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# Rye B Agar

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#### **Abstract**

This Agar medium can be used for the cultivation of Phytophthora infestans. It is particularly suitable to induce sporulation of Phytophthora on plate.

For long term storage on plate, Rye B agar is recommended.

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### **Materials**

- Distilled Water by Contributed by users
- ✓ Rye grains <u>View</u> by Contributed by users
- Agar by Contributed by users

## **Protocol**

#### Step 1.

Soak 60 g of rye grain in distilled water for 24 hours at room temperature. This is done in a small tray so that water just covers grain. Cover tray tightly with aluminum foil.

#### Step 2.

Next day, pour supernatant off germinated grain and put aside.

#### Step 3.

Boil rye grain (do not blenderize) for one hour in enough additional distilled water to cover the grain

(about 1 inch above). Do this in a 2 liter beaker with foil to cover top. Check water level regularly, add more water if needed.

## Step 4.

Filter through 4 thicknesses of cheese cloth, squeezing gently to remove residual liquid. Discard cheese cloth and grain

## Step 5.

Combine the supernatants.

## Step 6.

Add 15g of Agar, 20g of sucrose and 0.05g of ß-Sitosterol. Adjust volume to 1l.

## Step 7.

Autoclave at 15 psi for 20 min