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METTLE™ 125 ME receives California registration, other states pending

Morrisville, N.C. (May 22, 2009) - METTLE™ 125 ME fungicide is now registered with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, paving the way for a full introduction in the Golden State in 2009, where it is targeted for use on grapes. Mettle is registered in Oregon, Washington, Ohio and Michigan and is pending in New York and other states.

Manufactured and marketed by Isagro USA, METTLE contains the highly active ingredient tetraconazole. This broad-spectrum fungicide belongs to the Sterol Biosynthesis Inhibitor (SBI) class but contains a “tetrafluoroethoxy” group which is unique within the SBI class. This group provides highly systemic properties resulting in improved fungicidal action compared to other SBI compounds.

With both preventive and post-infection activity and low active ingredient content to high performance ratio, METTLE provides outstanding and consistent control of targeted diseases including powdery mildew, at lower application rates than other SBI products.

Tetraconazole is registered in more than 50 countries. This market leader is used extensively worldwide for disease control in many crops.

Advanced ME Formulation

METTLE is formulated as a microemulsion (ME) giving it faster penetration and superior coverage characteristics and is rainfast within 2 hours. This advanced formulation is easy to use and convenient to handle.

Other key benefits of METTLE include:

- Effective and long lasting control
- Excellent crop safety
- Broad application window
- Rainfast in two hours
- Lowest active ingredient use rate of any SBI available for use in grapes
- Low dosing means better safety profile for operator and environment



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METTLE fungicide has been extensively tested for several years by leading researchers in California, New York, Ohio and Oregon.

“METTLE has performed equally well to newer DMI’s, quinolines and combination products in our field trials over the past three years. It’s exciting to have another product that will allow growers to rotate products for resistance management.”

Doug Gubler

Extension Plant Pathologist

UC Davis

“During the past three years I have tested METTLE in my trials in Madera, California. Various rates and combinations have been tested and the 4-5 oz rate has consistently performed very well. In fact, in all the trials where it has been tested, I have found METTLE to be equal in performance to any material tested whether alone or in alternation with other materials for season long control of powdery mildew. I would strongly recommend METTLE in alternation with other classes of materials such as the strobilurins and quinolines as part of an overall resistance management strategy.”

George Leavitt

Le Vit Ag. Consulting and Research

For more information about METTLE™ 125 ME fungicide and other Isagro USA crop protection products visit the Isagro USA website at www.Isagro-usa.com.

Isagro USA, Inc. is headquartered in Morrisville, NC (Research Triangle Park) and is a subsidiary of Isagro SpA, based in Milan, Italy. Isagro SpA is a global discoverer, manufacturer, formulator and marketer of crop protection products.