

## **FRUIT AND NUT TREE ORCHARDS (DORMANT) - POCKET GOPHERS - HAND BAITING**

### General Information

#### ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSIDERATION

Notice: The use of this product may pose a hazard to Federally designated endangered/ threatened species. It is a Federal offense to use any pesticide in a manner that results in the death of a member of an endangered species. Consult the nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional office or the appropriate State Agency for current information on habitats occupied by endangered species.

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*). Do not use this product in habitats occupied or occasionally visited by whooping cranes during the period from 30 days before the expected arrival of cranes to 30 days after the time of their usual departure.

Black-footed Ferret (*Mustela nigripes*). Do not use this product within 7 kilometers (4.34 miles) of any prairie dog town to limit risks to the black-footed ferret from exposure to Zinc Phosphide or destruction of its prey base, unless the colony is an isolated black-tailed prairie dog town less than 80 acres in size or an isolated white-tailed prairie dog town less than 200 acres in size, or unless the town had been appropriately surveyed, using methods acceptable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and found by the FWS not to be suitable site for ferret reintroductions.

Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) and Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*). Unless the local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office has determined that there are no gray wolves or grizzly bears in the general vicinity of bait applications in Montana and Wyoming, do not apply this product outdoors within occupied habitat of these species.

Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*). Do not use this product in the present occupied range of the Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken in the following counties: Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, DeWitt, Ft. Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Hays, Refugio, Victoria, Waller, and Wharton (Texas).

Yellow-Shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius xanthomus*) and Puerto Rican Plain Pigeon (*Columba inornata wetmorei*). This product must not be used in the following areas in Puerto Rico except in tamper-proof bait boxes:

(1) within 6.3 miles (10 kilometers) of Central Aquirre, Lago Cidra, Ceiba, San German

(2) within 9.4 miles (15 kilometers) of La Esperanza, south of Highway 2 from city of Mayaguez to the city of Ponce and all Mona Island

Utah Prairie Dog (*Cynomys parvidens*). Do not use this product in critical habitat of the Utah Prairie Dog (Utah).

Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*). Do not use this product in critical habitat within 0.5 miles of salt marsh vegetation and/or brackish water wetlands which are located: 1) near or adjacent to San Pablo Bay and San Francisco Bay, or 2) in the Sacramento River below or adjacent to confluence of the Sacramento River and the San Joaquin River (California)

Morro Bay Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys heermanni morroensis*). Do not use this product in critical habitat within 2.5 miles of Baywood Park which is located on Morro Bay (California)

Giant Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys ingrens*). Follow the Interim Measures for protecting endangered species in the California Endangered Species Bulletin for the following California counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Tulare (California)

Tipton Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*). Follow the Interim Measures for protecting endangered species in the California Endangered Species Bulletin for the following California counties: Kern, Kings and Tulare (California)

Fresno Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides exilis*). Follow the Interim Measures for protecting endangered species in the California Endangered Species Bulletin for the following California counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera and Merced (California)

Stephan's Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys stephens*). Follow the Interim Measures for protecting endangered species in the California Endangered Species Bulletin for the following California counties: San Bernardino, San Diego and Riverside (California)

San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*). Follow the Interim Measures for protecting endangered species in the California Endangered Species Bulletin for the following California counties: San Bernardino and Riverside (California)

Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus brunneus brunneus*). Do not use this product within 0.5 miles in critical habitat of the Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel in Adams and Valley counties, Idaho.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

**READ THIS LABEL:** Read this entire label and follow all use directions and use precautions. Use only for the sites, pests, and application methods described on this label.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

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POCKET GOPHERS

**USE RESTRICTIONS:** For control of plains pocket gophers (*Geomys bursarius*), southeastern pocket gophers (*G. pinetis*), yellow-faced pocket gophers (*Pappogeomys castanops*) and pocket gophers (*Thomomys* spp.) in pome fruit (apple, pear), stone fruit (peach, cherry, apricot, plum, prune, nectarine) and nut tree orchards (almonds, walnuts, pistachios, pecans, filberts). Bait must be applied directly into pocket gopher's underground burrow systems or into underground tunnels created by burrow-builder machines. Do not apply bait above ground. Apply only after fall harvest (including drops), before new spring growth and when no rain or snow is expected for three consecutive days. Do not graze animals in treated areas.

**HAND BAITING:** Follow the directions indicated below to locate and treat pocket

gophers' burrow systems.

Locating Underground Runways: Use a specially designed gopher probe, a metal rod, a strong smooth stick, or other suitable implement to probe the ground 10 to 15 inches away from fan-shaped gopher mounds. Begin probing on the flat side of the fan. When the main runway has been entered, the probe will drop about 2 inches due to decreased resistance from soil.

Applying Bait to Runways: Using a long-handled spoon or mechanical probe, drop one teaspoon (4 grams) of bait into the main runway at each baited point. Cover the opening with sod, a rock, or soil to exclude light. Take care not to cover bait with soil. Depending upon mound density, make two to five bait placements per burrow system. Recover and bury all spilled bait. Applied in this manner, one pound of bait will treat one to eight acres, depending upon the number of pocket gopher burrow systems present.

Method

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Timings

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