

Leaf and sap testing for managing vegetable crop nutrition

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What we will cover today

- Why test plants?
- Dry tissue analysis
- Sap analysis
- How to interpret results
- What to do if we cannot find desirable ranges?
- Crop removal
- Q & A





Why test plants?

Soil analysis provides information about potential nutrient availability

Plant analysis provides information about actual nutrient uptake



Dry Tissue Analysis

N-P-K-Ca-Mg-S-Fe-Mn-Cu-Zn-B-(Mo)-Na-Cl

- Aim of testing
- Sampling – who, when
- Lab selection / communication
- Growth stages
- Interpretation / communication



Cabbage

(*Brassica oleracea*)

Cabbage dry tissue levels



Plant Part	Wrapper leaf				
	Growth Stage Head maturity - early harvest				
Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<2.5	2.5-2.8	3.0-5.0	>5.5	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.2	0.20-0.25	0.3-0.5	>0.5	
Potassium % (K)	<2.0	2.0-2.5	3.0-4.5	>5.0	
Calcium % (Ca)		<1.0	1.5-3.0	>3.5	
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.15	0.15-0.19	0.2-0.7	>0.7	
Sulphur % (S)	<0.2	0.25-0.29	0.30-0.80	>0.8	
Sodium % (Na)			0-1.0	1.1-1.2	>1.2
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.8	1.9-2.2	>2.2
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)	<3	3-4	5-20	>20	
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<15	15-19	20-200	>200	
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<20	20-24	25-200	200-400	>400
Iron ² ppm (Fe)		<50	50-200		
Boron ppm (B)	<20	20-24	25-60	>100	
Molybdenum ppm (Mo)	<0.3	0.3-0.4	0.5-3.0	>3.0	

Leaf analysis report

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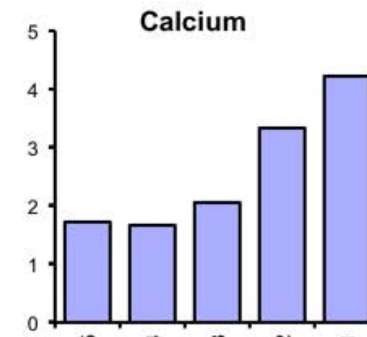
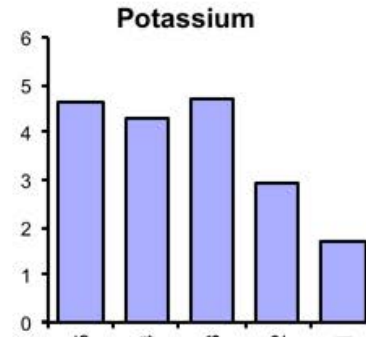
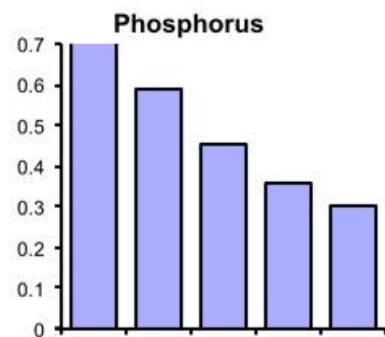
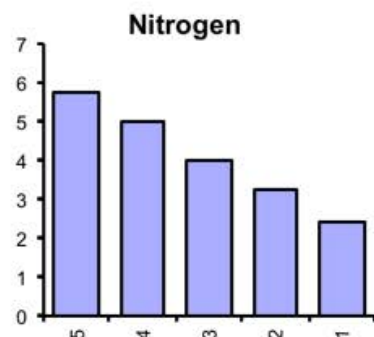
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Crop : Tomato

Growth stage : Harvest

Nutrient		Previous tests					Current level	Normal Range	Comment
		5	4	3	2	1			
Nitrogen	%	5.8	5	4	3.2	2.39	2.0 ... 4.0	low end of range	
Phosphorus	%	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3 ... 0.7	marginal	
Potassium	%	4.7	4.3	4.7	2.9	1.7	2.5 ... 5.0	low	
Calcium	%	1.7	1.7	2.1	3.3	4.22	3.0 ... 5.0	OK	
Magnesium	%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.89	0.4 ... 0.8	OK	
Sodium	%	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0 ... 0.4	OK	
Sulphur	%	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.03	0.4 ... 1.0	OK	
Zinc	mg/kg	60	133	230	340	340	20 ... 200	OK	
Iron	mg/kg	160	137	90	390	390	60 ... 300	OK	
Copper	mg/kg	30	41	533	820	540	5 ... 200	OK	
Manganese	mg/kg	65	118	230	390	280	25 ... 500	OK	
Boron	mg/kg	32	52	48	65	140	25 ... 100	OK	



Leaf nutrient levels over previous weeks

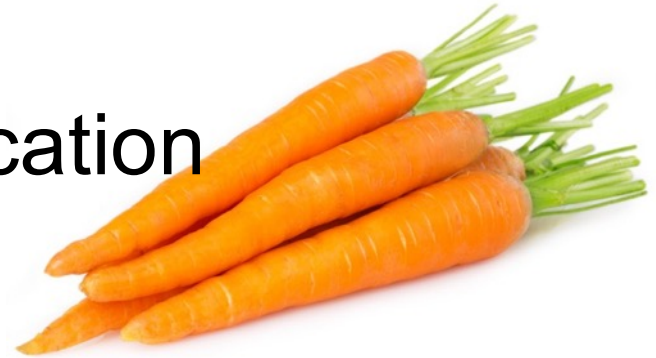
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Sap Analysis

