What are Your Plants Telling You About Your Soil?

Your plants are only as healthy as the soil they grow in Lacking fertility and poor soil health directly results in unhealthy plants and low yields. Soil health should be very important to everyonefrom small backyard gardeners to the multithousand-acre farmers. To obtain healthy, high yielding plants with the best flavor or highest forage quality, you need to make sure your plants have the fertility and nutrition they require.

Pay Attention to Your Plants

Plants are directly impacted by the health of your soil, making them good indicators of what is going on beneath the surface. Here are a couple of telltale signs that your soil has an issue you need to deal with.

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Stunted growth and yellowing leaves	possible nitrogen deficiency
Reddish/ purple on the tips of the leaves that spreads backwards	possible phosphorous deficiency
Tips and edges of leaves turning yellow/ brown, starting at the bottom of the plant and moving upwards	possible potassium deficiency
Blossom End Rot in tomatoes, Bitter Pit in apples, and/or low-quality yields that aren't marketable	possible calcium deficiency
Discolored upper leaves and new growth	possible micronutrient deficiency, such as manganese or zinc
Symptoms of deficiencies when nutrients are known to be present	possible lack of nutrient availability, often resulting from a low-quality biological community in the soil to feed present nutrients to the plants

If you notice any of these issues with your plants you need address your soil health!



This beautiful property exclusively uses DAIRY DOO products for amazing results!

FERTILIZER GUIDE



Morgan Composting Fertilizer Guide Key Terms, Definitions, and Conversions



Broadcast

Banding

Broadcasted Fertilizer is applied evenly across the field, including the space between the rows. This is preferable when we are making changes to the overall soil profile (pH adjustment, correcting major deficiencies, applying compost, etc). Broadcast applications are generally measured per 100 sq ft. A 10'x10' area is equal to 100 sq ft.

Banded Fertilizer is applied directly in the row, either as single thin band 2-3 inches away from the seed/ stem OR sprinkled evenly over the row, avoiding walkways. Take care not to pile fertilizer around the stem. Banded applications reduce the amount of fertilizer needed and limit weed growth between rows. Banded applications are measured in per 100 row ft, which is equivilent to a 1 foot wide by 100 ft long row.

If you would like to band instead of broadcast or vice/versa, you can use the same rate. 1lb/100 row ft=1lb/100 sq ft. If you have crops with wide root masses like grape vines, multiply the 100 row ft rate by the estimated root width. For example, if the recommendation is 1lb/100 row ft and you are spreading over a 4ft wide row, you will apply 4lb/100 row ft.

Sidedress: Fertilizer applied midyear, directly in row.

Foliar Fertilizer: Liquid fertilizer applied directly to the plants/leaves. Supplement, NOT a replacement for soil amendments.

To convert from per 100 sq ft to per 1000 sq ft: Multiply by 10 (1b/100 sq ft x 10 = 10bs/1000 sq ft). To convert from per 100 sq ft to per acre: Multiply by 435.6 (1b/100 sq ft x 435 = 435bs/acre).

Preplant Fertilizer

A soil test is important in determining preplant fertilizer, ESPECIALLY for new gardens. The following rates assume the soil is well balanced, with no major deficiencies, excesses, or pH imbalances. *IF YOU COMPLETED A SOIL TEST WITH MORGAN COMPOSTING, THE INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS REPLACE THE PREPLANT SECTION OF THIS SHEET AND YOU CAN SKIP TO THE SIDEDRESS SECTION.

Unamended/Virgin Soil			
DAIRY DOO *Preferred	1-1.5 cu ft/100 sq ft (Broadcasting Preferred)		
OR			
Healthy Garden 7-6-5 OR All Purpose 8-4-4	3lbs/100 sq ft (Broadcasting Preferred)		
*IF USING THE HEALTHY GARDEN 7-6-5 OR ALL PURPOSE 8-4-4 RECOMMENDATIONS, USE THE VIRGIN SOIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 5 YEARS BEFORE SWITCHING TO THE ESTABLISHED GARDEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE PHOSPHOROUS.			
Well-Balanced/Established Gardens			
DAIRY DOO *Preferred	0.3-0.5 cu ft/100 sq ft (Broadcasting Preferred)		
NKDoo 10-0-4 *Preferred OR Granular 8-1-7	2lbs/100 row ft (Banding Preferred)		
OR			
Healthy Garden 7-6-5 OR All Purpose 8-4-4	2.5lbs/100 sq ft (Broadcasting Preferred)		
NKDoo 10-0-4 OR Granular 8-1-7	0.5lb/100 row ft (Banding Preferred)		
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Onions, potatoes, and parsnips: Double the rate of DAIRY DOO OR increase the HEALTHY GARDEN 7-6-5 or ALL PURPOSE 8-4-4

by 50% Established asparagus, snap beans, dill, ginseng, peas, radishes, and sweet potatoes: Reduce preplant fertilizer by half.

