

SIL-ALL[®] Silage Inoculant – Suitable for Use in Organic Production Systems

SIL-ALL is a biological silage inoculant marketed by Auckland-based company Nutritech International Ltd. It has been used on all types of ensiled forage in New Zealand since 1993 as a means of improving the fermentation process and the quality and palatability of the silage.

It comprises three different types of naturally-occurring beneficial bacteria and four enzymes, all of which are already present in the forage itself but are simply added in greater amounts when SIL-ALL is applied to the crop at the time of harvest.

All the ingredients in SIL-ALL are nature-derived and it is certified to be GM-free.

This information was presented by Alltech, manufacturers of SIL-ALL, to the UK based Soil Association in January 2000 and as a result SIL-ALL was added to the Soil Association's list of products approved for use in organic farming systems. Thus, organic farmers in New Zealand can use SIL-ALL with full confidence that it will in no way compromise their organic status.

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