

GREEN SYNTHESIS OF AGRICULTURE PO FILM USING GREEN ADDITIVES

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Abstract

Manufacturing of plastics requires a variety of additives for different purposes. Master batches for coloring, surfactants to stabilize emulsion polymers, polymerization modifiers to influence molecular weights, plasticizers to increase flexibility, lubricants to minimize frictional forces and to improve process ability stabilizers to prevent polymer degradation, light stabilizer and cross linkers to modify polymer networks are employed profoundly

INTRODUCTION

Using bioplastics for packaging, cases of electronic or medical devices and similar purposes is an increasing opportunity to turn the plastic processing industry towards sustainability

This will lead to independence from crude oil and makes costs predictable for the long term.



Most often the matrix polymer is compostable or biodegradable but the conventional additives are not.

In recent years, a couple of companies developed eco

friendly additives to replace those derived from fossil fuel.

Suisse company *Clairant International Ltd* introduced RENOL®-compostable colors and CESA®-compostable additive master batches

The RENOL-compostable product line includes master batches based on over 80 different pigments.

CESA-compostable additive master batches include UV-stabilizer and antioxidant packages.

Application targets for the new products include packaging and single- or limited- use products like plastic utensils, drink cups and pens, where bio-based resins, such as PLA ([polylactic acid](#)), currently are being specified.

At the K Fair 2010, Brazil's *Cromex* launched its new lines of color compounds and additives developed for bioplastics made from green polyethylene (PE derived from sugar cane ethanol) and the biodegradable resins based on polylactic acid, derived from plants.

The Canadian *Green Club Inc.* markets introduce Add-iFlex System. Add-iFlex is a thermo-oxidative additive system for polyolefins. In a compost environment the temperature and oxygen present will initiate the molecular breakdown of the polymer.

All of the companies mentioned above introduced their products within recent years. As the development, marketing and application of sustainable polymer additives have just begun, it seems

Shiro-shiro Coat-5
Durable, light-and-heat-blocking agricultural PO film

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Sky Coat Shiro-shiro is upgraded and reborn as Shiro-shiro

Coat-5 and is now even easier to use.

Characteristics

Drip-proofing and mist-proofing are long lasting.

Its light blocking rate is 99.9%. Its heat blocking effect is also amazing, so inside the greenhouse is always comfortable.

Durability has been improved.

It is ideal for work sheds, storehouses, and mushroom greenhouses

http://www.cik.co.jp/eng/products/agriculture/a-material/07_sirosiro5.html

UV Protective Tekinashi 5

High-quality agricultural PO film

UV protective Tekinashi 5 is a 5-layered agricultural PO film that reduces diseases, pests (thus labor saving) and the degradation of materials inside greenhouses, and is more durable than conventional UV protective films.

http://www.cik.co.jp/eng/products/agriculture/a-material/03_tekinasi5uv.html

Characteristics

Suppressive effects on the breeding of pests and disease damage can be expected.

Because agrichemicals can be reduced, farmers can use it without anxiety and it is safer for farm products.

It can prevent degradation of materials inside a greenhouse.

The first in the industry!! It is a UV blocking PO film of 5 layers with 5 different functions.

The merits of 5-layered film are optimized, and each feature has been properly balanced



Bio additives

- Starch used as filler
- Natural gums such as arabic gum used as colloids
- Pine derivatives: pine tar, rosin, terpene used as tackifiers and processing aids
- Vulcanized vegetable oils or factices used in rubber formulations
- Phenol derivatives used as antioxidants
- Liquid depolymerised natural rubber used as a cross-linkable polymeric plasticizer

● Natural waxes such as carnauba wax

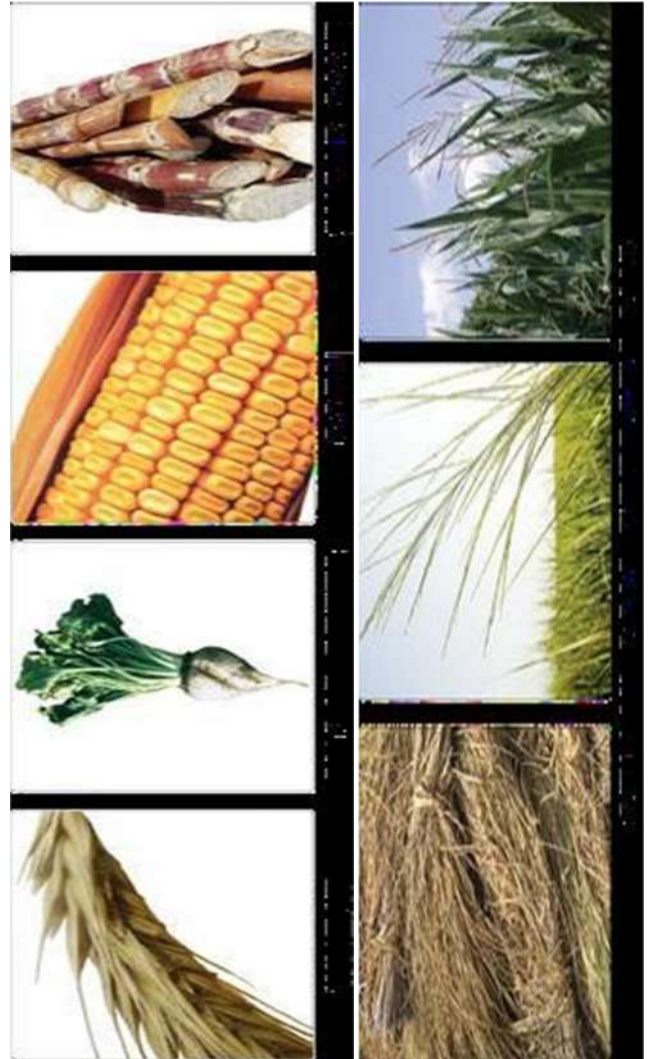
While aromatic polyesters are almost totally resistant to microbial attack

