

# Exterior Barn Treatments for Animal Production

WITH TAURUS<sup>®</sup> SC

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW TO USE TAURUS SC AROUND PRODUCTION ANIMAL STRUCTURES.



#### **INTRODUCTION**

This ebook contains comprehensive information to effectively using Taurus SC around production animal structures.

#### WHAT IS TAURUS SC?

Taurus SC is a powerful insecticide containing the active ingredient, fipronil. Fipronil is a neurotoxin belonging to the phenylpyrazole insecticide class. It works as a GABA-gated chloride channel blocker, leading to hyperexcitation of muscles, paralysis, and death of the insect.

#### **PRODUCT FORMULATION**

Taurus SC is a suspension concentrate (SC) where a solid active ingredient is dispersed in water, resulting in a white, milky formulation. It is available in 20 oz, 78 oz, and 2.5-gallon bottles.

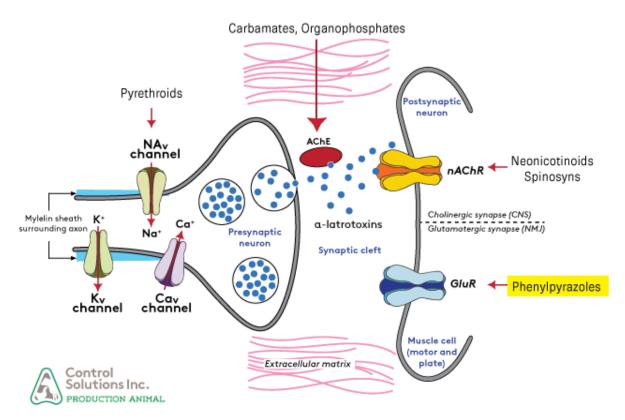
#### **MODE OF ACTION**

Fipronil blocks the inhibitory neurotransmitter GABA, preventing it from

stopping signals transmitted to the glutamate receptor. This results in hyper-excitation, paralysis, and death of the insect.

#### **APPLICATION SITES**

Taurus SC can only be applied to the **exterior** of commercial and industrial buildings, including animal production facilities. It can be used pre- and post-construction to slabs and injected as a foam into wall voids.



## FIPRONIL: Mode of Action

# EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS

### **APPLICATION TECHNIQUES**

When applying Taurus SC, use a coarse spray or large droplet size. The application rate is 0.8 oz/gal of water, covering 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> with 1.5 gallons of solution. Apply Taurus SC 1 foot up and 1 foot out from the foundation and 18 inches around any openings.

## **CALCULATION EXAMPLE**

# 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Barn

**Sq. Ft. Rounded Total:** Total is 5,160 ft<sup>2</sup>, accounting for other openings **5,500 ft<sup>2</sup>**  Water Needed: 5,500 / 1,000 x 1.5 gallons = 8.25 gallons **Taurus SC Needed:** 8.25 gallons x 0.8 oz/gal = **6.6 oz** 



# **EXPECTED RESULTS**

Expect to see dead beetles around the exterior foundation within 1-2 weeks post-treatment.

# **FOAMING APPLICATIONS**

Foaming Taurus SC into wall voids can target hidden beetles and protect the insecticide from the harsh environment inside poultry barns. This application requires a foaming agent like ProFoam Platinum.

# **CALCULATION FOR FOAM APPLICATION**

For a 40 x 500 ft<sup>2</sup> broiler barn, treat the bottom 2 ft of wall voids:

Side Walls: 2 ft x 500 ft x 2 wall surfaces x 2 sides = 4,000 ft<sup>2</sup> End Walls: 2 ft x 40 ft x 2 wall surfaces x 2 ends = 320 ft<sup>2</sup> Total = 4,320 ft<sup>2</sup>.

Water Needed: 4,320 / 1,000 x 1.5 gallons = 6.5 gallons Taurus SC Needed: 6.5 gallons x 0.8 oz/gal = 5.2 oz ProFoam Platinum Needed: 6.5 gallons x 9 oz/gal = 58.5 oz



Exterior Barn Treatments with Taurus® SC

# RELEVANT PESTS

#### **RELEVANT INSECTS**



## **RELEVANT INSECTS**

Taurus SC is effective against darkling beetles, ants, cockroaches, spiders, earwigs, paper wasps, yellow jackets, and silverfish. Its application is limited for most flying insects like house flies but can aid in the management of other insects found on the exterior of structures.

### **ADDITIONAL USES**

Fipronil, as a non-repellent insecticide, is also nonrepellent to rodents. Applying it around rodent bait stations outside of buildings can exclude insects that consume rodent bait.

#### **BENEFITS OF FIPRONIL**

Fipronil's unique mode of action makes it highly effective against litter beetles, which have not been previously exposed. In tests, fipronil killed 93% of a resistant litter beetle population within 7 days. Laboratory bioassays were conducted by Danny McDonald, Ph.D., Control Solutions Inc., Tech Services Manager, Animal Health.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

Taurus SC is gaining popularity for exterior treatment of litter beetles around broiler houses. Its novel application as a foam into wall voids presents a new opportunity for effective insect management. Always ensure applications coincide with cleanouts and follow safety guidelines.



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