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## NONTOX-SILICA<sup>™</sup> AND THE PRODUCTION OF CUCUMBERS

## **TRAIL SITE AND DESIGN**

SUPPRESSION OF THE WHITE FLY				
Treatment	Number of eggs	Number of nymphs	% Eggs survived	Eggs survived as % of control
Control	487	425	88	-
Soil applied Si	317	216	71	44
Foliar applied Si	223	144	64	30

PRODUCTION OF CUCUMBERS				
ppm Si in nutrient solution	Root dry mass g per plant	Fruit dry mass g per plant	Mildew colonies per cm <sup>2</sup>	
Control	5,60	8,00	13,00	
9,33	5,00	14,20	2,80	
46,7	5,40	26,10	0	

Silica is not toxic and is present in our food and water.

## **PREPARATION OF THE STOCK SOLUTION**

- 1. Dissolve 400g Nontox Silica<sup>R</sup> in one litre water (or 4kg in 10 litres water)
- 2. Shake or stir until all material is dissolved.
- 3. Leave over night and then dilute as indicated above.

Nontox Silica<sup>R</sup> is available as a powder and a ready to use stock solution

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