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## **Syngenta and DuPont sign corn insecticide seed treatment agreement for North America**

Syngenta and DuPont today announced a multi-year agreement for DuPont business Pioneer Hi-Bred to use Syngenta Cruiser® as its preferred mid-rate insecticide seed treatment for early season foliar and soil pest protection, on corn seed products sold in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

“This agreement is further evidence of the quality of Syngenta’s innovative seed care products” said Valdemar Fischer, Head of Syngenta Crop Protection NAFTA. “More growers will be able to experience improved corn vigor, yield and quality.”

“Pioneer is dedicated to helping its customers maximize the greatest genetic potential of each seed,” said Alejandro Munoz, vice president, sales, Pioneer. “Offering the latest seed technologies is one way to help our customers succeed.”

Cruiser® protects against a wide range of economically important insect pests, and delivers improved plant performance. The product is used on more than 20 crops including corn, soybean, oilseed rape and sugar beet and is registered in 81 countries.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2007 were approximately \$9.2 billion. Syngenta employs over 21,000 people in more than 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com).

Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont business, is the world's leading source of customized solutions for farmers, livestock producers and grain and oilseed processors. With headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, Pioneer provides access to advanced plant genetics in nearly 70 countries.

DuPont is a science-based products and services company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture and food; building and construction; communications; and transportation.

For additional information about our company or our products, check our worldwide website: [www.dupont.com](http://www.dupont.com) and [www.pioneer.com](http://www.pioneer.com).

*Cruiser<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of a Syngenta Group Company.*

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