NO_3^- - NH_4^+ - P - K - Ca - Mg - S - Fe - Mn - Cu - Zn - B - Mo - Na - Cl

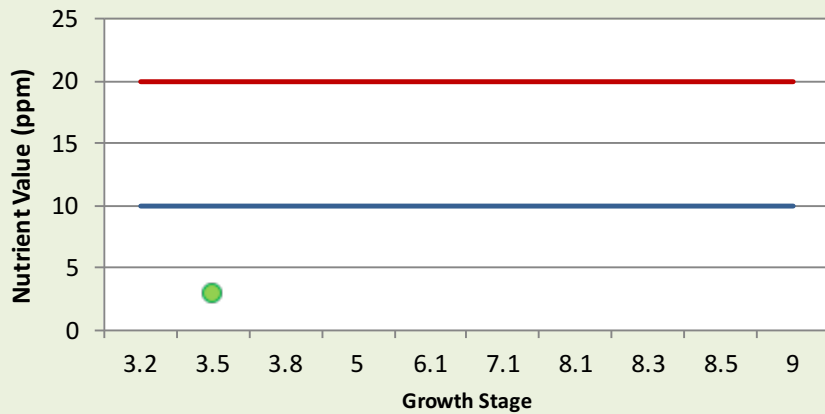
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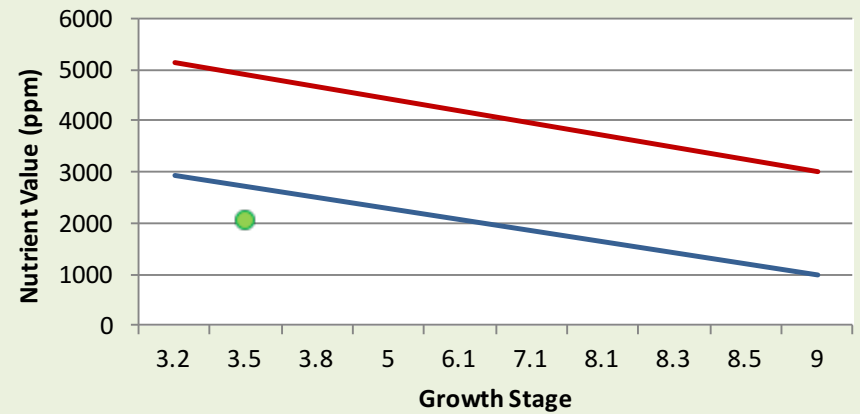


Sap result example

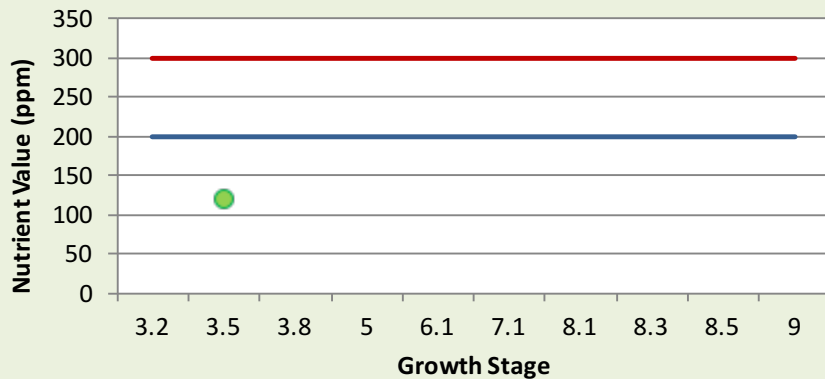
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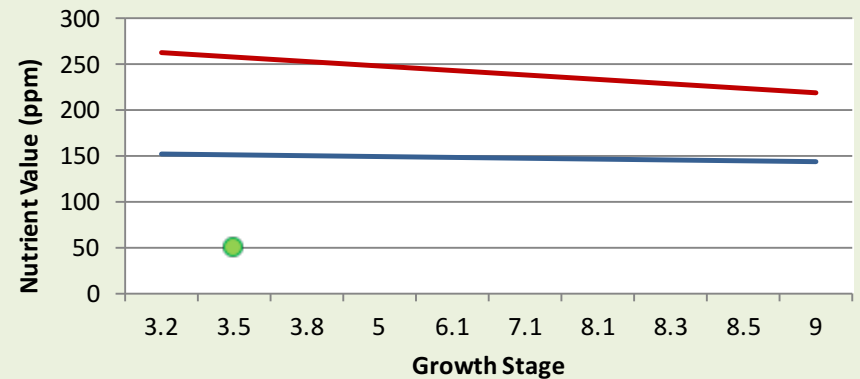
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Phosphorus

