ECOBIOL® SOLUBLE PLUS

Application Guide







Drinking water quality plays a key role in efficient livestock production. Different hygienic and physiochemical factors can affect the color, taste and odor of water, with potentially negative effects on the animals' water intake and health. Additionally, contaminants in drinking water can leave residues in meat or eggs. For these reasons, it is crucial to maintain a clean and fresh water supply.

Water quality is difficult to judge accurately, and can differ between farms. To maintain an adequate assessment of drinking water quality, it is important to conduct routine laboratory tests to detect chemical and biological contaminants.

The growth performance of poultry and swine depends on many factors alongside water intake. For example, the animals may be exposed to stressors such as change of feed or vaccinations. Blends of free and buffered organic acids together with medication programs are commonly used in farms to counter the effects of stressors and improve livestock performance. However, medication can have a negative effect on microbial balance in the gastrointestinal tract. Natural alternatives to medication, in combination with organic acids, are consequently an interesting option for poultry and swine producers, with the additional advantage that they can also increase water intake.

This guide is intended to assist farmers in ensuring good water quality on their farms. In the following pages, you will find details on the most useful water quality indicators and how to conduct maintenance of the drinking system. In addition, you will find guidelines for the application of Ecobiol® Soluble Plus.

SPECIFICATION

Bacillus amyloliquefaciens CECT 5940

Spore count min. $1*10^{10}$ CFU / g

STABILITY



Stable for 2 years under the recommended storage conditions



Product can stay in the solution* for at least 4 days without loosing viability



Normal environmental temperature changes will not affect product efficacy



* Please refer to ECOBIOL® ON TREATED WATER section for the applicable water solutions.

STORAGE RECOMMENDATION



Store in a dark and dry place at room temperature in the original sealed packaging



After opening, close the bag as good as possible and store accordingly

PACKAGING











 Solution to be applied daily at your convenience



Application time / frequency depends on water consumption

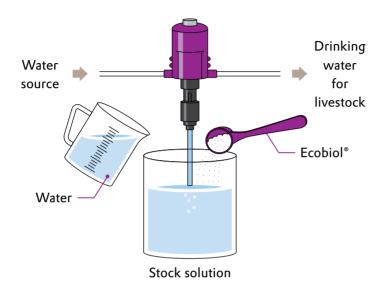


Can be used with water application system



Applied to drinking water

APPLICATION WITH WATER POWERED DOSING PUMP

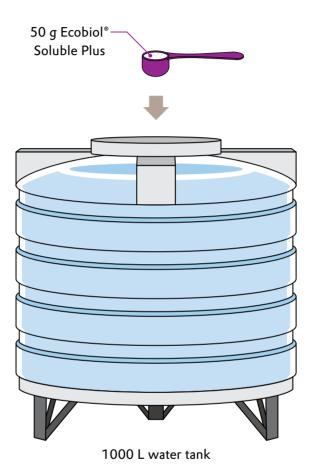


POSSIBLE DILUTIONS

1 : 50	:	1 : 64	:	1:100	1:128	1:200

	Example 1. Dilution at 2%	Example 2. Dilution at 1.5%
Dosificator Setting	1 : 50	1 : 64
Target Concentration	0.05 g / L	0.05 g / L
Stock Tank Size	20 Liters	50 Liters
Product Amount Needed	50 grams Ecobiol® in 20 liters of water	160 grams Ecobiol® in 50 liters of water

APPLICATION WITH WATER TANK



WATER QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS

Test the water quality regularly – biological and chemical analysis – to check for bacterial contamination, hardness / softness, mineral content etc.

Water Quality; standards for poultry¹

CHEMICAL ANALYSES

Parameter	Maximum Level	Optimal Advised Level	
рН	4-9	4.5-7	
Conductibility	$<$ 2100 μS / cm	$<$ 1200 μS / cm	
Total Hardness	< 35.6 °F or 20 °D	< 12 °D or 15 °E or 21 °F	
Fluoride	< 1.5 mg F / I	NA	
Chloride	< 250 mg Cl / l	NA	
Phosphate	$< 5.0 \text{ mg P}_2\text{O}_5/\text{ I}$	NA	
Sulphate	$< 50 \text{ mg SO}_4/I$	NA	
Nitrite	$< 1.0 \text{ mg NO}_2 / \text{ I}$	$< 0.5 \text{ mg NO}_2 / \text{I}$	
Nitrate	$< 100 \text{ mg NO}_3 / I$	$< 50 \text{ mg NO}_3 / I$	
Ammonium	$< 0.5 \text{ mg NH}_4 / \text{ I}$	NA	
Iron	< 2.5 mg Fe / I	< 1 mg Fe / I	
Manganese	< 2.0 mg Mn / I	NA	
Calcium	< 270 mg Ca / I	NA	
Magnesium	< 50 mg Mg / I	NA	
Salt Content (Sodium)	< 2000 mg / I	< 1000 mg / I	
Physical Aspect	Clear, colorless and odorless	Clear, colorless and odorless	

