



Who is BioAg?

We are a privately owned company based in **New Zealand** and Australia specialising in advanced microbial ferment technology for enhanced soil, crop, stock and pasture performance. Our partners, Steven Haswell (NZ), and Anton Barton (Aus), have international agronomy experience in **regenerative biological agriculture and horticulture systems** spanning over 30 years.

BioAg was established in Australia in 1999 and in New Zealand in 2007. In 1983, founding partner and dairy scientist Jephtha Gates began developing BioAg's microbial technology and agronomic system after witnessing soil quality, crop health and yield decline under mainstream fertilisation systems in the USA.

What do we do?

BioAg manufactures and supplies unique biological cultures (stimulants) and bio-active RPR based solid fertilisers.

BioAg provides complete soil, crop and/or pasture fertility programmes based on comprehensive soil testing, visual soil assessments along with crop, pasture or stock indicators and farmer objectives using our biological technology and expertise to support the optimum farm performance.

BioAg focuses on the fundamental processes of soil and plant biology which govern soil function and plant nutrition. These processes enhance animal, crop or pasture production whilst contributing to nutrient efficiency, nutrient density of produce, farm profitability and environmental performance. The basis of animal and human nutrition is a series of microbial bridges – basically how life functions on earth.

BioAg's comprehensive programmes include all situation appropriate soil minerals and nitrogen inputs together with our base soil stimulant and foliar pasture or crop treatments where applicable. A core focus is always addressing causes long term rather treating symptoms.

It all makes common sense – logical and based in science.

BioAg services customers NZ wide including arable, dairy, deer, horticultural tree crops, produce crops, sheep and beef and viticulture production.

We are justly proud of our motto. Better soils. Better crops. Better stock™ or
Better soils...Better everything!

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“All farming involves the management of an ecosystem”