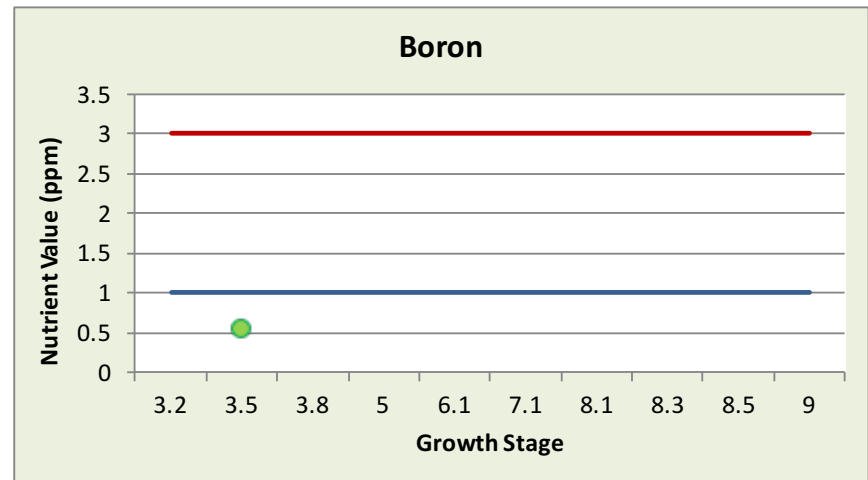
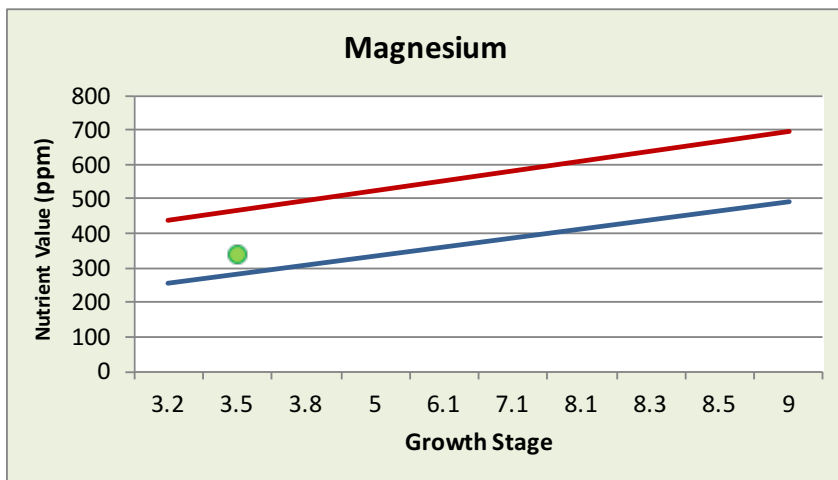
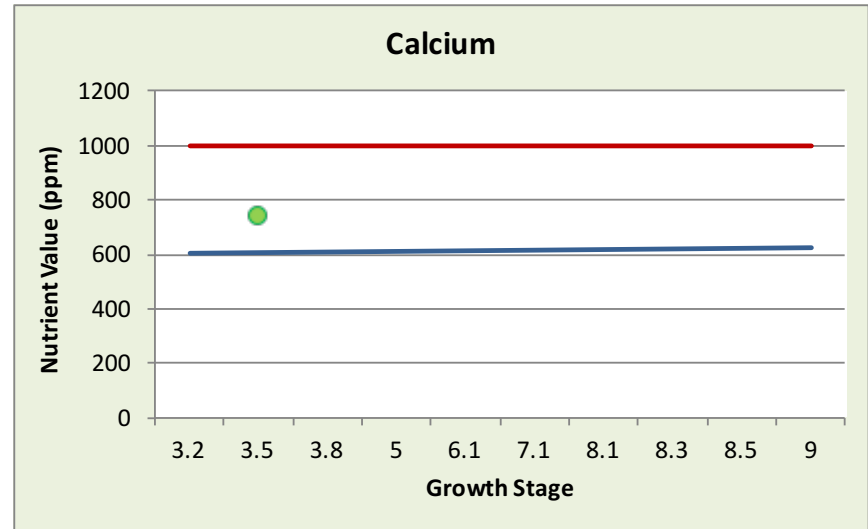
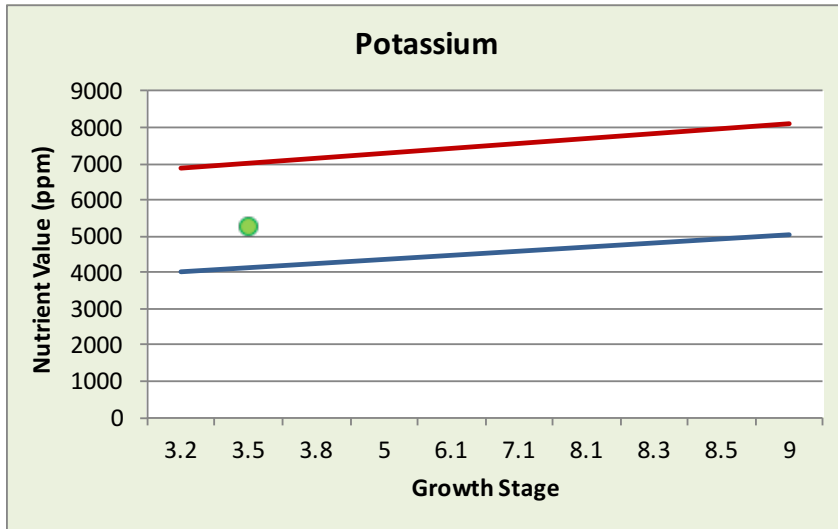


