

PRODUCTION OF A POWDERED ROSLIN PREPARATION

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At the present time the preparation Roslin, recommended for agriculture as a growth stimulator and fungicide, is supplied in the form of a 10% solution. The presowing treatment of the seeds of agricultural crops with the preparation provides the possibility of obtaining yield increases of 200-240 kg/ha for raw cotton, 300-600 kg/ha for grain, and 300-500 kg/ha for rice [1-3]. However the production of the material in the form of a solution requires the availability of a fairly large number of tanks and is associated with definite difficulties in its transport.

We have worked on the production of the material in the form of a dry powder. For this, we have tried out two methods: freeze-drying and spray-drying.

Freeze-drying was conducted on a model YZ-45, and spray-drying on an Angidro dryer at an inlet temperature of 90-93°C. The solution was fed into the chamber by means of a spray-disk and with the aid of an atomizer nozzle. The speed of the disk was 15-20 rpm, and in the feed of the solution through the atomizer nozzle the air pressure was 0.8-1 atm. The same yield of preparation was obtained in the two cases.

The physicochemical properties of the Roslin powder obtained by freeze-drying and by spray-drying did not differ appreciably. Both powders were dark brown and dissolved well in water. The elementary composition of the powders was: C 48.83; H 5.16; N 8.36; OCH 2.01.

The IR spectra of the Roslin powders obtained by the two methods were identical, having absorption bands at (cm^{-1}) 3200 (hydroxy groups bound by hydrogen bonds), 1600 (aromatic nuclei), 1690 ($-\text{CO}-\text{NH}$), 2850 (OCH_3), 1350 ($-\text{C}-\text{NO}$), and 1190-1300 (asymmetric vibrations of ether and ester bonds). The molecular masses of the powders obtained, determined by ultracentrifugation, differed somewhat. Thus, the molecular mass of the preparation after freeze-drying was 55,000 and after spray-drying 71,000. It is likely that partial condensation of the lignin — one of the components of Roslin — took place at the high temperature in the spray-dryer.

Thus the preparation Roslin has been obtained in the form of a dry powder.

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