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**Media Release**

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**New Agrisure Viptera™ corn trait to revolutionize pest control**

Syngenta Seeds Canada, Inc. will soon release a powerful new broad-spectrum pest-control trait that can save Canadian corn growers millions of dollars in lost yield and grain quality. Full Canadian approval has now been granted for the **Agrisure Viptera trait**, which protects yield, profit potential and grain quality from the Multi-Pest Complex™ of lepidopteran corn pests. The new trait solidifies the NK® Brand position as a leader in advanced corn trait technologies.

The Multi-Pest Complex includes black cutworm, Western bean cutworm, corn earworm and stalk borer, as well as sugarcane borer and fall armyworm. In North America, infestation results in more than \$1.1 billion in annual losses in yield and grain quality<sup>1</sup>. **Agrisure Viptera** is a built-in trait that offers effective season-long protection from the entire Multi-Pest Complex.

"Lepidopteran pests are responsible for yield losses across North America, and **Agrisure Viptera** marks a breakthrough in efforts to protect and increase yield potential in the face of this threat," says Crop Manager David Townsend. "This trait will bring peace of mind to corn growers who could experience significant losses without it."

When stacked with the **Agrisure® 3000GT triple stack**, **Agrisure Viptera** will offer convenient and effective in-seed protection against the Multi-Pest Complex, corn borer and rootworm as well as provide excellent tolerance to glyphosate and glufosinate herbicides.

"Syngenta Seeds and NK Brand are proud to lead the response to the Multi-Pest Complex threat with this revolutionary technology, delivered through NK hybrids well adapted for Canadian corn production," says Marketing Manager Ron Taylor. "Western bean cutworm, in particular, is a relatively new pest with growing economic concerns for Canadian Corn Producers. We're confident that **Agrisure Viptera** will make a substantial difference to the way growers approach pest control, and ultimately, to their bottom line."

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<sup>1</sup> Sources: Census 2007 USDA, USDA Risk Management Agency's internal indemnity database. Aflatoxin Center of Excellence of the South, Syngenta Entomology Research.

Note: Pending all remaining regulatory and key import approvals, hybrids featuring the Agrisure Viptera 3111 trait stack are anticipated to be available for planting in spring 2011.

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