

News Release



BASF Empress Intrinsic brand fungicide approved for use in California

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Supplemental label provides California growers with effective drench fungicide for disease control and plant health

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, May 11, 2015 – BASF today announced that **Empress® Intrinsic®** brand fungicide received supplemental labeling for use on herbaceous and woody plants in greenhouse, nursery container and field production in California.

Empress Intrinsic brand fungicide provides protection against the four major root and crown disease pathogens – *fusarium*, *phytophthora*, *pythium* and *rhizoctonia*. Research shows Intrinsic brand fungicides control the broadest range of ornamental diseases while improving plant resilience to quality-reducing stresses that commonly occur during commercial production, handling, and transportation.

"More and more growers across the country are discovering the benefits of **Empress Intrinsic** brand fungicide treatments at propagation for rooted plugs, cuttings and seedlings, and in drench applications on transplants during the production cycle to protect against the major root diseases," said Joe Lara, senior product manager for BASF ornamentals. "A BASF fungicide program utilizing **Pageant® Intrinsic** and **Empress Intrinsic** brand fungicides provides growers with a foundation for broad spectrum disease protection, effective resistance management, application flexibility, and a stronger defense against plant-damaging stresses – results that produce the highest quality ornamental plants the market ultimately chooses."

Labeled use sites for **Empress Intrinsic** and **Pageant Intrinsic** brand fungicide include greenhouses, lathhouses and shadehouses, interiorscapes, outdoor nurseries (field and container) and retail nurseries.

For more information, visit IntrinsicPlantHealth.com or BetterPlants.basf.us.

About BASF's Crop Protection division

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