Professor Emeritus Don M. Huber, Purdue University

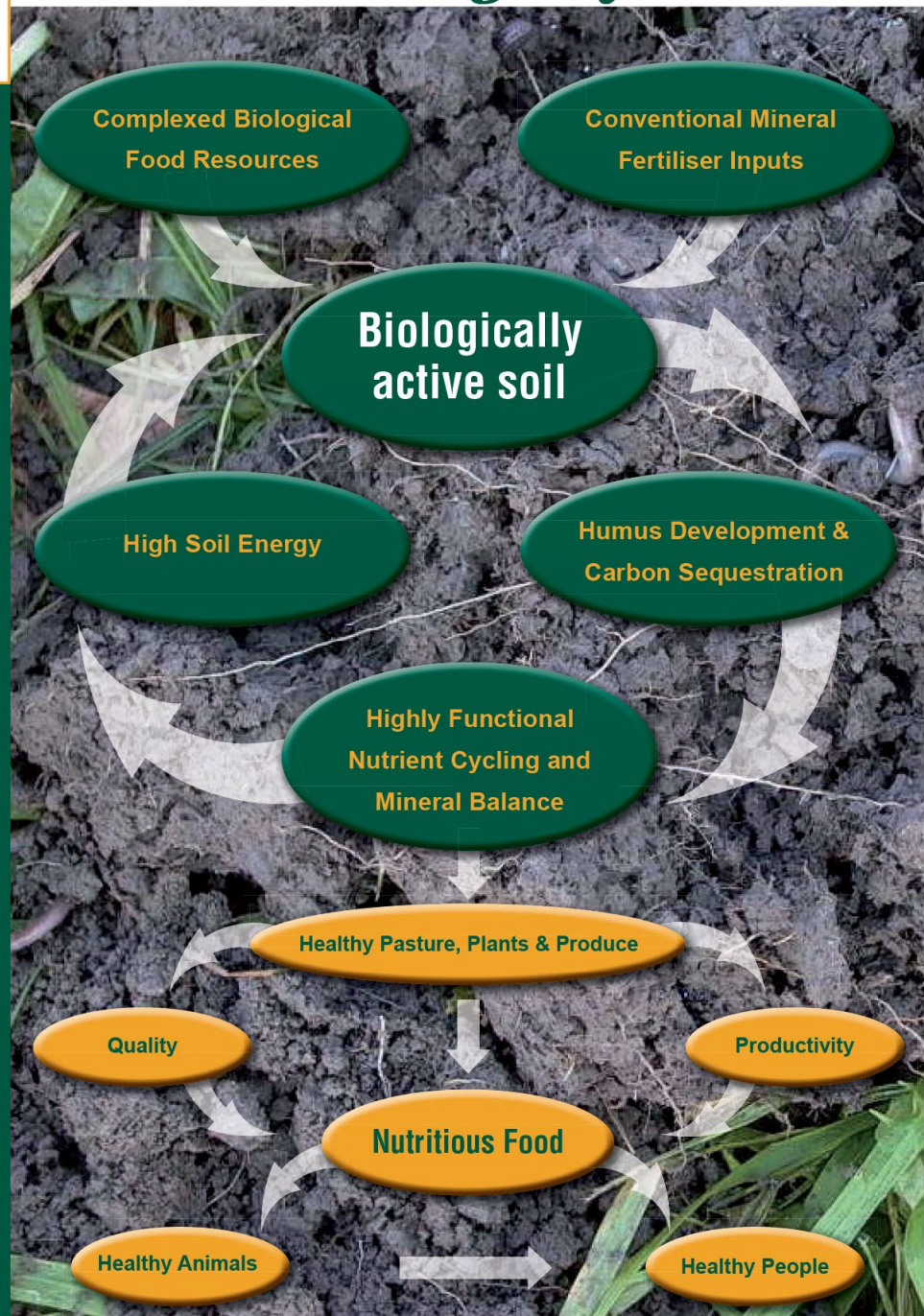


The BioAg System

- Productivity
- Quality
- Fertiliser Efficiency
- Cost Effectiveness
- Humus Development
 - Soil Quality
 - Soil Carbon
- True Sustainability



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Better soils - Better crops - Better stock



Complexed Biological Food Resources

The unique BioAg cultures are produced as a food resource containing a mass of complex secondary metabolites – vitamins, minerals, proteins, enzymes, amino acids, carbohydrates, and natural growth promoters (by-products of humus formation) that provide high levels of biochemical energy. The cultures are based on highly productive and biologically advanced soils which host an enormously diverse range of beneficial micro-organisms. These metabolites are in forms that are most readily available to micro-organisms in the soil and on plant surfaces. They do not require further digestion or transformation to be available to soil and plant life.

Feed the Soil and enhance your natural capital

In a highly developed and functioning biological system there are some 60,000 – 100,000 species of organisms in the soil (one teaspoon of soil could contain 5 billion bacteria, 20 million fungi and 1 million protozoa and algae!). Even systems subjected to harsh practices may have 5,000 – 10,000 species functioning and many more just waiting for the appropriate food resources. The mass of complex metabolites in the BioAg products help balance the soil thereby balancing the plant and the animal. The principle is to feed the soil which in turns feeds the plants or pasture as is the natural ecological process. This allows plants to fully express their natural potential for nutrition and resilience.



Mineral Balance

Correct mineralisation in soils is essential. The BioAg approach always considers this important aspect with particular attention given to calcium and phosphorus and how these key nutrients are functioning. The BioAg system is a process of rejuvenation and enhancement – it is not a quick fix or miracle cure.

Sustainability (stay the same) or improvement? – Future Proofing Productivity

The BioAg system improves the efficiency of all mineral and fertiliser inputs positively impacting a broad range of factors that make up a farm or horticultural units productivity and thus the bottom line. This applies whether the farm system is conventional, organic or any other approach. The BioAg system rejuvenates, enhances and sustains our natural capital of soil and plant resources while maintaining essential soil humus and soil fauna ecosystems

Low Rates - High Response

A high population of diverse healthy micro-organisms in the soil and on the plant increase the functional availability of nutrients and minerals. BioAg liquid cultures are applied at very low rates and any additional supplementary minerals and nitrogen (conventional or certified organic forms) are commonly used at reduced rates due to increased efficiency. Minerals applied via the BioAg cultures become organically chelated (plant available form).

Treat the Patient Not the Symptom - Common sense

The BioAg approach addresses causes, rather than “treat” symptoms. Central to this is optimising the soil processes of mineralisation and humification. The BioAg fertility programmes are not an additional farm input to existing fertilisers rather they form a complete soil, crop or pasture fertility programme in their own right.

BioAg Liquid Biological Cultures & Agronomic System – stimulate; activate; regenerate; populate; diversify; energise

- **Improve** soil structure and fertility by enhancing the population, diversity and activity of soil organisms
- **Enhance** nutrient cycling, build humus and sequest soil carbon sequestration
- **Increase** plant sugar levels which provide natural resilience to pests and disease
- **Stimulate** the mechanisms of plant induced resistance
- **Create** a balance of functionally-available nutrients in the soil encouraging desirable species to thrive
- **Optimise** the processes of humification and mineralisation
- **Unlock** previously applied inputs including phosphorus and calcium, and make them plant available
- **Maximise** nutritional potential of pastures and crops thus improving growth rates, yields & quality
- **Supports** our natural farming capital – our soil, ecosystems and biodiversity

Excerpt from Soil Microorganisms and Higher Plants, Krasilnikov N.A.

The principal property of the soil fertility is determined by biological factors, mainly by microorganisms. The development of life in soil endows it with the property of fertility. "The notion of soil is inseparable from the notion of the development of living organisms in it". Soil is created by microorganisms. "Were this life dead or stopped, the former soil would become an object of geology" (Vi'lyams, 1950, p 204)

