

News Alert

Versys® insecticide now delivers apple dimpling bug control to Australian pome fruit growers

- **Versys insecticide, a Group 9D mode of action, delivers effective apple dimpling bug control at low use rates**
- **Rapid feeding cessation helps minimise crop damage and protect fruit quality**
- **Strong fit within Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs, with low risk to beneficial insects and pollinators when used according to label directions**

Melbourne, Australia – 18 August 2026 – Australian apple and pear growers now have a new option for managing apple dimpling bug in pome fruit, following approval by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) of a label extension for Versys insecticide.

Already established across a range of horticultural crops, Versys delivers effective apple dimpling bug control at low use rates through its unique Group 9D mode of action, supporting insecticide resistance management. By rapidly stopping feeding activity of apple dimpling bug, Versys significantly reduces damage during critical stages of crop development.

“Apple dimpling bug can have a significant impact on fruit quality, damaging fruit and causing deformities. We’re pleased to bring Versys to the pome fruit market, providing growers with effective control during flowering and a strong fit within Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs,” said Parvana Wali, Head of Agricultural Solutions, BASF Australia and New Zealand.

Suitable for use in pome fruit during flowering, a critical stage for crop development and pollination, Versys offers flexible application timing during a period when apple dimpling bugs are most active. Its low risk to beneficial insects and pollinators, when used according to label directions, makes it an ideal addition to IPM programs.

This registration further demonstrates BASF's commitment to delivering innovative crop protection solutions that help growers protect crop quality and maximise productivity.

For more information on Versys insecticide, contact your local BASF representatives or visit the BASF Agricultural Solutions website [here](#).

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