*Red indicates an organic option

Sidedress Fertilizer Amounts and Timing				
Сгор	Sidedress Fertilizer *Required, foliar feeding is not a replacement for sidedressing.			Foliar Fertilizer
General Rates:	NKDoo10-0-4 OR Granular 8-1-7 (lbs/100 row ft)	Hi K 4-1-12 OR ForageDoo 3-3-10 (lbs/100 row ft)	Timing	Begin 3 weeks from germination. Apply every 7-14 days *SUPPLIMENT, SIDEDRESS STILL REQUIRED
Home Garden	2	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Market garden	2	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Cole Crops	2	1	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Flowers	0-2lbs	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	BloomBlaster **
Fruit Trees (Apples, Pears, Cherries, Peaches, etc)	None	None	Apply "preplant fertilizer" annually in early spring	BloomBlaster before Fruit Set, FruitBlaster after Fruit Set **
Root Vegetables	0.5	1.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Blueberries, Blackberries, Rasberries, Elderberries	None	None	Apply "preplant fertilizer" annually in early spring	BloomBlaster before fruit set, FruitBlaster after fruit set **

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Specific Crop Rates:	NKDoo 10-0-4 OR Granular 8-1-7 (lbs/100 row ft)	Hi K 4-1-12 OR ForageDoo 3-3-10 (lbs/100 row ft)	Timing	Begin 3 weeks from germination. Apply every 7-14 days *SUPPLIMENT, SIDEDRESS STILL REQUIRED
Asparagus	None	None		VeggieBlaster **
Snap Beans	None	None		VeggieBlaster **
Beets, red	None	2.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Broccoli	None	5.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Brussels Sprouts	2.5	None	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Cabbage	2.5	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Carrots	None	2	When tops reach 3 inches	VeggieBlaster **
Cauliflower	2.5	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Celeriac	1.5	2.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Celery	1	7	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Cucumbers	None	1	Bloom	VeggieBlaster **
Dill	None	None		VeggieBlaster **
Eggplant	1.5	0.5	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Endive	0.5	1	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Escarole	0.5	1	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Garlic	1.5	0.5	Early spring (planted in fall)	VeggieBlaster **
Ginseng	None	None		VeggieBlaster **
Grapes	None	1	Fall after harvest	BloomBlaster before fruit set, FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Greens, leafy	0.5	0.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Horseradish	None	2	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Kohlrabi	2	0.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Leek	2	1	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Lettuce, Leaf	None	2	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Lettuce, Head or Romain	1	3	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Melon	0.5	0.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Onion, Dry Bulb	3	None	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Onion, Green	2	None	Split, half at week 4 and half week 8	VeggieBlaster **
Bok Choi	1.5	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Parsley	None	2.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Parsnip	None	2.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Peas	None	None		VeggieBlaster **
Peppers (Bell, Hot, Banana)	0.5	0.5	Bloom	VeggieBlaster before fruit set FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Potato	2	4	At hilling	VeggieBlaster **
Pumpkin	None	1	Bloom	VeggieBlaster before fruit set FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Radish	None	None		VeggieBlaster **
Rhubarb	None	2	Early spring (apply preplant fertilizer in fall for establised rhubarb)	VeggieBlaster **
Rutabaga	None	2.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Spinach	1.5	2.5	3 weeks and 6 weeks	VeggieBlaster **
Squash (Hard, Summer)	None	1	Bloom	VeggieBlaster before fruit set FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Strawberries	1	1.5	Spring (If established, fall apply the preplant fertilizer)	BloomBlaster before fruit set, FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Sweet Corn	1.5	None	6 inches tall	VeggieBlaster **
Sweet Potatos	None	1	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Swiss Chard	None	3	Split, Half on week 3 and half week 6	VeggieBlaster **
Tomato	1	2	Bloom	VeggieBlaster before fruit set, CalBlaster at bloom, FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Turnip	0.5	0.5	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster **
Watermelon	1	None	3 weeks after germination/transplant	VeggieBlaster before fruit set FruitBlaster after fruit set **
Zucchini	None	0.5	Bloom	VeggieBlaster before fruit set FruitBlaster after fruit set **
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If weed pressure is heavy or you see yellowing throughout the year, apply 1-2 additional applications of 1lb/100 row ft of NKDoo 10-0-4.





