

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
October 17, 2005

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**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of October 2005

Commission File Number: 001-15152

**SYNGENTA AG**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Schwarzwaldallee 215**

**4058 Basel**

**Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: □Syngenta obtains first regulatory approval for Axial™□

Filed herewith is a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release follows:

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**Media Release**

## **Syngenta obtains first regulatory approval for Axial□**

**Basel, Switzerland, 17 October 2005**

Syngenta announced today that its new cereal herbicide, Axial, has received its first registration in the UK, one of the most important markets for cereals in Europe. Further registrations in other major cereal markets are anticipated in time for the 2006 season. Axial is expected to achieve peak global sales of at least \$150 million.

Axial provides outstanding control of a broad spectrum of grass weeds, unprecedented crop safety in both wheat and barley, and flexible application timing in both autumn and spring.

John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer, Syngenta Crop Protection, said: □This registration further strengthens our broad product range for cereal farmers. Axial will set new standards in grass weed control and is one of the eight important products in our crop protection pipeline expected to be launched by 2012□.

The global cereal herbicide market is estimated at close to \$2.5 billion.

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 2004 were approximately \$7.3 billion. Syngenta employs some 20,000 people in over 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).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SYNGENTA AG

Date: October 17, 2005

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

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Name: Daniel Michaelis  
Title: Senior Corporate Counsel

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

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Name: Christoph Mäder  
Title: General Counsel

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