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(54) Title: INTERMITTENT TREATMENT WITH OXIDIZING AND REDUCING AGENTS

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods for treating a plant, comprising intermittent treatment of the plant with an oxidizing and a reducing agent. The present invention also provides methods for reducing the microbial load in animal farms comprising intermittent treatment of air, of the surfaces, of the feeding and/or drinking trough, of the pipes for distributing food and water and/or of the food and water with an oxidizing and a reducing agent. The present invention further provides methods for the cosmetic treatment of human skin comprising intermittent treatment of the skin with an oxidizing and a reducing agent.

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1. claims: 1(completely); 4-9(partially)

Method for treating a plant comprising intermittent treatment of the plant with an oxidizing and a reducing agent.

2. claims: 2, 10-15(completely); 4-9(partially)

Method for reducing the microbial load in animal farms comprising intermittent treatment of air, of the surfaces, of the feeding and/or drinking trough, of the pipes for distributing food and water and/or of the food and water with an oxidizing and a reducing agent/ Compositions comprising an oxidizing or a reducing agent for use in said method for reducing the microbial load in animal farms.

3. claims: 3(completely); 4-9(partially)

Method for the cosmetic treatment of the skin comprising intermittent treatment of the skin with an oxidizing and a reducing agent/Cosmetic composition comprising an oxidizing or a reducing agent for use in said method of treating.

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