply to plants that are under stress.
- Increased coloration of grape berries has been achieved with bunch directed sprays applied by calibrated commercial spray equipment. Apply ProTone SG in a sufficient amount of water to ensure uniform, thorough, but not excessive coverage of the grape bunches. Product efficacy requires that all bunches, and berries within bunches, receive thorough and complete coverage. Adjust spray volumes to achieve thorough coverage based on vine size, spacing, trellis system, vine canopy, and spray equipment.
- Best results will be achieved from applications during the cooler parts of the day or night, avoiding the hottest period of the day. To maximize absorption and optimize product effectiveness, apply ProTone SG under slow drying conditions, e.g., early in the morning, in the evening or night (coolest daily temperatures, medium to high relative humidity, and no wind). Do not make applications during the day or early evening when the fruit is still hot.
- ProTone SG has been shown to enhance the color of grape cultivars that have difficulty developing color and helps increase color of grapes grown in poor coloring areas. However, under very poor color development conditions (e.g., excessively hot day and night temperatures, heavy crop load, poor growing conditions) application of ProTone SG does not always give adequate color development. Serious consideration is to be given, on a block-by-block basis, to any vineyard conditions (elevation, sun exposure, soil texture, growing condition, prevailing or anticipated weather patterns such as high temperature, drought or flood conditions, nutrient levels) or production practices (vine size, vine spacing, vine canopy, crop load, trellis system, pruning) that impact fruit color development.
- Under conditions where color development of grapes is good, (e.g., growing areas with a history of good color development, years in which there is good color development, cultivars that already develop sufficient color), application of ProTone SG will not provide significant additional color or advance the harvest period.
- In most cases color development resulting from ProTone SG application will be visible five to seven days after application.

**THINNING OF GRAPES, APPLES AND PEARS:**

<b>CROP</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT</b>	<b>APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS</b>
<b>Grapes*</b> (Table Grapes, Juice Grapes, Wine Grapes)	For decreased berry set, reduced hand-thinning costs, allow better air circulation to aid in the control of bunch rot, increase light penetration to aid in sugar development, and hastened maturity.	<p>Apply <b>13 to 26.5 oz</b> (375 to 750 grams) of ProTone SG (<b>2.7 – 8.8 oz</b> [75 to 250 grams] of S-ABA) per acre per application. Make one to four applications from first bloom to berry set. When the bloom and set period is extended, subsequent applications can be made at 1 to 7 day intervals. Application timing varies depending on the cultivar, vineyard conditions, and grower objectives.</p> <p>Use bunch directed sprays, or dips, that achieve thorough wetting of the fruiting zone. Bunches need to receive uniform and complete coverage, without significant runoff. The volume required will depend on the trellis system, the vine canopy size and management, and commercial spray equipment used. Volumes ranging from 80 – 200 gallons/A have been shown to be effective when applied under slow drying conditions.</p>
<b>Apples</b>  [Not for use in California]	For early season fruit thinning to selectively remove fruitlet from the tree in order to increase size and quality of retained fruit.	<p>Apply 6.6 to 33.1 ounces (188 to 938 grams) of ProTone SG per acre per application. These rates correspond with 100 to 500 ppm at 100 gal/A spray volume.</p> <p>Make 1-2 applications of ProTone SG when the average diameter of king fruitlets is between 5-20 mm. Direct 80% of the spray into the upper 2/3 of the tree canopy.</p> <p>Generally one application is sufficient for fruit thinning. If a second application is needed to achieve additional thinning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow 7-10 days between applications to observe the effect of the first application.</li> <li>2. Make the second application no later than 20 mm average king bloom fruitlet diameter.</li> </ol>

