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# User's Guide for OvoControl® P

OvoControl P is easy to use. For safe and effective use and the best results, the applicator should follow a simple set of guidelines. Please review the easy to follow "*Five Step Program*" and ensure that you are familiar with directions, cautions and restrictions for OvoControl.

### 1. Read the Label

- OvoControl is registered as a pesticide. As with all pesticides, users are required to read
  and understand the label. If you have not done so, please review a copy of the
  OvoControl label either on the website, on the bag, or included with your automatic
  feeder order.
- <u>Make sure that you are familiar with label directions to ensure that you are in compliance with the law</u>.

# 2. Evaluate the Site

- Take time to evaluate site characteristics -- movement of the flock(s), bird habits, feeding
  routines, bird numbers, non-targets, etc. This information will help you design the most
  appropriate baiting program for your specific project.
- Flat rooftops make ideal baiting sites. If a flat rooftop is not available, identify a suitable flat, paved or concrete surface appropriate for the application of OvoControl. Choose secured areas with limited public access.
- If appropriate for the site, install an <u>automatic feeder(s)</u> to deliver the required quantity
  of bait each morning. Ensure the feeder is secured if the rooftop is prone to
  wind. Automatic feeders are ideal for ensuring that the flock receives the prescribed
  quantity of bait each and every morning, 365 days a year.

#### 3. Condition the Birds

 OvoControl consists of a daily baiting regime. The pigeons must be <u>conditioned</u> to arrive at the selected baiting site each morning for a dose of OvoControl. Birds are conditioned to the baiting routine with pre-bait.

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- The pre-baiting process can last anywhere from several days to several weeks. Birds
  are considered conditioned when they arrive at the feeder each morning in anticipation
  of a "free meal".
- Begin pre-baiting with cracked corn. Set the automatic feeder to trigger shortly after sunrise and deliver approximately <u>1 pound/80 birds</u>.
- See <u>Calibrate an Automatic Feeder</u> to ensure your feeder is delivering the appropriate quantity of corn or OvoControl.
- Once the birds are feeding regularly, count the number of pigeons and ensure that no other birds are eating the bait. Use a digital camera or automatic trail camera if necessary to record and evaluate activity.

#### 4. Introduce OvoControl

- Observe the personal protection precautions outlined on the label when handling OvoControl - eye protection, long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks must be worn.
- Begin the transition from pre-bait by mixing OvoControl bait into the cracked corn. The
  transition process can take a few days to a few weeks depending on the behavior of the
  pigeons at your site.
- Confirm that pigeons are consuming both the pre-bait as well as the OvoControl kibbles. Clean up any accumulated or leftover bait per label instructions.
- Continue to feed <u>1 pound of bait/80 birds</u>. Gradually increase the proportion of OvoControl until completely converted from corn.

# 5. Optimize the Program and Monitor Results

- Periodically monitor the baiting site to ensure pigeons are present and <u>non-target birds</u> are not consuming the bait.
- Pigeon numbers decline over time, therefore, periodically monitor the population and make the necessary adjustment on the feeder and amount of OvoControl applied each morning.
- Each feeder is shipped with a <u>Pigeon Tracker Log</u>, a convenient spreadsheet to track bird numbers on a monthly basis. Use this spreadsheet to keep track of bait and bird numbers.

For more information, see the website <a href="www.ovocontrol.com">www.ovocontrol.com</a> or call Innolytics at 858.759.8012.