

# Information on inoculants for

# organic production

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## **Novozymes inoculants**

Novozymes BioAg manufactures and markets the following inoculants in Canada:

- **JumpStart**<sup>®</sup>
- **TagTeam**<sup>®</sup>
- **Optimize**<sup>®</sup>
- **Cell-Tech**<sup>®</sup>
- **Nitragin**<sup>®</sup> Gold

**\*\*NOTE: Not all products are available in all regions.** Please see [www.bioag.novozymes.com](http://www.bioag.novozymes.com) for a list of products available in your region.

As some of our inoculants may be appropriate for organic use, we provide this information to help you and your certifier determine the suitability of our inoculants for organic production.

## **Active microbial ingredients:**

The active ingredients in Novozymes BioAg inoculants are naturally occurring, beneficial microorganisms isolated from the soil. We do not manufacture or sell any inoculants that contain genetically-modified organisms (GMO's) as their active ingredients.

## **Inert ingredients:**

### **Peat**

Our peat products are formulated with sterilized milled peat. Natural peat may contain human and plant pathogens. If present, these pathogens can grow and compete with rhizobia, especially when nutrients are added. In order to provide our customers with high performance peat inoculants that are safe to use, our peat is pre-sterilized using gamma and/or electron beam irradiation. In 2001, a major international certifying body made amendments to their standards to allow for the use of inoculants containing gamma irradiated peat. Other certifying bodies have followed suit. Check with your local chapter or certifying body to confirm their position on pre-sterilized inoculants before use.

### **Corn based formulant**

We do not use corn-based stickers in our peat inoculant formulations. We do, however, use a corn based ingredient in our TagTeam liquid soybean, TagTeam liquid pea/lentil and Cell-Tech liquid pea/lentil inoculants. These are the only Novozymes inoculants to be sold in 2014 that will contain any type of corn based ingredient. (i.e. Cell-Tech liquid soybean does not contain corn based ingredients.)

## Other important notes for organic production

- JumpStart, as well as the wetttable powder component in TagTeam liquid may contain an ingredient that prohibits their use for organic production
- *Penicillium bilaii* (*P. bilaii*), the active ingredient in JumpStart, is processed using a material that has been sterilized by irradiation but is not present in the final product
- Optimize liquid based products contain an ingredient that may prohibit its use of organic production
- Liquid formulations are manufactured in a way that does not require irradiation for pre-sterilization. Steam and/or filter-sterilization are used to sterilize liquid formulations. However, the bags that are used to ship/store liquid inoculants are sterilized using irradiation prior to use
- TagTeam and Cell-Tech granular inoculants are peat based. The granulated peat carrier is not sterilized using gamma irradiation or electron beam methods
- None of our inoculant products contain sludge or waste derived products
- Nitragin Gold pre-inoculant for alfalfa and sweetclover is OMRI listed and CDFA approved as a Registered Organic Input Material



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**If you need more information or have questions, please contact Novozymes BioAg toll-free at 1-888-744-5662 or visit [www.bioag.novozymes.com](http://www.bioag.novozymes.com).**

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