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### Utilization of agricultural by-products for bacterial $\alpha$ -amylase production

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Potential Amylase enzymes have many industrial applications that are found in biological sources like animal, plants and microorganisms. Fungi and bacteria holds tremendous potential to produce the  $\alpha$ alpha Amylases using agriculture by-products under solid state fermentation (SSF). Agro-industrial residues such as rice bran, wheat bran, sugar can burgesses, corn leaf, barley, orange peel, wheat straw, rice straw are abundant and cheapest carbon source. SSF using agro-industrial residues is currently used in a range of applications including classical applications such as antibiotics production, enzymes,

composting, bio-surfactants and biofuel production. Microbial  $\alpha$ -amylases have several applications in paper, food, pharmaceutical, detergent, and textile industries. The properties of each  $\alpha$ -amylase such as thermostability, pH profile, pH stability, and Ca-independency are important in the development of fermentation process. This review is focused on the production of bacterial  $\alpha$ -amylases, their structural-functional aspects and the use of agriculture by-product for  $\alpha$ -amylase production  $\alpha$ -amylase, SSF, agriculture residue, agriculture by-products.

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