<b>Apples in California</b>	For early season fruit thinning to selectively remove fruitlet from the tree in order to increase size and quality of retained fruit.	<p>Apply 16.6 to 33.1 ounces (471 to 938 grams) of ProTone SG per acre per application. These rates correspond with 249 to 500 ppm at 100 gal/A spray volume.</p> <p>Make 1-2 applications of ProTone SG when the average diameter of king fruitlets is between 5-20 mm. Direct 80% of the spray into the upper 2/3 of the tree canopy.</p> <p>Generally, one application is sufficient for fruit thinning. If a second application is needed to achieve additional thinning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Allow 7-10 days between applications to observe the effect of the first application.</li><li>2. Make the second application no later than 20 mm average king bloom fruitlet diameter.</li></ol> <p>[Do not use on Golden Delicious apples]</p>
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CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Pears</b>  [Not for use in California]	For early season fruit thinning to remove fruitlets from the tree in order to increase size and quality of retained fruit.	<p>Apply 6.6 to 33.1 ounces (188 to 938 grams) of ProTone SG per acre per application. These rates correspond with 100 to 500 ppm at 100 gal/A spray volume.</p> <p>Use higher rates in well cross-pollinated orchards or varieties that have a history of being difficult to thin.</p> <p>Make 1-2 applications of ProTone SG when the average fruitlet diameter is between 5-20 mm and the weather forecast is favorable for product performance as noted in the additional instructions below.</p> <p>Generally, one application is sufficient for fruit thinning. If a second application is needed to achieve additional thinning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow 7 – 10 days between applications to observe the effect of the first application.</li> <li>2. Make the second application no later than 20 mm average fruitlet diameter.</li> </ol>

#### Additional Instructions:

- Direct 80% of the spray into the upper 2/3 of the tree canopy
- Apply ProTone SG in the morning or evening when conditions are best for slow drying (cooler temperatures and higher humidity), in order to ensure adequate absorption of the product. Avoid application over heavy dew as excessive run-off may occur. Air temperature during application should not exceed 85° F.
- Product performs best at water pH 5 to 7; do not exceed pH 8.5.
- Apply in a sufficient amount of water to ensure thorough coverage without run-off. Use calibrated spray equipment to ensure uniform coverage of leaves and fruit. Adjust water volumes based on tree size and spacing. In many cases, spray volumes of approximately

100 gallons per acre have been shown to be adequate. Excessive water volumes that result in run-off can cause foliar injury.

- Temperatures and weather conditions during application and the following 2 – 3 days can affect product performance. For further information consult your Valent Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6 VALENT).
- For best results, apply when the weather forecast calls for either or both of the following conditions: 2 – 3 consecutive days of significant cloud cover; and/or 2 – 3 consecutive days of daytime high temperatures of at least mid-70's °F for pears or mid 80's °F for apples.
- Use of a nonionic surfactant at the final adjuvant concentration directed by the manufacturer can enhance performance.
- ProTone SG has been shown to be highly synergistic with other thinning agents. Use caution if tank mixing with any other thinning products as over-thinning may result.
- Use of ProTone may result in leaf yellowing and/or leaf drop.

#### ProTone SG Conversion Table:

Grams of ProTone SG	Ounces of ProTone SG	Grams of s-ABA	ppm concentration of s-ABA (at 100 gal/A spray volume)
188	6.6	38	100
375	13.2	75	200
564	19.8	114	300
750	26.5	150	400
938	33.1	188	500

#### REDUCING BITTER PIT INCIDENCE IN APPLE

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Apples</b> [(Not for use in California)]	Reduce the incidence of bitter pit in apples. Bitter pit is a physiological disorder generally associated with calcium deficiencies in the fruit. Bitter pit can be observed within the first few months prior to harvest as well as post-harvest.	Apply 8.8 to 35.3 ounces (250 to 1000 grams) of ProTone SG per acre per application. Do not exceed a total of 282.2 ounces (8000 grams) of ProTone SG per acre per season.  Make 2-8 applications of ProTone SG from early bloom (late pink) to harvest. Allow 7-14 days between applications.

