

## DUAL PROTECTION AGAINST CLOSTRIDIA GROWTH & REHEATING

# CROPS

**BONSILAGE ALFA** rapidly lowers the pH level and provides protection against reheating in alfalfa, small grain and grass silages. In addition, it effectively inhibits clostridia, and reduces the risk of butyric acid fermentation and protein degradation. It also produces acetic acid, which provides protection against reheating and shrinking during feed-out.

TYPE Biological and water soluble silage additive

DOSAGE At least 300,000 CFU/g fresh matter (FM) of forage

DRY MATTER RANGE OF CROPS Alfalfa haylage, grass silage, small grain silage: 30-45% DM

STRAINS Lactobacillus buchneri, Lactobacillus plantarum, Lactococcus lactis

#### **INGREDIENTS**

Selected strains of homoand heterofermentative lactic acid bacteria and dextrose

ACTIVE SUBSTANCE

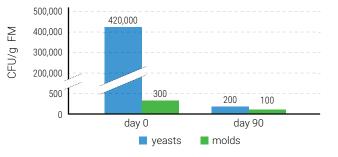
Lactic acid bacteria not less than 1.36 x 10<sup>11</sup> CFU/g product

- » *Lb. plantarum* quickly lowers the pH level by quickly producing lactic acid in the front-end fermentation cycle.
- » *Lc. lactis* is known for its active clostridia inhibition to reduce the risk of butyric acid fermentation, thereby improving protein quality.
- » *Lb. buchneri* produces acetic acid that inhibits yeasts and molds, which reduces the risk of reheating and the shrinkage that often occur during feed out.
- » As a result, BONSILAGE ALFA facilitates improved fiber digestibility and helps retain dry matter and nutrients in forage.
- » BONSILAGE ALFA contains powerful bacteria that provide enhanced protection against reheating.

#### RESEARCH

We conduct extensive on-farm research and feeding trials to ensure the highest level of performance from BONSILAGE products.

Research trials show that BONSILAGE ALFA dramatically inhibits active clostridia when compared to untreated alfalfa haylage. It also suppresses the number of yeasts and molds counts after 90 days ensiling, which protects haylage quality. Number of yeast and mold in BONSILAGE ALFA treated alfalfa haylage after 90 days silo ripening time.







100 tons FM forage



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### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

- Fill a bucket with clean, cold (below 60 °F), unchlorinated water. Use at minimum 1 gallon of water per can.
- 2. Add the BONSILAGE product into the mixing bucket.
- 3. Dissolve the BONSILAGE product uniformly in the bucket.
- 4. Add more water to achieve desired application volume.

## **APPLICATION & OUTPUT**

- » Apply 2g of BONSILAGE ALFA equally to 1 ton of fresh matter (FM) forage, based on individual application rate and type of available applicator.
- » Avoid heating the solution during application try to stay below 70°F to preserve the LAB, and allow them the best possible performance.
- » Small can (200 g) will sufficiently treat 100 tons FM forage, large can (1 kg) will sufficiently treat 500 tons FM forage.
- » Do NOT add acids, salts or other substances, as they could reduce the number of viable bacteria in the product.

## **STORAGE OF PRODUCT**

- » Store unopened bottles in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.
- » Use the entire bottle when opened.
- » The prepared solution can be stored for up to 48 hours if kept below 70°F.

BONSILAGE ALFA contains noble LAB strains that are preserved by the latest freezedried conservation technology. This allows all BONSILAGE products to be stored at room temperature, so freezer storage is NOT necessary. BONSILAGE ALFA comes in sealed plastic cans and has a 24-month shelf life from production date. Our sturdy packaging ensures high-quality protection against environmental influences and allows for convenient mixing with water.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

BONSILAGE products are the most widely used silage inoculants in Europe. Our products contain living, specifically selected lactic acid bacteria (LAB) produced by Lactosan, which is a sister company to PROVITA SUPPLEMENTS and a leader in scientific selection and production of LAB for silage and probiotics in animal feed. Our access to such highly sought-after bacteria results in superior forage quality and feeding value.

BONSILAGE ALFA WS contains a balanced mix of highly active homo- and heterofermentative lactic acid bacteria strains. With a well-managed ensiling process, accurate dosing and sufficient compaction of the forage, BONSILAGE ALFA WS can improve silage quality and reduce the risk of reheating. The target den-sity for proper fermentation should be a minimum of 15 lbs DM/ft<sup>3</sup>. For complete fermentation, the silage should be stored a minimum of 6 weeks before start of feed out.

