

# Benchmarking of Lactic Acid and Polylactic Acid in China

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## Abstracts

Hot topic of lactic acid?

In recent two years, the development of lactic acid (LA) and polylactic acid (PLA) turned to better than before with the recovery of market economy and enterprises in China strengthened the technology innovation in LA's quality. The key points of Notice on Organizing and Implementing 2014 Bio-based Material Special Program of General office of the National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Finance were as follows:

1. Pushed by demand: application of bio-based materials, product demonstration  
Development of food packaging materials, disposable tableware, hotel biodegradable consumable, shopping bags and garbage bags and other bio based plastics products scale production and Application.
2. Pushed by production: bio-based materials, the construction of industry cluster  
To support the production line construction of 5,000 t/a of L-lactic acid and D-lactic acid, and 50,000 t/a PLA.

In the premise of gradual promotion of LA production technology and the government attaches great importance to biodegradable materials, PLA industry also keep developing. But extending the domestic consumption market and getting rid of the technology barriers of production will be the future task.

## Background:

Although the Policy on Limiting the Production, Sale and Use of Plastic Bags started to implement from the beginning of 2008, it is no hardness requirements for the actual

consumption. In 2014, LA was widely used in different aspects, but bio-based materials'like PLA was not. With the support from the Chinese government, the market of LA and PLA is still facing chances and challenges.

**What to report:**

Firstly, it jointly analyzed the production and consumption situation of both LA and PLA and analyzed the main producers in China in detail. And then, it undertook the cost analysis to the representative manufacturers. Lastly, it attached the main producers'profile.

**Forecast:**

Here forecast the production and consumption of LA and PLA from 2015 to 2019.

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