

SYNGENTA AG
Form 6-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of September 2003

Commission File Number: 001-15152

SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Schwarzwaldallee 215
4058 Basel
Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG
Press Release: "Moody's upgrades Syngenta's credit rating"

Filed herewith is a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release follows:

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SYNGENTA AG

Date: September 19, 2003

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

Name: Christoph Mäder
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

Name: Daniel Michaelis
Title: Corporate Counsel

Media Release Communiqué aux Médias Medienmitteilung

Moody's upgrades Syngenta's credit rating

Basel, Switzerland, September 19, 2003

Moody's Investor Services has announced that it has upgraded Syngenta's long-term credit rating from Baa1 to A3.

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Domenico Scala, Syngenta's CFO, commented: "This upgrade recognizes the significant strengthening of Syngenta's balance sheet since the company's formation in 2000 as well as the ability to generate strong cash flow." He added "Moody's has also acknowledged our successful merger, rapid de-leveraging and improved business performance and quality".

Standard & Poor's long-term credit rating for Syngenta is A-.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2002 were approximately US\$6.2 billion. Syngenta employs some 20,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN), London (SYA), New York (SYT) and Stockholm (SYN). Further information is available at www.syngenta.com.