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### A Brief Focus On...

Bentonite Clay - You may be surprised to see bentonite clay listed as one of the ingredients in Harrison's Bird Foods. Most bird lovers, however, are familiar with photos of macaws, Amazons and other birds flocking to clay licks near the Tambopata Research Center in Peru. It has long been believed that the birds use this clay as a detoxifier in their diet in the wild.



Most recently there is strong evidence that it is a natural antibiotic to pathogens. It has been reported that bentonite clay removes heavy metals (aluminum, mercury, lead, arsenic, copper, cadmium), formaldehyde, chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, aflatoxins and bacterial food poisoning from the digestive system.\*

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# You May Not Know...

Studies have reported that low temperature extrusion not only improves the digestibility of protein and starch but also has significant benefits on the bioavailability of nutrients compared to conventional cooking processes.

"Extrusion gelatinizes starch, makes it more digestible, homogenizes the diet and keeps animals from picking out particular 'bits' of ingredients in a mixed diet."

Ellen Dierenfeld, PhD Nutritionist

## An Interesting Tidbit..

The packing peanuts used by Harrison's in shipping boxes are 100% plant-based and biodegradable.

Unlike Styrofoam, Harrison's packing peanuts are eco-friendly, non-toxic and 100% compostable. By choosing biodegradable packing peanuts over commonly available Styrofoam ones, many million cubic feet of plastic are kept out of landfills.