Sulphur





Sap result example

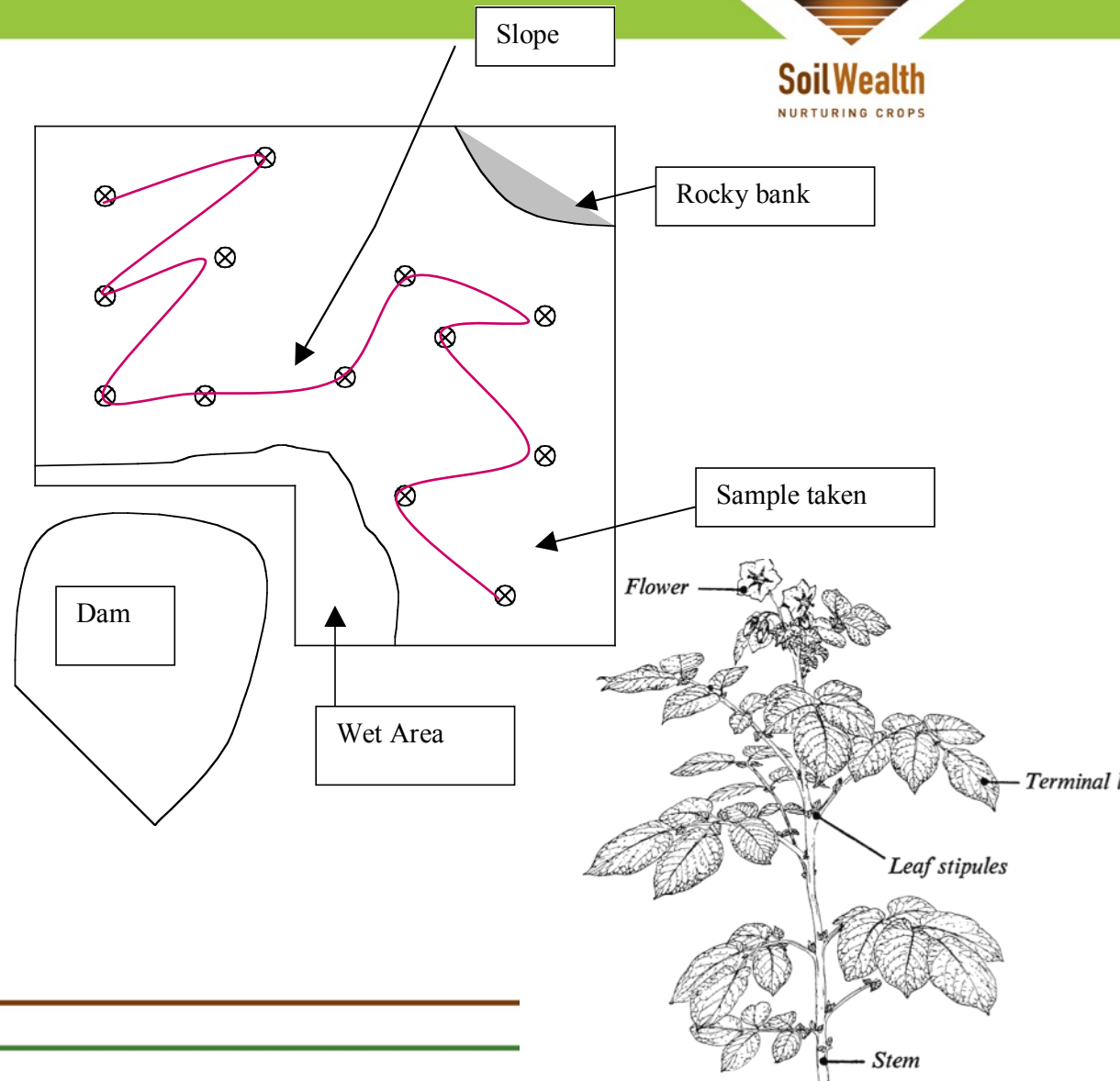




Sampling

Check with your lab!

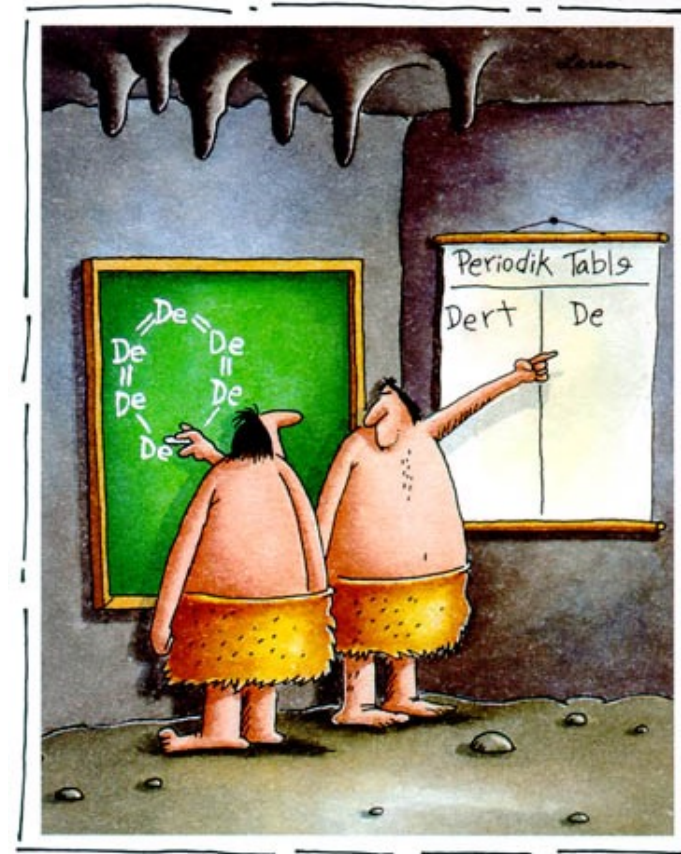
- Representative
- Record sampling path
- Take photo of crop
- Sufficient material
- Correct plant part
- Time of day
- Labeling
- **Record growth stage**
- Packaging
- Posting





Considerations

- **Inspect crop**
 - **Consider growing conditions**
 - **Consider crop management practices**
 - **Consult soil test results**
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- **Desirable Ranges**
 - **Comparison between good and poor crops**





What to look for in data

- **Trends and fluctuations**
- **Nutrient balances**
- **Deficiencies**
- **Inconsistencies between soil and plant test**





What can affect all plant analysis results?

Atmospheric factors

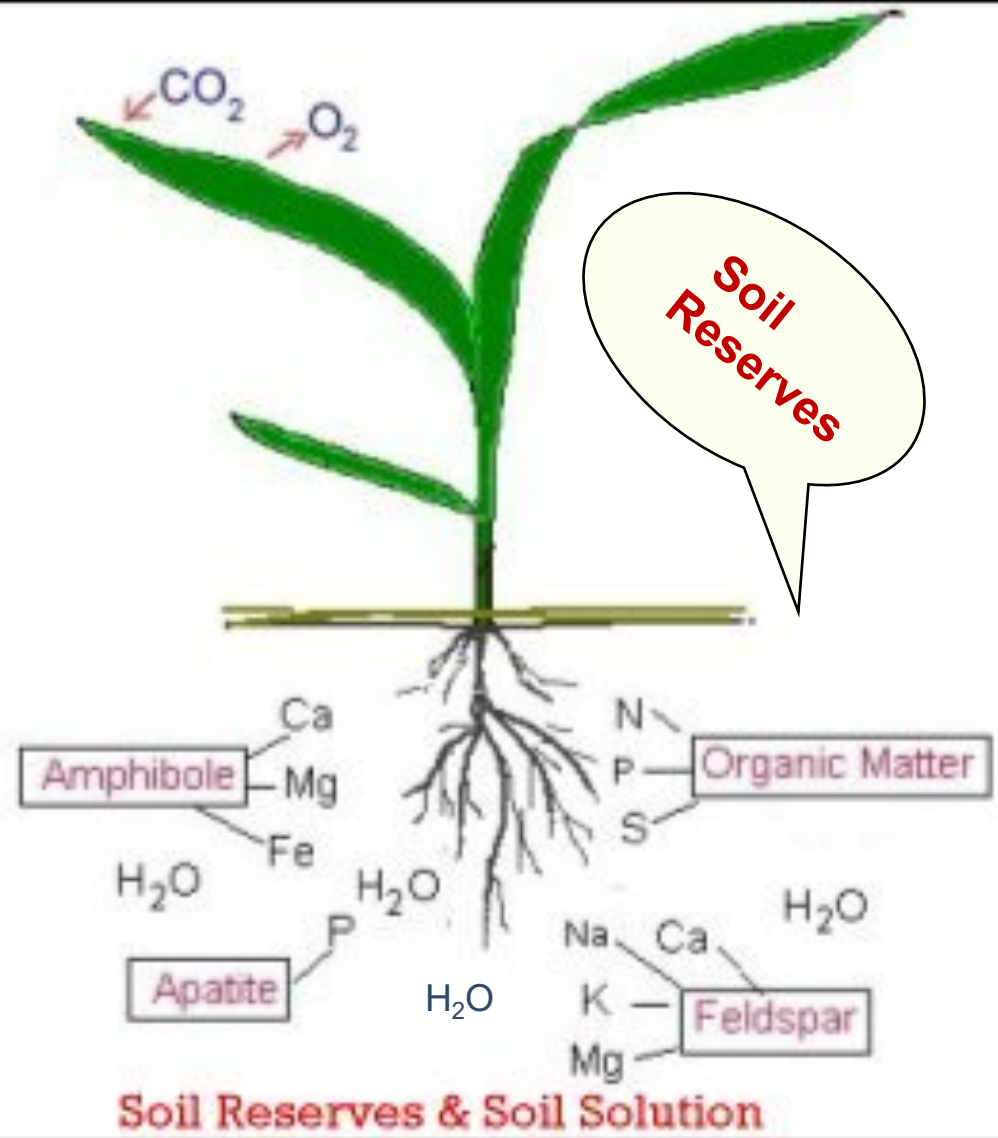
- a. temperature
- b. relative humidity
- c. heat
- d. wind
- e. radiation

