

# Siesta™

Insecticide Fire Ant Bait



## Keep fire ants off your turf.

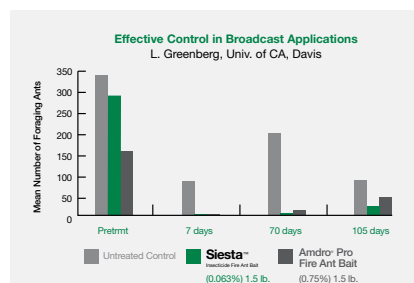
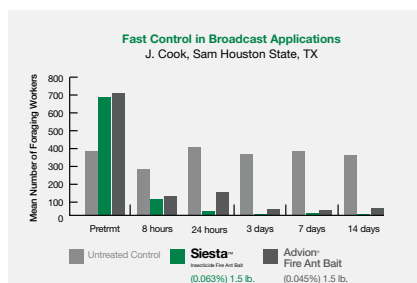
### Fast, effective and affordable.

**Siesta™ Insecticide Fire Ant Bait**, with the active ingredient metaflumizone, delivers fast and long-lasting control of native and imported fire ants.

Metaflumizone belongs to the IRAC (Insecticide Resistance Action Committee) Mode of Action Chemical Group, 22B.

**Siesta** is the only sodium blocker insecticide (SCBI) that does not require metabolism for bioactivation. It acts in the insect's nervous system, where it blocks the voltage-dependent sodium neuron channel. As a result, these neurons are inactivated, causing the ant to enter a state described as "relaxed paralysis," or a siesta.

The direct effects are that **Siesta Insecticide Fire Ant Bait** causes the cessation of feeding, increasing levels of immobility, and ultimately, ant death.



**Use Sites:** Residential turfgrass and ornamental landscapes, commercial and industrial areas, school grounds and recreational areas, athletic fields, cemeteries, airports, roadsides, perimeters of hospitals, nursing homes, warehouses, noncrop/nongrazed areas, production field and container nurseries (around greenhouses), sod farms and golf courses. *For more sites, consult label.*

**Formulation:** 0.063% metaflumizone active on corn grit bait

**Packaging:** 25 lb. bag and 4 × 2 lb. jug/case

**Active Ingredient:** Metaflumizone

**Chemical Family:** Semicarbazone

**Mode of Action:** Voltage-dependent sodium channel neuron blocker, IRAC Group 22B

**Behavior in Ants:** **Siesta Insecticide Fire Ant Bait** acts primarily through ant ingestion with limited contact activity. Feeding cessation begins quickly, within 15 minutes to 12 hours of ant recruitment of the bait. Insect death normally occurs within 72 hours.

**Use Rates:** 1.0–1.5 lb./A applied broadcast to the area. Or, for use in mound treatments using 1.0–2.0 oz. (2–4 level tablespoons) around the mound. Do not apply more than 6.0 lb. of product per acre per year or four applications.

**Signal Word:** CAUTION

**REI:** None for non-WPS uses.  
12 hr. (for agricultural uses such as nurseries and sod farms)

**PPE:** Long-sleeved shirt and long pants, waterproof gloves, shoes plus socks.



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### General Care and Storage of Siesta Insecticide Fire Ant Bait

- Store in cool, dry, secure place, and keep container tightly closed
- **Unopened** – stable shelf life of two years
- **Opened** – use within three months
- Avoid storing at high temperatures, >95° F, for long periods
- Store container away from children and pets

### Keys to Success

**Siesta Insecticide Fire Ant Bait** is best applied as a broadcast treatment where foraging ants and mounds that remain hidden or unnoticed receive coverage. Broadcast treatments can be applied to the area using a hand spreader, backpack, or push-type spreader. For larger acreage, spreaders can be attached to an ATV, truck or tractor to allow for even coverage. Calibrate spreader prior to use to apply a rate of 1.0–1.5 lb./A.

See suggested spreader settings.

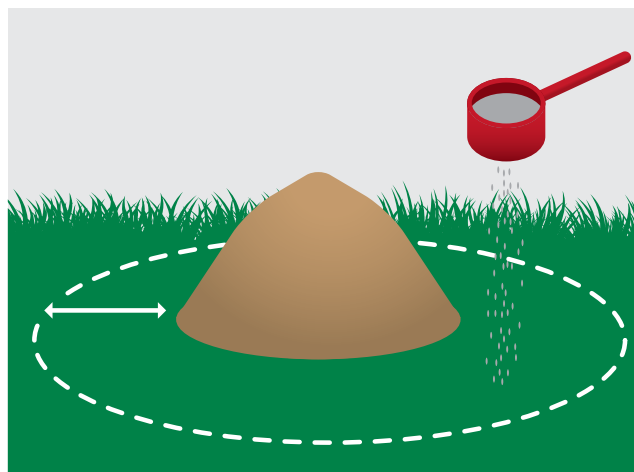
- Best applied at first sign of fire ant activity
- Best applied in temperatures above 60° F, when ants are actively foraging
- Best applied in early morning (no dew) or late in the afternoon
- DO NOT water in granules after application
- DO NOT apply when the ground is saturated with water

### Suggested Spreader Settings for Broadcast Applications\*

Broadcast spreaders	Setting
Scotts® SpeedyGreen® 2000	6.5
Scotts® SpeedyGreen® 3000	6.0
Sta-Green® 4500	5.5
Vigoro® 4300	5.0
Craftsman® Model 486.19710	4.5
EZ Spread Model SB5500 (Precision Products Inc.)	5.0
Drop spreaders	Setting
Scotts® AccuGreen® 1000	8.0
Scotts® AccuGreen® 2000 or Scotts® AccuGreen® 3000	8.5
Hand-held spreaders	Setting
Scotts® HandyGreen® II	3.5
Earthway EV-N-SPRED® Model 2700-A	3.0
Ortho® Whirlybird®	3.0

\* Spreader settings given are approximate and variation can occur between identical models. Calibrate spreader by weighing a few pounds into your spreader and applying to a measured area. If necessary, adjust spreader setting to ensure correct rate of application.

### Siesta Insecticide Fire Ant Bait allows for application flexibility with mound treatments



- Distribute product 3'–4' around the mound
- Use 2–4 level tablespoons as the rate per mound
- Do NOT disturb the mound
- Mound applications are made **around** the perimeter of the mound and **not on the mound**

Retreatment with **Siesta Insecticide Fire Ant Bait** is on an as-needed basis and is influenced by environmental conditions and ant/mound populations. Read and follow all label directions when making the reapplication.

If heavy rainfall occurs within 12 hours of application, bait treatment can be affected. Check ant mounds and foraging ant activity within seven days to determine if bait resulted in good ant control. If needed, apply a contact insecticide such as Prescription Treatment® brand Cy-Kick® CS to the mounds.

Always read and follow label directions.

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