#### Additional Instructions:

- **Water Volume:** ProTone SG 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.
- Do not tank mix ProTone SG with thinners during early season as ProTone SG may increase the thinning efficacy of these products. Avoid using high rates of ProTone SG 1-3 days before or after the use of any other PGR thinner during early season for the same reason. This effect is significantly observed when temperatures are above 65 °F.
- Limited data are available on the use of ProTone SG with other pesticides, therefore, it is recommended not to tank mix with other pesticides, unless you have personal experience with the mixture.
- Some degree of leaf yellowing can occur in some years. This is commonly seen in stressed trees, at high use rates, high temperatures and shorter application intervals.
- Avoid spraying during periods when temperatures are 85 °F or more; especially during the fruit thinning window.

**Use of Adjuvants:**

Use a non-ionic surfactant at the final surfactant concentration directed by the surfactant manufacturer to improve wetting and coverage of fruit.

**FRUIT SIZING IN SWEET CHERRY**

<b>CROP</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT</b>	<b>APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS</b>
<b>Sweet Cherry</b> <b>[(Not for use in California)]</b>	To increase fruit weight and size in sweet cherry	Apply 18 ounces (3.6 oz ai/ac of s-ABA) of ProTone SG per acre..  Make 1 application of ProTone SG in 100 gal/ac of water. Application can be applied to fruit that is half size through to beginning of fruit coloring (BBCH stage 69-81). For optimal results application should be made closer to the coloring stage.

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- Avoid using high rates of ProTone SG 1-3 days before or after the use of any other PGR thinner during early season for the same reason. This effect is significantly observed when temperatures are above 65 °F.

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- Some degree of leaf yellowing can occur in some years. This is commonly seen in stressed trees, at high use rates, high temperatures and shorter application intervals.
- Avoid spraying during periods when temperatures are 85 °F or more; especially during the fruit thinning window.

**Use of Adjuvants:**

Use a non-ionic surfactant at the final surfactant concentration directed by the surfactant manufacturer to improve wetting and coverage of fruit.

## ENHANCED SIZE AND QUALITY OF BLUEBERRIES:

S-ABA is known to enhance the size and weight of blueberries at harvest and to reduce weight loss during storage. Results will vary depending on cultivar, growing conditions, and region. One or more of the following benefits is often associated with treatment with S-ABA: improved berry size and weight at harvest and after storage, higher berry soluble solids concentration at harvest and after storage, reduced variation in fruit quality and maturity at harvest and after storage, and reduced berry transpiration and weight loss during storage.

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Blueberries [Not for use in California]	Enhanced berry size and quality	<p>Make a single application of ProTone between one day and three weeks before the first commercial harvest, as well as between one day and one week before each subsequent commercial harvest.</p> <p><b>Spray Applications:</b> Apply 12.9 to 25.7 ounces (365 to 728 grams) of ProTone SG in 65 gal/A per application. These rates correspond with 300-600 ppm.</p> <p><u>Spray timing:</u> The application should be made between 1 week prior to the first commercial harvest.</p>
<p><b>Use of Adjuvants:</b> Use a non-ionic surfactant at the final surfactant concentration directed by the surfactant manufacturer to improve wetting and coverage of the foliage and berries.</p>		

**Additional Instructions:**

- Optimal ProTone SG rates will vary according to the desired effect, growing conditions and practices, application technique, environmental conditions, variety & cultivar, plant

vigor, vine canopy and crop load. Different varieties or cultivars of the same species respond differently to ProTone SG. With increasing temperature and lower humidity consider using the higher rates within the range given in the application rates, remembering not to apply to plants that are under stress.

- Apply ProTone SG in a sufficient amount of water to ensure uniform, thorough, but not excessive coverage of the foliage and berries. Product efficacy requires that all berries receive thorough and complete coverage. Adjust spray volumes to achieve thorough coverage based on vine size, spacing, vine canopy, and spray equipment.
- Best results will be achieved from applications during the cooler parts of the day or night, avoiding the hottest period of the day. To maximize absorption and optimize product effectiveness, apply ProTone SG under slow drying conditions, e.g., early in the morning, in the evening or night (coolest daily temperatures, medium to high relative humidity, and no wind). Do not make applications during the day or early evening when the fruit is still hot.