Plant factors

- f. root system
- g. leaves
- h. stomatal features
- i. growth stages

Soil factors

- j. CEC
- k. pH
- l. soil conditions
- m. buffering capacity
- n. soil solution
- o. fertility
- p. Oxygen





Nutrient budgeting

Dry tissue analysis is the basis for determining nutrient uptake and removal by crops to prepare nutrient budgets

Together with soil test data nutrient budgets can be used to develop fertiliser programs





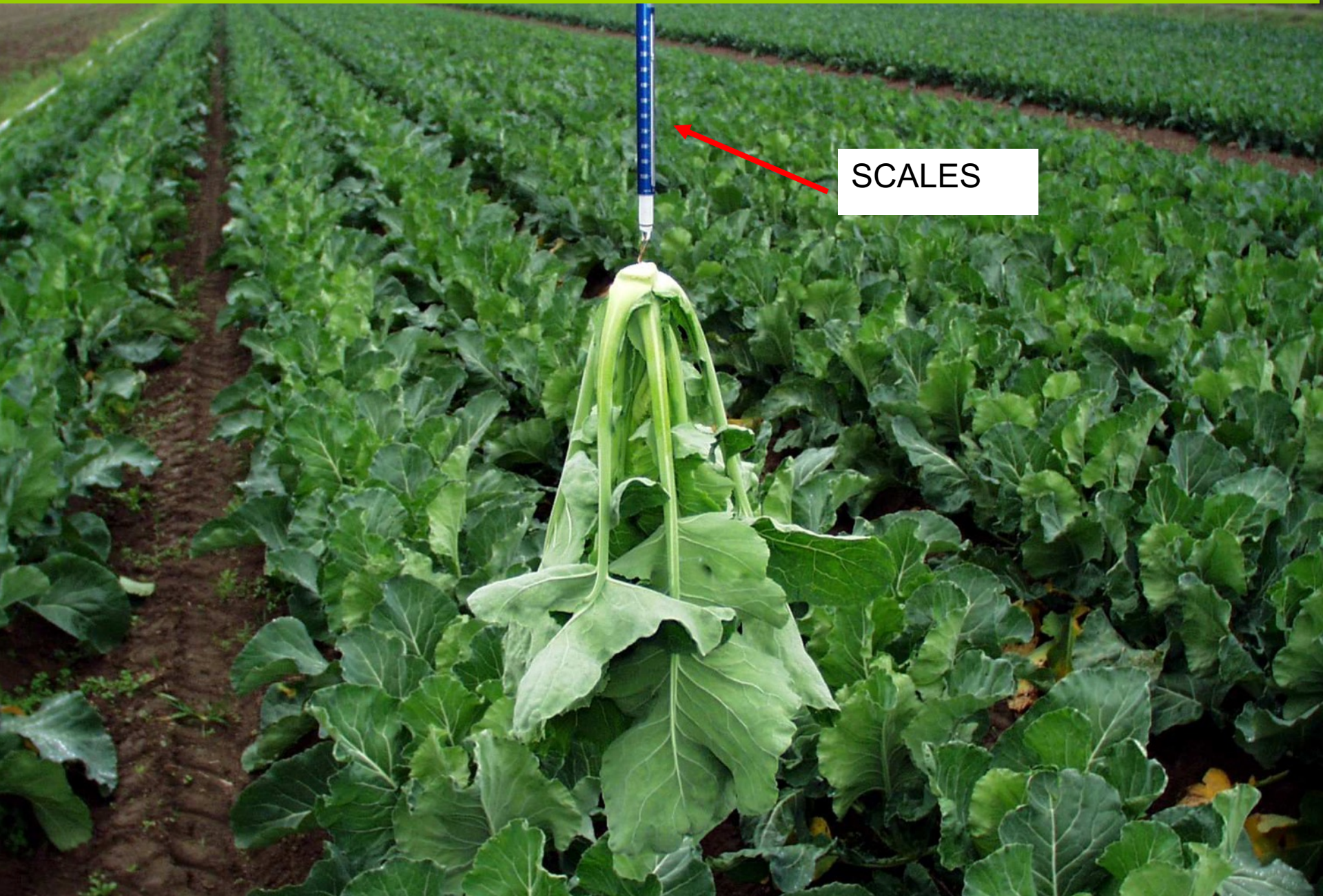
Nutrient Uptake

All the nutrients taken up by the plant as it grows and matures. This includes above and below-ground parts.

Sometimes the 'term withdrawal' is used instead of 'uptake'.



Determine nutrient uptake



SCALES



Nutrient Removal

(also called Crop Removal)

The portion of the crop actually taken from the field at harvest i.e. nutrient in grain, potato tubers, bean pods, poppy heads, fruit etc.



Crop residues after crop removal



About 170kg N/ha can stay behind

Thank You

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Additional slides

- The following slides were not included in the webinar presentation, but may be useful reference material
- Please use this information as a guide only.





