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NONTOX-SILICA™ AND CUCURBITS

Crop

Baby marrows, patty pans and related members of the cucurbit-family.

Aim

These fruit are harvested before they reach maturity and that reduces their shelf life. Some of these species start flowering 3 to 4 weeks and the harvest starts 5 to 6 weeks after plating. The harvest period lasts about 12 weeks. NONTOX SILICATM will extend the shelf life of cucurbits.

Protocol

Foliar sprays:

Apply 200-250 ml NONTOX SILICA™ concentrate per 100 liter water starting 4 to 5 weeks after planting and repeat once per week.

Fertigation

- 1. With drip irrigation, apply 250ml NONTOX SILICATM concentrate per 1000 litre water once per week starting 4 weeks after emergence.
- 2. With other irrigation systems, apply 3 750ml NONTOX SILICATM concentrate per ha per week starting 4 weeks after emergence.

Prepare the NONTOX SILICATM concentrate by;

- Dissolving 400g **NONTOX SILICA™** per 1000ml water or
- 1000g **NONTOX SILICA™** per 2500ml water or 10kg **NONTOX SILICA™** per 25 litre water.

The NONTOX SILICATM concentrate is stable for at least 3 months.

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