#### ENHANCED FRUIT SIZE AND SKIN COLOR OF SWEET CHERRIES:

S-ABA is known to enhance the diameter and improve the color of sweet cherries at harvest. Results will vary depending on cultivar, growing conditions, and region. One or more of the following benefits is often associated with treatment with S-ABA: improved fruit diameter and fresh weight at harvest, and improved fruit red color intensity.

CROP	OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT	APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Sweet Cherry [Not for use in California]	Enhanced fruit size and skin color	<p>Make either one or two applications of ProTone SG between the end of flowering (all petals fallen) and the beginning of fruit coloring (straw color). Best results have been observed with two applications where the first application was made at the end of flowering followed by a second application at the fruit coloring stage.</p> <p><b>Spray Applications:</b> Apply 16.5 to 33.1 ounces (469 to 938 grams) of ProTone SG in 100 gal/A per acre per application. These rates correspond with 250-500 ppm.</p>
<p><b>Use of Adjuvants:</b> Use a non-ionic surfactant at the final surfactant concentration directed by the surfactant manufacturer to improve wetting and coverage of the foliage and fruit.</p>		



**Additional Instructions:**

- Optimal ProTone SG rates and number of applications will vary according to the desired sizing and coloring effect, growing conditions & practices, application technique, environmental conditions, variety & cultivar, plant vigor, tree canopy and crop load. Different varieties or cultivars of the same species respond differently to ProTone SG. Do not apply to plants that are under stress.
- Apply ProTone SG in a sufficient amount of water to ensure uniform, thorough, but not excessive coverage of the foliage and fruit. Adjust spray volumes to achieve thorough coverage based on tree size, spacing, canopy size and density, and spray equipment.
- Best results will be achieved from applications during the cooler parts of the day or night, avoiding the hottest period of the day. To maximize absorption and optimize product effectiveness, apply ProTone SG under slow drying conditions, e.g., early in the morning, in the evening or night (coolest daily temperatures, medium to high relative humidity, and no wind). Do not make applications during the day or early evening when the fruit is still hot.

**DEFOLIATION OF FRUIT AND NUT TREES AND VINES**

**Nursery operations** are challenged to completely defoliate trees prior to digging/lifting activities in the fall. S-ABA has been shown to hasten natural leaf senescence and abscission when applied as a foliar spray in combination with other defoliating materials before dormancy.

**In established orchards**, where the rapid onset of winter can interrupt the normal senescence and drop of leaves and the progression into dormancy, vigorous trees (particularly new plantings) can be damaged. The use of S-ABA can accelerate leaf abscission and prepare trees for dormancy when applied together with other defoliating materials.

<b>CROP</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT</b>	<b>APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS</b>
<b>Fruit and nut trees and vines</b> (in nursery and under orchard conditions) [Not for use in California]	For acceleration of leaf senescence and abscission	<p>Make 1-2 foliar applications of ProTone SG in combination with other defoliating materials in late fall before the onset of dormancy when defoliation is required. Allow 7-14 days between applications to observe the effect of the first application.</p> <p><b>Application rates:</b> Apply 16.5 to 66.1 ounces (469 to 1,875 grams) of ProTone SG per acre per application. These rates correspond with 250 to 1,000 ppm at 100 gal/A spray volume. Use higher rates on varieties that are typically difficult to defoliate with standard methods. Spray volumes ranging from 50 – 200 gallons/A can be used.</p>

**Additional Instructions:**

- ProTone SG has been shown to improve the effectiveness of other defoliating agents when applied in a tank mix.
- Apply in a sufficient amount of water to ensure thorough coverage without excessive run-off. Use calibrated spray equipment to ensure uniform coverage of leaves. Adjust water volumes based on tree size and spacing. Hydraulic sprayers equipped with drop nozzles are recommended for use in nursery defoliation.
- Addition of surfactants has been shown to improve defoliation.
- Frost event(s) following applications of ProTone will increase defoliation.
- For further information consult your Valent Agricultural Specialist (1-800-6 VALENT)

