

# STAND SKH

NPKS 0-0-15-0 + 20% Silica

Balanced Concentrated silica & potassium to improve heat / drought tolerance and cellular turgidity which reduces lodging

#### **BENEFITS OF STAND SKH**

- Improves plants ability to tolerate heat & drought
- Enhances plants immune system
- Strengthens plants against disease such as powdery mildew and others
- Helps plants tolerate soils high in toxic elements such as aluminum, sodium and chlorides
- Builds stronger/ thicker cell walls to resist attack from insects such as mites and white fly
- Reduced lodging through improved plant cellular structure

#### THE ROLE OF SILICON

Like other elements, silicon plays a vital role in plant physiology. The range of silicon in plant tissue is approximately 0.1 to 10 %. Silicon enters plants and accumulates around the epidermis of roots and shoots. Silicon forms a gel and associates with calcium and pectins to stabilise cell walls, increasing a plant's ability to handle stress conditions. Silicon improves plant cell strength and structure, reducing lodging of cereals and sugar cane. Studies have shown Silica to alleviate the negative effects of numerous abiotic stresses, including salt, water heat, cold and heavy metals.

### THE ROLE OF POTASSIUM

Potassium regulates the electrolytes and turgidity of plant cells. Potassium occurs in the guard cells of the stomata and is essential in respiration and transpiration. Potassium also assists in cell division and protein and carbohydrate formation. Lack of potassium when the plant is young cannot be compensated for later.



## **STAND SKH** CHARACTERISTICS: pH: >12.5 ; Specific Gravity: 1.27 – 1.29

AUS Analysis W/V%: 15% K, 20% SiO2, Humic Acid:Activated (proprietary). International Analysis W/W%: 14.1% K2O, 15.6% SiO2, Humic Acid:Activated (proprietary).

#### APPLICATION

BROADACRE: Such as Barley, Canola, Cotton, Grain legumes, Maize, Oats, Rice, Sorghum, Triticale, Wheat, Sugar Cane & Pasture crops. Foliar: 2 – 3 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 3 – 5 L/ha. Foliar: Apply in a minimum of 1:300L water. Apply every 14-21 days from fifth visible leaf onwards. For best results apply first sprays before leaf hardening of crop. Apply to sugarcane at planting and during the leadup to hot, dry conditions. Silica reduces lodging and improves disease mitigation.

DECIDUOUS TREE CROPS: Such as Apple, Almond, Cherry, Nectarine, Peach, Pear, Pistachio and Walnut. Foliar: 2 – 3 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 5 – 6 L/ha. Apply at early spur burst, complete petal fall and post blossom as required. DO NOT apply as foliar on high chill stone fruit varieties. Dormancy spray only. Best applied through soil during growth period.

EVERGREEN TREE CROPS: Such as Avocado, Citrus, Macadamia, Lychee. Foliar: 2 – 4 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 5 – 8 L/ha. Juvenile trees: apply at early establishment, repeat as necessary. Mature trees: apply 1 month prior to flowering, repeat 2 months after flowering.

FRUITING VEGETABLES: Such as Capsicum, Cucurbits, Eggplant, Tomatoes (field), Watermelons, Pumpkins. Foliar: 2 – 3 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 5 – 6 L/ha. Apply four applications, 14 - 21 days apart through the crop cycle from early growth onwards.

LEAFY VEGETABLES: Such as Endive, Fennel Lettuce, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kale and Herbs. Foliar: 2 – 3 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 5 – 6 L/ha. Apply four applications, 14 - 21 days apart through the crop cycle from early growth onwards.

ROOT VEGETABLES: Such as Beetroot, Carrot, Leek, Onion, Potato, Radish, Sweet Potato. Foliar: 2 – 3 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 5 – 6 L/ha. Apply four applications, 14 - 21 days apart through the crop cycle from early growth onwards.

VINE and BERRY CROPS: Such as Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Wine and Table Grapes. Foliar: 2 – 3 L/ha in a minimum of 600 – 900L final spray volume. Fertigation: 5 – 6 L/ha. Apply as required to strengthen skins, enhance fruit quality and disease and pest resistance. DO NOT apply more than 4x per hectare rate or concentration.

Fertigation rates are dependent on seasonal nutrient demand. Agitate contents well prior to application.

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