¹ Source: Schwartz, D. L., "Water Quality," VSE, 81c., Penn. State Univ. (mimeographed); and R. Waggoner, R. Good, and R. Good, "Water Quality and Poultry Performance," in Proceedings AVMA Annual Conference, July, 1984

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSES

Parameter	Maximum Level	Optimal Advised Level	
Total Counts at 22 °C	< 100.000 / ml	< 1000 / ml	
Total Counts at 37 °C	< 100.000 / ml	< 100 / ml	
Total Coliforms	< 10.000 / 100 ml	0	
E. coli	< 100 / ml	0	
Fecal Streptococci	0 / 100 ml	0	
Sulphite Reducing Clostridia	0 / 20 ml	0	
Clostridium perfringens	0 / 100 ml	0	

If the results for water quality analyses don't fall within the accepted ranges (non conformity), it is advised to treat the water.



ECOBIOL® ON TREATED WATER

WITH CHLORINATION

The disinfection activity of chlorine depends on the presence of FREE Chlorine (CI). This depends on:



Only active at pH between 6-7.5



Contact time > 20 minutes



Temperature > 15 °C



Hardness, conductibility, organic contamination, presence of bio-film



FREE chlorine concentration
> 0.5 ppm at end of
drinking line



WITH HYDROGEN PEROXIDE



Works better at pH < 7



Very strong oxidator



Product of 50% stabilized H_2O_2 is economically the best



Concentration at the end of drinking line must be 30 ppm H₂O₂



Can be used together with acids



At lower dosages it reduces bacteria and prevent development of biofilms



At higher dosages it efficiently removes biofilm

CONTINUOUS TREATMENT OF DRINKING WATER



During whole cycle



While animals are present

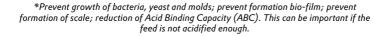


Goal: continuous treatment*

 Moderate concentration needed, the animals drink it By preference via dosing pump on all water in farm

OPTIONS

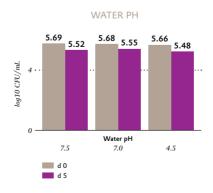
Product	Quantity per Ton of Water
Hydrogen Peroxide 50%	0.1-0.2 L
Hydrogen Peroxide 20% + Peracetic Acid 5%	0.05-0.2 L



EFFECT OF DIFFERENT ADDITIVES ON GERMINATION OF ECOBIOL® SPORES IN THE WATER



EFFECT OF CHANGING PH OF WATER ON GERMINATION OF ECOBIOL® SPORES IN THE WATER



NO CLOGGING OF WATER PIPES

Clogging of drinking lines or nipples with Ecobiol® are not expected.



INTERMEDIATE CLEANING



Periodically or after treatment*



While animals are present



Goal: preventive cleaning

- Medium concentration needed, the animals drink it
- Mainly done via the medicator

OPTIONS

Product	Quantity per Ton of Water
Hydrogen Peroxide 50%	0.25-0.5 L
Hydrogen Peroxide 20% + Peracetic Acid 5%	0.2-0.4 L

^{*} Vaccination, antibiotics, etc.

ECOBIOL® COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PRODUCTS



Ecobiol® is compatible to be used together with various products depending on the dose and type:









Antibiotics*

Organic acids

Disinfectants incl. chlorine, hydrogen peroxide

Vaccines**

*Ecobiol® is compatible with any antibiotics when used at growth promotion levels.

Ecobiol® is compatible with any antibiotic of gram negative spectrum: i.e. Colistin.

Ecobiol® is not compatible with broad spectrum antibiotics or gram + antibiotics when given at therapeutic dose.

**In order to understand how to best use Ecobiol® in your practice, in combination with antibiotics and vaccines, please contact our Gut Health Solution technical support.

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