**CONVERSION TABLE**

<b>Grams of ProTone SG</b>	<b>Ounces of ProTone SG</b>	<b>Grams of S- ABA</b>	<b>ppm concentration of S-ABA (at 100 gal/A spray volume)</b>
188	6.6	38	100
375	13.2	75	200
469	16.5	94	250
564	19.8	114	300
750	26.5	150	400
938	33.1	188	500
1000	35.3	200	533
1250	44.1	250	667
1500	52.9	300	800
1875	66.1	375	1,000

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**PROTONE® SG PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR  
SOLUBLE GRANULE**



**ALTERNATE BRAND NAME:  
SUGARMAX™ SG PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR SOLUBLE GRANULE**

**FOR USE ON SUGARCANE, SUGARBEET, POTATO  
[SUB-LABEL II]**

**Active Ingredient**

S-Abscisic Acid .....	20.0% w/w
Other Ingredients.....	80.0% w/w
Total.....	100.0% w/w

ProTone SG Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Granule contains a total of 20 g of S-Abscisic acid (S-ABA) in 100 g of product. S-Abscisic acid, commonly known as S-ABA, is a growth regulator found in all plants.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
CAUTION**

<b>FIRST AID</b>	
If in eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>HOT LINE NUMBER</b>	
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EPA Registration No. 73049-461  
EPA Establishment No. 33762-IA-001

Registrant: Valent BioSciences LLC  
1910 Innovation Way, Suite 100  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
1-800-323-9597

Net Weight: 1.65 lb. (750 grams)

This container will treat 30 acres when applied at the maximum label rate.

## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### HAZARDS TO HUMANS & DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**CAUTION:** Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Chemical Resistant Gloves
- Shoes plus socks.
- Protective eyewear

Follow the 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.

#### User Safety Recommendations

Users should:

- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Do not apply directly to water, or 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 wash-water or rinsate.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

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**AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS**

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Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted entry interval (REI) of 4 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:

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants (or Coveralls).
- Chemical resistant gloves (made of any waterproof material).
- Shoes plus socks.
- Protective eyewear.

**GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

- Use only as directed. Read the label thoroughly and make sure it is understood before making applications.
- Undesired effects can result from any deviations from the label directions in the rates, timings, or the adoption of untested spray mixes, when applying ProTone® SG Plant Growth Regulator Soluble Granule (hereafter referred to as ProTone SG).
- To prepare the treatment solution, add the required amount of ProTone SG to a spray tank about half-filled with water. Agitate while bringing the total volume of water to the required level. Mix thoroughly with agitation and bypass circulation to completely dissolve the

ProTone SG, and then add surfactant. Discard any unused treatment solution at the end of each day following local, state or federal law.

- Where recommended, use a non-ionic surfactant at the final adjuvant concentration directed by the adjuvant manufacturer.
- Do not apply ProTone SG to plants under stress (e.g., heat, water, disease, insect and nutrient). Injured or stressed plants will show a reduced response to ProTone SG.
- Do not apply ProTone SG if rain is expected within 6 hours of application.
- ProTone SG does not require a PHI (S-ABA is exempt from tolerance).
- Best results will be achieved from applications during the cooler parts of the day or night, avoiding the hottest period of the day. To maximize absorption and optimize product effectiveness, apply ProTone SG under slow drying conditions, e.g., early in the morning, in the evening or night (coolest daily temperatures, medium to high relative humidity, and no wind).

#### **APPLICATION, RATES AND TIMING:**

Sugarcane [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on sugarcane results in increased sugar yield.	Apply ProTone SG 8-2 weeks before harvest.  Apply 0.14 to 1.4 ounces of ProTone SG (0.8 to 8.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage
Sugarbeet [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on sugarbeet results in increased yield.	Apply ProTone SG from the 6-leaf stage of growth through 4-weeks before harvest. Apply 0.14 to 1.8 ounces of ProTone SG (0.8 to 10.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage.  Up to five (5) applications of ProTone SG can be made. Multiple applications are expected to improve yield in varieties and under growing conditions for which there is an extended beet formation. Subsequent applications should be made at 5 to 14-day intervals.