HEALTHY GARDEN 7-6-5 5%Ca

Garden need a little pick-me-up? **POWERED BY DAIRY DOO**, this product is jam-packed with organic, all-natural and plant available nutrients your plants will love. **HEALTHY GARDEN** is also a great source of calcium- perfect for even those heavy feeding plants! This all-natural, organic, and chemical-free fertilizer is completely safe to use on edible plants.

Spread by hand, broadcast applicator, or by using a spreader.

Available in 4lb, 25lb bags and 1 ton super sacks.

	How to use and Apply HEALTHY GARDEN /-6-			(DEN /-6-5
	Flower Beds	New Veggie Garden	Established Veggie Garden	Plants in Containers
in the	Apply 1-2 lbs per 100 sq ft or sprinkle 1-2 tbsp per foot of plant height around each plant.	Apply 10-15 lbs per 500 sq ft before planting and till in 4 inches.	Apply 2-3 lbs per 500 sq ft or sprinkle 1 tbsp per foot of plant height around each plant.	Sprinkle 1 tbsp per foot of plant height around each plant.

SAFE GREEN LAWN 10-0-4 0.5%Ca



The best lawn on the block is **POWERED BY DAIRY DOO** and humates! Achieve a lush, green lawn that is fortified with solid biology, without the use of phosphorus or chemicals! This granulated fertilizer works with new or existing lawns and is safe for use around kids, pets,

lakes, rivers, and streams.

Apply SAFE GREEN LAWN

3 times a year using a broadcast spreader. For new lawns, one 25 lb bag covers 2,500 sq ft. Available in 25 lb bags and 1 ton super sacks.

How to Use and Apply SAFE GREEN LAWN		
Established Lawns	New Lawns	
Apply 5 - 10 lbs per	Apply 10 lbs per 1,000 sq ft	
1,000 sq ft 3 times per year.	before seeding or sodding.	
Holidays help you remember your	Mix into the top inch of soil.	
applications! Apply around Memorial	Keep seed or sod bed moist	
Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.	to ensure establishment.	
For established lawns,	For new lawns,	
1 bag covers 5,000 sq ft.	1 bag covers 2,500 sq ft.	



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Replace your 19-19-19 fertilizers for nutrients that stay in the soil!



Made with processed poultry manure and DAIRY DOO, this fertilizer offers calcium, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium that your plants can actually access. All PURPOSE 8-4-4 adds organic matter to your soil that acts as sponges to hold your nutrients in place for your plants to

retrieve when they need them. This is a general-use fertilizer that works great at feeding almost anything that you are trying to grow!

Available in 40 lb bags, 1 ton super sacks, and bulk.



How to Use and Apply ALL PURPOSE 8-4-4			
Flower Beds	New Veggie Garden	Established Veggie Garden	
Apply 1 lb per 100 sq ft or sprinkle 1-2 tsp around each plant.	Apply 10-15 lbs per 500 sq ft before planting and till in 4 inches.	Apply 2-3 lbs per 500 sq ft or sprinkle 1 tbsp per foot of plant height around each plant.	
Plants in Containers	New Lawns	Mature Tree	
Sprinkle 1 tbsp per foot of plant height around each plant.	Apply 10 lbs per 1,000 sq ft before seeding or sodding. Mix into the top inch of soil. Keep seed or sod bed moist to ensure establishment.	Spread 2-2.5 lbs per inch of trunk diameter in early spring or late fall. Start a minimum of 1 ft from the trunk and move outward in concentric circles until you reach 2-3 feet beyond the canopy.	
Newly Transplanted Tree	New Food Plot	Established Food Plot	
Spread 0.5-1 lb per inch of trunk diameter in early spring or late fall. Start a minium of 1 ft from the trunk and move outward in concentric circles until you reach 2-3 ft beyond the canopy.	Spread 600-800 lbs per acre. Can be applied the same day as lime and seeds.	Spread 200-400 lbs per acre. Can be applied the same day as lime and seeds.	