Avena Sativa – herba

Grüner Hafer
Green Oat
General information

Oat (Avena sativa) is a species from the genus Avena within the Poaceae. It is an annual herbaceous plant whose height can reach 0.6 to 1.5 metres. Botanically, green oat is a meadow grass.

Due to its low demands on soil oat can be cultivated anywhere with a moderate climate, even with high precipitation. It is grown in low mountain ranges, the Alpine foothills and in coastal regions. The blooming period is June to August and harvesting for agricultural use starts mid August. In Central Europe, Avena enjoys a growing popularity.

The term “Avena sativa” refers to the aerial parts of the plant just before flowering. The herb is harvested in a green, pre-mature state and is rapidly dried thereafter. Green oat has gained a unique reputation primarily in traditional medicine over the last years.
Functional properties

*Avena sativa* is traditionally used to reduce mild symptoms of mental stress and acts as mood and concentration enhancer. *Avena sativa* extracts in varying qualities are used as a food supplement throughout the world.

The most important notified pharmacological activities are antidepressant, smoking cessation and LDL-cholesterol lowering effects. Clinical evidence has been provided for improved cognitive capability with a significant improvement of attention, concentration and task focusing ability.

Dosage

According to Community Herbal Monograph on *Avena sativa* L., herba (2)

Adolescents over 12 years of age, adults, elderly
Herbal preparations - Single dose
Comminuted herbal substance: 3 g for the preparation of an infusion.
Other preparations corresponding to the daily dose of 3 g dried herb.
Extract qualities

Summary of preclinical and clinical evidence and scientific marketing material are available on request.
The powdered extract Avena sativa is produced from the herbal drug’s aerial parts, prematurely harvested using water as the extraction solvent.

Green Oat Powdered Extract
Avena sativa e herb extr aq sicc - 00-111-0178-02
DER 2–4:1, 65 % native extract, 35 % Maltodextrin

Additional extract qualities are available upon request.
Constituents

The most important constituents of nutritional and medicinal value of green oat are:

- high contents of proteins, important minerals and polysaccharides: cereal fibre, ß-glucan
- various Phytoconstituents:
  - avenanthramides (=phenols exclusive to oats)
  - flavonoids: vitexin & isovitexin
  - steroid saponines

Use as a food

Avena sativa is traditionally known as a natural supporter of mental fitness. The first documented medicinal application was already in the 12th century by Hildegard von Bingen.

Oat has the highest nutritional value of all cereals grown in Central Europe. The variety of products for human consumption made from oat ranges from oat groats, to oatmeal, oat bran, oat flour, cereals and drinks.
Literature


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