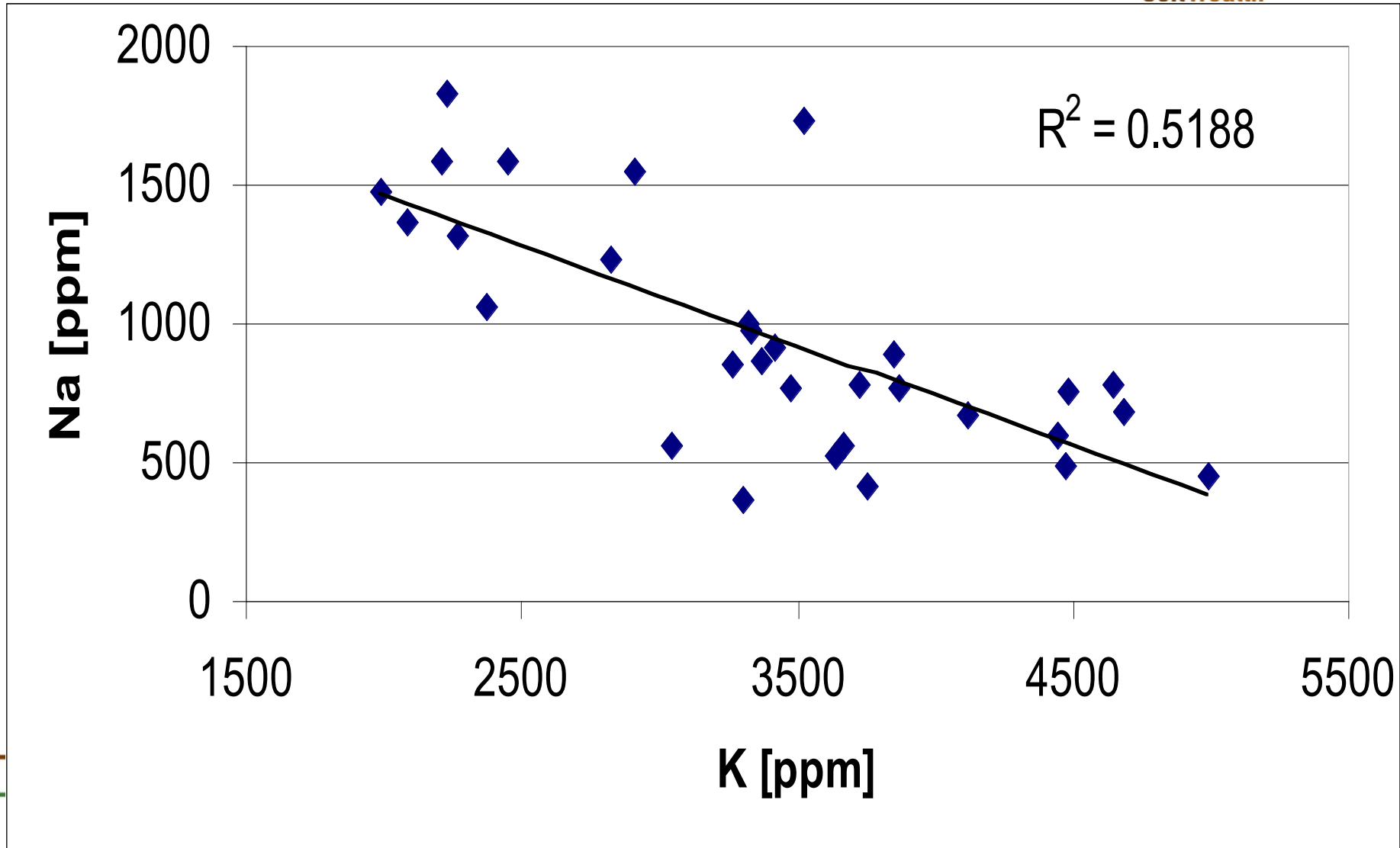
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Nutrient balances





Some principles for sap levels

All nutrients high

- ◆ Plants may be under stress.
- ◆ Moisture (over or under watering) or disease stress - nutrients are highly concentrated in poorly growing plants.
- ◆ More obvious in sap results if stress has not been going on for long.



Principles for sap levels [cont.]

The majority of nutrients are high

- ♦ The availability of one nutrient is very low and impedes growth, resulting in high nutrient levels except for the limited nutrient.
- ♦ Sampling technique - taking too old plant parts can result in higher than normal levels of some immobile nutrients, such as Calcium and Magnesium.



Principles for sap levels [cont.]

The majority of nutrients are low

- ♦ Low nutrient uptake due to low soil nutrient level or poor uptake conditions
- ♦ Good rainfall associated with ideal growing temperatures promoting rapid plant growth resulting in temporary dilution of nutrients (mostly evident in plant sap).



Desirable ranges – dry tissue

Vary by crop and nutrient

Usually a specific growth stage recommended for sampling

Desirable ranges are for specific growth stages

Good to use data derived under Australian condition or similar



Tissue Analysis

Sap Analysis

Sampling

Annuals: Leaf or petiole of youngest fully expanded leaf (YFL), entire plant, fruit, bulb or tuber

Perennials: center leaf from current years growth, fruit
at any time during the day



Annuals: YFL petiole or entire plant, fruit, bulb or tuber

Perennials: fresh growing tip (1-15cm), fruit

at a certain, consistent time of the day



Tissue Analysis

Sap Analysis

Sample Processing

Drying, weighing, grinding,
turning to ash, either at high
temperature
(dry ash) or chemically (wet ash)

Ash is taken up in liquid for analysis



Squeezing using a
consistent pressure each
time to extract sap without
breaking down 'permanent
structures'



Tissue Analysis

Sap Analysis

Analysis & Reporting

Nutrients in the sample in relation to its dry weight

reported as %
(g/100g dry matter)
or

[ppm = mg/kg]
(mg/1000g dry matter)



Nutrient concentration in the extracted sap

reported as [ppm]
(mg/L sap)



Tissue Analysis

Sap Analysis

Results show

Nutrition summary

= **nutrient
accumulation in the
sampled plant part up
to the time of sampling**



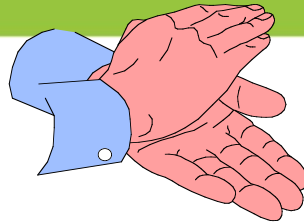
Nutrient uptake around the
time of sampling

= **current nutrient status,
current uptake conditions**



Tissue Analysis

Positive Aspects



Little influence of sampling time during the day or growing conditions just prior to sampling on results

Allows review of overall growing conditions and effect of the fertiliser program and calculating removal rates

“ACCOUNT BALANCE”

Sap Analysis

Results reflect growing conditions around the time of sampling; they show current nutrient deficiencies and imbalances

Repeated sampling shows trends and effect of preceding fertiliser applications

Allows prediction of reaction to nutrient application

“ACCOUNT MOVEMENTS”



Tissue Analysis

Sap Analysis

Negative Aspects

The nutrient content of tissue is 'diluted' by starch, sugar and protein which increases throughout the season - nutrient levels decrease depending on the amount of their accumulation.



