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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of April 2006

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SYNGENTA AG

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG

Press Release: **□First Quarter Trading Statement 2006□**

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

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Media Release

First Quarter Trading Statement 2006

Basel, Switzerland, April 19, 2006

Sales in the first quarter of 2006 were \$2.7bn, 1% lower (CER) in comparison with a strong first quarter in 2005; reported sales were 5% lower due to a strengthening of the US dollar.

In Crop Protection, sales were 1% higher (CER). In Europe, Africa & Middle East a late start to the season was offset by a recovery in southern Europe, notably Spain, continued growth in Eastern Europe and a good performance in Germany. In NAFTA, growth was achieved across the region with new products again driving performance, notably the new cereal herbicide AXIAL® which made a strong start in its first season. Higher sales in Asia Pacific were led by China, as well as a number of countries in South East Asia. Sales in LATAM were somewhat lower due to challenging market conditions in Brazil.

Growth was achieved across all product lines with the exception of lower sales in fungicides, notably in Brazil. Professional Products again delivered solid growth with all three businesses □Seed Care, Lawn & Garden and Home Care - making significant contributions.

Seeds sales were 5% lower (CER). In comparison with a strong first quarter in 2005, corn and soybean sales were lower primarily due to production-related issues affecting corn in the USA. Diverse Field Crops again delivered good growth. Sales of Vegetables & Flowers were also higher, maintaining their growth record.

For the full year 2006, the company continues to target double digit growth in earnings per share*.

*Fully diluted, before restructuring and impairment and share repurchase program

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 2005 were approximately \$8.1 billion. Syngenta employs some 19,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at www.syngenta.com.

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Unaudited First Quarter Product Line and Regional Sales

| Syngenta | 3 Months 2006 | 3 Months 2005 | Actual | CER(1) |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$m | \$m | % | % |
| Crop Protection | 1872 | 1931 | - 3 | + 1 |
| Seeds | 846 | 921 | - 8 | - 5 |
| Inter-segment elimination ⁽²⁾ | (11) | (5) | - | - |
| Total | 2707 | 2847 | - 5 | - 1 |

Crop Protection**Product line**

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Selective herbicides | 611 | 615 | - 1 | + 3 |
| Non-selective herbicides | 167 | 163 | + 3 | + 5 |
| Fungicides | 538 | 595 | - 10 | - 4 |
| Insecticides | 295 | 304 | - 3 | + 1 |
| Professional products | 244 | 229 | + 7 | + 8 |
| Others | 17 | 25 | - 35 | - 30 |
| Total | 1872 | 1931 | - 3 | + 1 |

Regional

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Europe, Africa and Middle East | 744 | 818 | - 9 | - |
| NAFTA | 651 | 630 | + 3 | + 2 |
| Latin America | 182 | 192 | - 5 | - 5 |
| Asia Pacific | 295 | 291 | + 1 | + 6 |
| Total | 1872 | 1931 | - 3 | + 1 |

Seeds**Product line**

| | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Corn & Soybean | 499 | 571 | - 13 | - 11 |
| Diverse Field Crops | 160 | 159 | + 1 | + 9 |
| Vegetables and Flowers | 187 | 191 | - 2 | + 4 |
| Total | 846 | 921 | - 8 | - 5 |

Regional

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Europe, Africa and Middle East | 343 | 359 | - 4 | + 5 |
| NAFTA | 465 | 531 | - 12 | - 12 |

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|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Latin America | 14 | 12 | + 15 | + 15 |
| Asia Pacific | 24 | 19 | + 25 | + 28 |
| Total | 846 | 921 | - 8 | - 5 |

(1) *Growth at constant exchange rates.*

(2) *Crop Protection inter-segment sales are Seed treatment (Professional products) sales to Seeds.*

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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: April 20, 2006

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

Name: Christoph Mäder
Title: Head Global Legal and Taxes

By: /s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller
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