

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
March 23, 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 March 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: Following Syngenta-initiated investigation of unintended corn release, EPA und USDA conclude existing food safety clearance applies, no human health or environmental concerns

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

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## Media Release

# **Following Syngenta-initiated investigation of unintended corn release, EPA and USDA conclude existing food safety clearance applies, no human health or environmental concerns**

**Washington, DC (USA), 21 March 2005**

During advanced testing, Syngenta recently discovered an unintended event, Bt10, in a small number of its corn breeding lines used primarily for pre-commercial development. The Bt protein produced by these lines is identical to that produced by the commercialized, fully approved Bt11 varieties. Therefore, there is no change to the food, health and environmental profile of the corn.

Upon this discovery, Syngenta immediately informed the EPA, FDA and USDA. These regulatory agencies have also confirmed the food, feed and environmental safety of Bt10. All current plantings and seed stock containing this material have been identified and destroyed or otherwise contained.

Syngenta's insect resistant European corn borer product Bt11 was approved for cultivation and food use in 1996 in the United States and for food and feed use in Japan in 1996 and the EU in 1998.

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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 19,000 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: March 23, 2005

By: /s/ Damian Heller

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Name: Damian Heller  
Title: Company Secretary

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

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Name: Daniel Michaelis  
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