Naturally Produced: Polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs) like the poly-3-hydroxybutyrate

Renewable Resource: Polylactic acid (PLA);

Synthetic: Polybutylene succinate (PBS), polycaprolactone (PCL)...

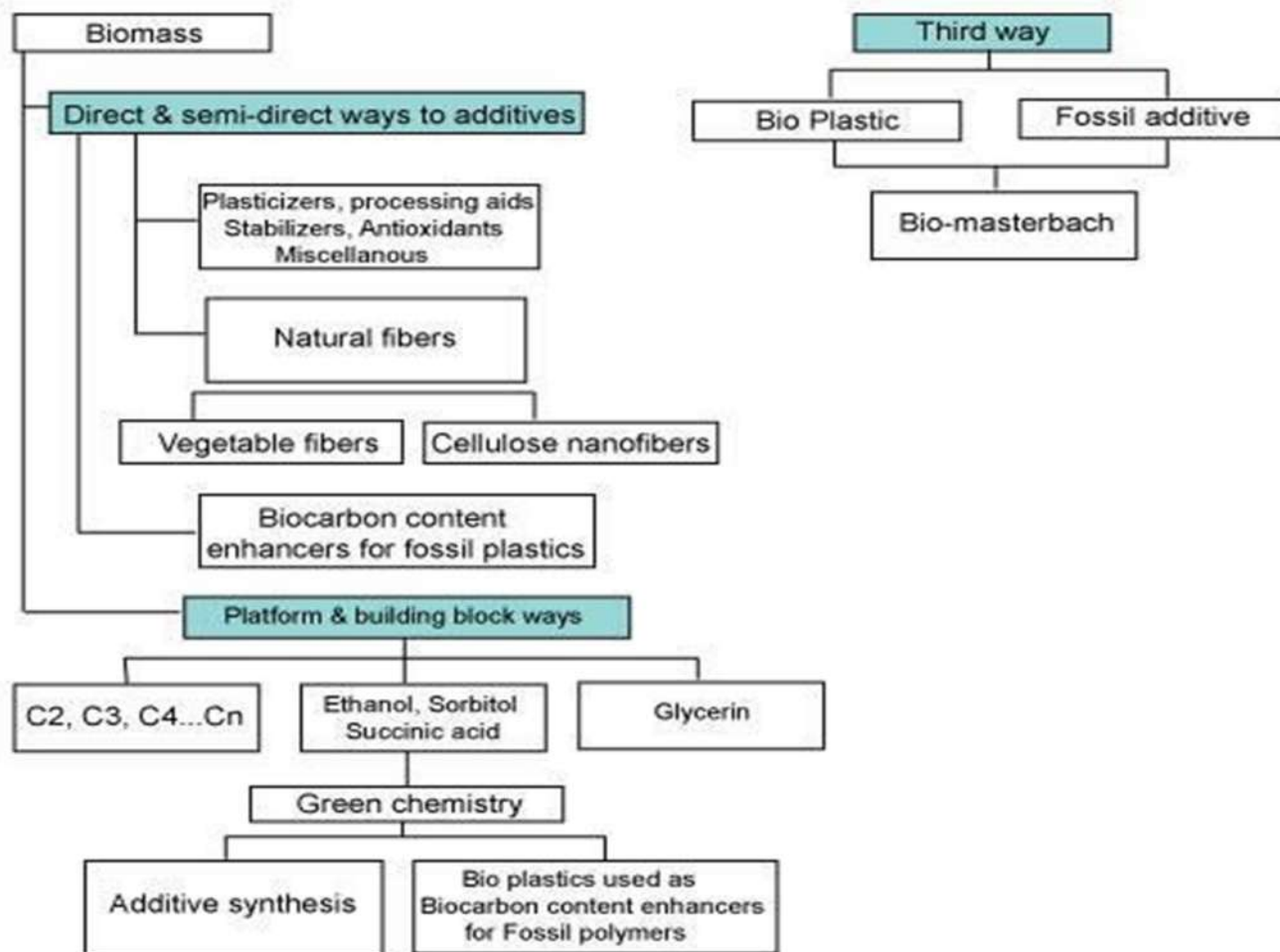
Polyanhydrides



Present & Future: Development of Specific or General-purpose Bio-platforms and Bio-blocks

Ford and Ohio State University are looking at dandelions as source of an impact strength modifier for plastics parts such as cup holders, floor mats and interior trim.

Iowa State University researchers have invented a process for manufacturing isobutylene thanks to a natural enzyme that converts the glucose found naturally in plants to make isobutylene. This one can be chemically converted to synthetic rubber, impact modifier for plastics and isooctane.



Conclusion

Based on this review it is proved that by using various green additives, UV protective, high quality, durable, low cost-agriculture PO films can be prepared in eco friendly manner.

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