Potato  [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on potato results in increased yield.	<p>Apply ProTone SG from tuber set/initiation (Growth Stage 3) through tuber bulking (Growth Stage 4). Apply 0.14 to 1.8 ounces of ProTone SG (0.8 to 10.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage.</p> <p>Up to three (3) applications of ProTone SG can be made. Multiple applications are expected to improve yield in varieties and under growing conditions for which there is an extended tuber formation. Subsequent applications should be made at 5 to 14-day intervals.</p>
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## **STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

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**PROTONE® SG PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR  
SOLUBLE GRANULE**

**ALTERNATE BRAND NAME:  
VBC-30051G SG PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR SOLUBLE GRANULE**

**FOR USE ON WHEAT, BARLEY, RICE, FIELD CORN, SOYBEAN**

**[SUB-LABEL III]**

Active Ingredient	
S-Absciscic Acid .....	20.0% w/w
Other Ingredients.....	80.0% w/w
Total.....	100.0% w/w

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- ProTone SG does not require a PHI (S-ABA is exempt from tolerance).

#### **APPLICATION, RATES AND TIMING:**

<b>CROP</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE / BENEFIT</b>	<b>APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS</b>
Rice  [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on rice increases carbohydrate flow to the inferior spikelets of the rice panicle, resulting in improved grain fill.	<p>Apply ProTone SG flag leaf emergence to mid-grain fill. Application timing may vary depending on the variety, field conditions, and grower objectives.</p> <p>Apply 0.14 to 0.88 ounces (4.0 to 25.0 grams) of ProTone SG (0.8 to 5.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage. In situations where greater grain fill development is desired, use higher rates.</p> <p>If additional grain fill is desired in the inferior panicles, up to three (3) applications of ProTone SG can be made. Multiple applications are expected to improve grain fill in varieties and under growing conditions for which there is an extended period of flowering. Subsequent applications should be made at 5 to 10-day intervals depending on the length of the flowering period.</p>
Wheat & Barley (spring or winter)  [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on wheat and barley results in improved grain fill and increased yield.	<p>Apply ProTone SG from flag leaf to early grain fill.</p> <p>Apply 0.14 to 0.88 ounces of ProTone SG (0.8 to 5.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage. In situations where greater grain fill development is desired, use higher rates.</p>

Corn  [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on corn results in improved grain fill and increased yield.	Apply ProTone SG at V4 to R3 growth stage of corn.  Apply 0.14 to 0.88 ounces of ProTone SG (0.8 to 5.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage
Soybeans  [Not for use in California]	Application of ProTone SG on soybean results in improved grain fill and increased yield.	Apply ProTone SG at V4 to R6 growth stage of soybean.  Apply 0.14 to 0.88 ounces of ProTone SG (0.8 to 5.0 grams of S-ABA) per acre as a spray solution in a sufficient volume to achieve uniform coverage

**Additional Notes:**

- Apply VBC-30507 in the morning or evening when conditions are best for slow drying (cooler temperatures and higher humidity), to ensure adequate absorption of the product.
- For foliar applications, use sufficient spray volume to ensure complete coverage of plants.
- Use of a non-ionic surfactant at the final surfactant concentration directed by the surfactant manufacturer to improved wetting and coverage of plant.
- Ensure pH of the spray solution is between 4.0 to 6.0.

**CONVERSION TABLE**

Grams of ProTone SG	Ounces of ProTone SG	Grams of S-ABA	ppm concentration of S-ABA (at 20 gal/A spray volume)
4.0	0.14	0.8	11
25.0	0.88	5.0	66
40.0	1.4	8.0	106
50.0	1.8	10.0	132

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