

Material Safety Data Sheet

Product Name: PRO HUMUS INOCULANT
Product Code:

HMIS Codes: H F R P
1 1 0 X

Section I – Manufacturer Identification

Manufacturer's Name: Becker Underwood, Inc. **Address:** P.O. Box 667, 801 Dayton Ave., Ames, IA 50010
Emergency Phone: Chemtrec (800) 424-9300 **Information Phone:** (515) 232-5907
Prepared By: MSDS Coordinator **Date Revised:** November 26, 2002

Section II – Ingredients and Hazards

Components

Occupational Exposure Limits

Component	CAS Number	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Weight Percent
Soil humus and various species of Rhizobia	Proprietary	NE	NE	100%

No reportable quantities of hazardous ingredients are present

No reportable quantities of toxic chemical(s) subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of SARA Title III and of 40 CFR 372 are present

Section III - Physical/Chemical Characteristics

Melting Point: NA **Specific Gravity: (H₂O = 1):** 0.60
Vapor Density: NA **Evaporation Rate:** NA
Solubility In Water: NA **Appearance and Odor:** Dark, black color. Soil odor.

Section IV - Fire and Explosion Hazard Data:

Flash Point: NA **Method Used:** NA
Flammable Limits in Air by Volume: NA **Lower:** NA **Upper:** NA
Extinguishing Media: Foam, alcohol foam, CO₂, dry chemical, water fog
Fire Fighting Precautions & Hazards: Fire fighters should wear butyl rubber boots, gloves, and body suit and a NIOSH/MSHA self-contained breathing apparatus.
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Not a fire or explosion hazard when stored under normal conditions.

Section V – Reactivity Data

Stability: Stable
Conditions to Avoid: Extremes in temperature. High humidity.
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid): Long term storage in direct contact with reactive metals such as aluminum, zinc, copper, nickel, magnesium, etc. Other materials to avoid include strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: When involved in a fire, burning may evolve noxious fumes which may include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxides, acetic acid, or other toxic compounds depending on the chemical composition and combustion conditions. However, all of the water must be driven off first for this to occur.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section VI - Health Hazard Data

Inhalation Health Risks and Symptoms of Exposure: Prolonged inhalation may lead to respiratory tract irritation.
Skin and Eye Contact Health Risks and Symptoms of Exposure: Prolonged or repeated contact may result in irritation.
Skin Absorption Health risks and Symptoms of Exposure: None expected.
Ingestion Health Risks and Symptoms of Exposure: Ingestion of large quantities may be harmful.
Health Hazards (acute and chronic): None known.
Other Health Information: Rhizobia is a soil bacteria that is not pathogenic to plants or humans.
Carcinogenicity NTP? No **IARC Monographs?** No

Section VI - Health Hazard Data (Continued)

Existing Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated By Exposure: May provoke asthmatic response in persons with asthma who are sensitive to airway irritants.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

Eyes: Flush with flowing water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician.

Skin: Wash affected area with soap and water. If irritation develops consult a physician. Remove and launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

Inhalation: If difficulty in breathing occurs, move to fresh air. Get immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Get immediate medical attention. Treat as if soil was ingested.

Section VII – Precautions for Safe Handling and Use

Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled: Contain the spill to prevent a large discharge to surface streams or storm sewers. Vacuum or use wet clean-up techniques and place recovered product in a closable container.

Waste Disposal Method: Disposal must be made in accordance with federal, state, and local regulation. Material is non-hazardous.

Precautions to be Taken in Handling and Storing: Local exhaust. Do not freeze. Avoid unnecessary skin contact. Do not breathe fumes.

Other Precautions: Eye wash fountains should be easily accessible. As with all chemicals, keep out of the reach of children.

Section VIII - Control Measures

Respiratory: If excessive dust is present, wear NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator.

Ventilation: Local exhaust or containment.

Clothing: Gloves, coveralls, apron, boots as necessary to prevent skin contact as needed.

Eye: Safety glasses are recommended.

Other: Open wounds or skin surface disruptions should be covered with a chemical resistant patch to minimize absorption risks. Clean clothing should be worn daily to avoid possible long-term build up of the product leading to chronic overexposure.

Section IX - Shipping and Labeling Information

D.O.T. Shipping Data: Not regulated.

D.O.T. Hazard Classification NA

D.O.T. Labels Required: NA

D.O.T. Identification NA

Section X - Disclaimer

The opinions expressed herein are those of qualified persons within Becker Underwood, Inc. We believe the information contained here is current as of this Material Safety Data Sheet. Since the use of this product is not within the control of Becker Underwood, Inc., it is the user's obligation to determine a safe end use of this product.