As tissue analysis is 'historical', it is not a measure of deficiencies or imbalances around sampling or at any times before sampling.

Growing conditions around sampling have to be known and understood in their impact on nutrient uptake.

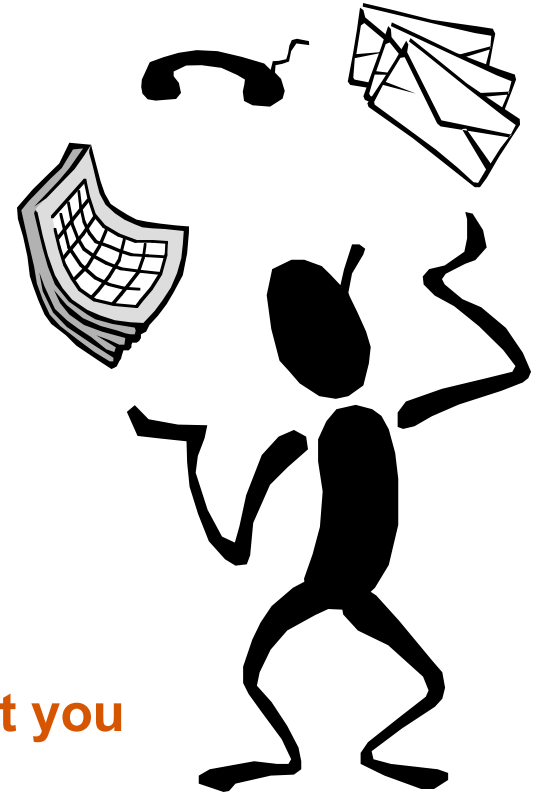
Quick tests for N and K commonly lead to inconsistent results, due to operator differences in sap extraction procedures, temperature variations during analysis



Tissue Analysis & Sap Analysis

Common Aspects

- Desirable levels are needed per crop, variety and phenological growth stage
- Remote interpretation without crop knowledge is risky
- Excessive soil levels are well not reflected;
an issue for potential nitrogen losses



You need to know why you are testing, what you want to do with the data and the capability of the monitoring tool

Carrot (*Daucus carota*)

Carrot leaf levels



Plant Part	Youngest mature leaf (remove extended main petiole)				
Growth Stage	Mid-grown roots 1-3 cm diameter				
Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<1.8	1.8-1.9	2.0-3.5	>3.5	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.18	0.18-0.19	0.2-0.5	>0.5	
Potassium % (K)	<2.0	2.0-2.4	2.5-4.5	>4.5	
Calcium % (Ca)			1.4-3.0		
Magnesium % (Mg)		0.16-0.19	0.2-0.5	>0.5	
Sulphur % (S)			0.2-0.4		
Sodium % (Na)			0-2.0		
Chloride % (Cl)			0-2.4	2.5-3.0	>3.0
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)		3-4	5-25		
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<18	18-24	25-50		
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)		<25	30-350		
Iron ² ppm (Fe)			50-350		
Boron ppm (B)	<20	20-25	30-60	>100	

¹ Values for copper, zinc or manganese in leaves sprayed with fungicides or nutrient sprays containing trace elements cannot give a reliable guide to nutritional status even in washed leaves.

² Leaf analysis is not a reliable guide to iron deficiency because of surface contamination with dirt, or immobility of iron within the plant or the presence of physiological inactive iron within tissues.

Lettuce

leaf levels

Lettuce (*Latuca sativa*)



Plant Part	Wrapper leaf				
	Heads half size				
Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<2.8	2.8-3.0	3.1-4.5	>5.0	
Phosphorus % (P)			0.35-0.60	0.7-0.8	>0.8
Potassium % (K)	<3.0	3.0-3.5	4.5-8.0	8.0-9.0	>9.0
Calcium % (Ca)			0.8-2.0		
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.16	0.16-0.20	0.3-0.7	0.8-0.9	
Sulphur % (S)			0.2-0.3		
Sodium % (Na)			0-0.3	0.4-0.6	>0.7
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.4	1.6-2.0	>2.0
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)		<5	7-80		
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<20	20-24	25-250		
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<12	12-15	50-300	600-1800	>2000
Iron ² ppm (Fe)			50-100		
Boron ppm (B)	<11	11-20	25-55		

Broccoli
(*Brassica oleracea*)

Broccoli leaf levels



Plant Part	Wrapper leaf				
	Growth Stage				
	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<3.0	3.0-3.2	3.5-5.5	>5.5	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.2	0.20-0.25	0.3-0.7	>0.7	
Potassium % (K)	<1.6	1.6-1.9	2.0-4.0		
Calcium % (Ca)			1.2-2.5		
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.15	0.15-0.19	0.2-0.7	>0.7	
Sulphur % (S)	<0.2	0.25-0.29	0.30-0.80	>0.8	
Sodium % (Na)			0-1.0	1.1-1.2	>1.2
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.8	1.9-2.2	>2.2
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)	<3	3-4	5-20	>20	
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<15	15-19	20-200	>200	
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<20	20-24	25-200	200-400	>400
Iron ² ppm (Fe)		<50	50-200		
Boron ppm (B)	<20	20-24	25-60	>100	
Molybdenum ppm (Mo)	<0.3	0.3-0.4	0.5-3.0	>3.0	

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French beans leaf levels



Beans (French) (*Phaseolus vulgaris*)

