



## News Release

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### Protecting pollinators, supporting bee keepers

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**Monheim, September 15, 2011** – Bees and other pollinators are essential for food production. Many bee colonies are threatened by the parasitic *Varroa* mite and harmful viruses. Bee keepers need innovative ways to reduce the prevalence of bee pests and diseases.

Bayer has been a Bee Health Company for more than 25 years, providing effective treatments for the control of the *Varroa* mite in many countries. Bayer partners with bee keepers and bee scientists to better understand the intricacies of bee health. Bayer is collaborating with farmers, breeders, retailers, regulators and politicians to help ensure proper use of its products and minimize bee issues in agriculture. The company is continuing its research into new opportunities to control bee pests and diseases.

Bee keepers will benefit from Purnate™, an innovative product for the selective control of the *Varroa* mite in bees. New technologies like the *Varroa Gate* can avoid the reinfestation of the *Varroa* mite in bee hives, which lead to improved bee health. Agriculture benefits through the responsible and appropriate use of insecticides will further reduce bee incidents.

#### **About Bayer CropScience**

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