

25 YEARS ON *B. THURINGIENSIS* STUDIES IN BRAZIL.

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**ABSTRACT** *Bacillus thuringiensis*, *Bt* based, bioinsecticides, began to be studied in Brazil in 1970. At the Food Eng. School FEA/UNICAMP there were developed a series of Master, Doctorate and Free-Docence Thesis (1970-1988). From 1989-1994 the main researcher moved to the State University Paulista-UNESP, to introduce research lines and advise some scholarships. The subject varied from studying mass production, to studies of engineering parameters, agitation, aeration and rheology. Processes were developed in batch, continuous, liquid and semisolid fermentations. Substrates like agroindustrial residues and/or residual wastewaters from food industries, low cost and available in Brazil, were used. Eight thesis, were presented at UNICAMP Graduate Programs' Food Eng. and Agric. Eng<sup>ne</sup>. This work deals with papers published on *Bt* production and its uses in Brazil. Two Patents developed were deposited at the Brazilian Institute of Industrial Property-INPI. One Patent (BR PI 8500663) win the Governor Prize in 1985 and was sent to the World Industrial Property Organization - WIPO, Exposition of Women Inventors, in 1986 in Switzerland.