

**ECOSYL™**

**DA Ecobale™**

*Silage additive  
for bales*

**Double  
Action**

Contains  
**MTD/1**

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The logo for ECOSYL, featuring the brand name in white capital letters on a red rectangular background.The text 'DA Ecobale' in white, positioned on a yellow horizontal bar.

## Silage additive for bales

Bales come in all shapes and sizes but they all have the same issues. They are made from higher dry matter (DM) forage so fermentation is slower and losses higher. Their high DM also makes them prone to aerobic spoilage as does their low density and high surface area to volume ratio, leading to potentially very high DM losses. Mouldy bales are also unpalatable and can contain mycotoxins, as well as listeria bacteria which are a particular problem for sheep. Very high DM haylage bales are particularly vulnerable to moulding, a big problem if they are being fed to horses.

**DA Ecobale** silage inoculant contains two unique strains of lactic acid bacteria and a chemical preservative, all in one easy-use pack.

**MTD/1** – a well proven strain of *Lactobacillus plantarum* for improved fermentation and increased animal performance.

***Pediococcus pentosaceus*** – a specially selected strain that, in combination with MTD/1, helps to improve the fermentation.

**Potassium sorbate** – a safe, non-corrosive food and feed-approved chemical preservative for improved aerobic stability.

## Benefits of using DA Ecobale

- Faster, more efficient fermentation – reduced losses & increased palatability
- More consistent bales – ideal for fussy feeders
- Less waste from damaged bales – more to feed
- Opened bales last longer – less waste and health risks
- Less risk of mycotoxins & listeria – healthier cattle & sheep
- Less mould spores – healthier horses
- Improved palatability – higher intakes
- Increased production & improved animal health – increased profitability



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**David Norris**  
Coleraine, Co. Londonderry

David produces round bale silage for his suckler beef unit and a flourishing haylage business. Having tried a few additives over the years he has settled on DA Ecobale which he says 'mixes and flows very well and produces very consistent bales with no waste and with a prolonged feeding life once they are opened. I am also a great fan of the Ecobale applicator, I have bought two and they are extremely accurate, reliable and easy to use'



**Brian Kelly**  
Sauchland, Midlothian

Brian is farm manager at Sauchlands Farm where he looks after a suckler beef herd and 1000 Texel ewes, all fed big bale silage. He pays great attention to grass quality and reseeds every three or four years. 'We used to have problems with listeria in our bales but ever since we started to treat all the bales with DA Ecobale, the listeria problem has all but vanished. We would now not make any baled silage without treating with DA Ecobale.'



**John Errington**  
Brampton, Cumbria

John is registered organic (OHLS) and carries 80 suckler cows and 500 ewes. He makes his baled silage from quite old, variable swards. He cannot reseed and cannot cut before mid July. 'Using DA Ecobale has reduced silage eye and consistently improved fermentation and palatability. Any spoilage in damaged bales has been very localised and less than expected. The animals have done well on it and I am well pleased with the product'



**Robert Nicholson**  
Manby Middlegate, Lincolnshire

Robert is the joint owner of the 2009 Badminton Three Day Event Winner 'Flint Curtis'. He makes about 1,000 round bales of haylage a year off mainly permanent grass which are fed to his own yard of some 30 horses and sold to other local equine establishments. Using DA Ecobale has improved the fermentation and has produced a consistent end product which keeps longer after opening and if I have any bale damage, there is less wastage than before'



**Phil Benson**  
Faringdon, Oxfordshire

Runs two big round and seven big square balers and is equipped with four Ecobale applicators. Over half of his customers regularly treat their bales and he recommends that all horse haylage should be routinely treated. 'DA Ecobale is easy to mix and apply. It seems to be producing even better and more consistent bales. It is definitely a very good product'



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## Mixing and application

- For liquid application only
- One can treats 16t of forage
- For big bales: add 1 can to 50 litres water & apply at 3 litres/t
- For mini bales: add 1 can to 100 litres of water & apply at 6 litres/t
- Tank mix life: 48 hours
- Shelf life (unopened): 2 years in a cool dry place. Once opened use within 3 days
- GMO free



*MTD/1 is a natural bacterial strain first isolated in the UK by British scientists. It is manufactured and packaged in the UK.*

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