

Fertilisers

Why do we apply fertilisers?

Soil Analysis is completed to identify nutritional deficiencies. Typical analysis is for: pH, P, K and Mg

Fertiliser applicators are calibrated and operators are trained

pH – Indicator of acidity / alkalinity of the soil. Ideal pH for growing crops is 6-7

Fertilisers are applied according to Good Agricultural Practice, i.e. Nitrate Vulnerable Zones Regulations



Important for leaf growth & quality

Phosphorous:

Promotes development of roots, flower and seed or fruit

Potassium

Necessary for growth of strong stems and movement of water in plants and promotes flowering & fruiting

Fertilisers are materials (organic or inorganic in origin) that supply nutrients to plants

Types of **Fertiliser**

ORGANIC:

- Composts
- •Manures



Powdered & granular NPK fertilisers (varied in formulation to suit different types of plants





3 Major Nutrients of

Plants:

P Phosphorous

K Potassium

N Nitrogen