Plant Part	Youngest fully expanded leaf (minus petiole)				
	Growth Stage Early flowering				
Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<3.5	3.5-3.9	4.0-6.0	>6.0	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.25	0.25-0.32	0.35-0.50	>0.5	
Potassium % (K)	<1.2	1.2-1.7	1.8-4.0	>4.0	
Calcium % (Ca)		1.0-1.2	1.5-3.0	3.5-4.0	
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.15	0.20-0.24	0.25-0.70	0.8-1.0	1.3-1.7
Sodium % (Na)			0-0.06	0.08-0.2	>0.2
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.4	1.6-2.0	2.1-6.5
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)	<3	3-5	6-50		
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<18	18-20	30-100		
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<20	20-25	50-300	300-400	>400
Iron ² ppm (Fe)			50-300		
Boron ppm (B)	<10	15-19	40-60	100-150	
Molybdenum ppm (Mo)	<0.2	0.2-0.4	0.5-1.0	1.5-5.0	

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Cabbage leaf levels

Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea*)



Plant Part	Wrapper leaf				
	Growth Stage Head maturity - early harvest				
Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<2.5	2.5-2.8	3.0-5.0	>5.5	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.2	0.20-0.25	0.3-0.5	>0.5	
Potassium % (K)	<2.0	2.0-2.5	3.0-4.5	>5.0	
Calcium % (Ca)		<1.0	1.5-3.0	>3.5	
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.15	0.15-0.19	0.2-0.7	>0.7	
Sulphur % (S)	<0.2	0.25-0.29	0.30-0.80	>0.8	
Sodium % (Na)			0-1.0	1.1-1.2	>1.2
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.8	1.9-2.2	>2.2
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)	<3	3-4	5-20	>20	
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<15	15-19	20-200	>200	
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<20	20-24	25-200	200-400	>400
Iron ² ppm (Fe)		<50	50-200		
Boron ppm (B)	<20	20-24	25-60	>100	
Molybdenum ppm (Mo)	<0.3	0.3-0.4	0.5-3.0	>3.0	

Cucurbit leaf levels



Cucurbits (Cucumber, rockmelon, pumpkin, zucchini)

Plant Part	Youngest fully mature leaf with petiole				
Growth Stage	Early flowering				
Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<1.8	1.8-2.4	2.5-4.5	5-6	>6
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.2	0.20-0.25	0.3-0.7	0.8-1.0	>1.0
Potassium % (K)	<2.0	2.0-2.4	2.5-4.0	4.1-5.0	>5.0
Calcium % (Ca)			2.5-5.0		
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.15	0.15-0.20	0.3-1.5	1.6-2.4	>2.5
Sulphur % (S)		<0.25	0.3-1.0		
Sodium % (Na)			0-0.35	>0.4	
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.5	1.6-1.8	>2.0
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)	<3	3-7	8-20	30-50	
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<15	15-18	20-60		
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<15	15-20	60-400	400-600	>600
Iron ² ppm (Fe)		<40	50-300		
Boron ppm (B)	<20	20-25	30-200	200-300	
Molybdenum ppm (Mo)	<0.2	0.2-0.4	0.5-2.0		

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Capsicum leaf levels

Capsicum (*Capsicum annum*)



Plant Part Upper young mature leaf (with petiole)
Growth Stage Early fruiting

Nutrient	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<2.5	2.5-2.8	3.0-5.0	>5.0	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.20	0.23-0.28	0.3-0.6	>0.6	
Potassium % (K)	<2.2	2.2-2.5	3.0-5.5	>5.5	
Calcium % (Ca)			1.0-3.5		
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.2	0.2-0.24	0.25-1.2	>1.2	
Sodium % (Na)			0-0.3	>0.4	
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.6	1.7-1.8	>2.0
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)		4-5	10-200		
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<15	18-19	20-100		
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)	<18	18-20	26-300	>400	
Iron ² ppm (Fe)			60-300		
Boron ppm (B)	<20	20-25	30-100		
Molybdenum ppm (Mo)	<0.2	0.2-0.4	0.5-2.0		

Egg plant (*Solanum melongena*)

Egg plant leaf levels



Plant Part Recently matured leaf (minus petioles)
Growth Stage Full bloom at mid growth stage

Nutrient	Deficient	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Excess or toxic
Nitrogen % (N)			3.5–4.5		
Phosphorus % (P)	0.22	0.26	0.3–0.6		
Potassium % (K)		2.7	3.0–5.5	6.0	
Calcium % (Ca)			3.0–6.0	7.0	
Magnesium % (Mg)			0.3–0.9		
Sodium % (Na)			<0.2	0.3	>0.4
Chloride % (Cl)			0.5–1.4	1.8	1.9–6.0
Copper ¹ mg/kg (Cu)			6–30		
Zinc ¹ mg/kg (Zn)			24–60		
Manganese ¹ mg/kg (Mn)			40–300		
Boron mg/kg (B)			30–60		

¹ High values may occur without injury, where copper, zinc or manganese containing fungicides were used.

Tomato

leaf levels

Tomato

(*Lycopersicon esculentum*)

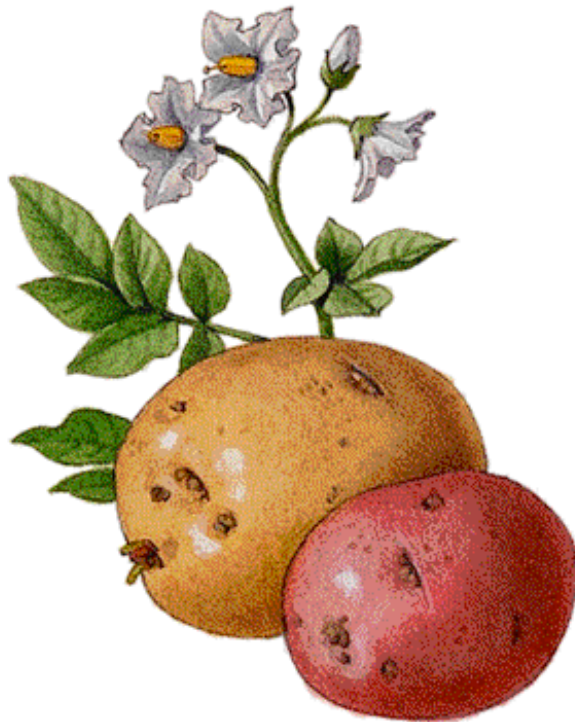


Nutrient	Youngest mature leaf		Growth Stage		
	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	<3.0	3.0-3.5	4.0-5.5	>6.0	
Phosphorus % (P)	<0.25	0.25-0.30	0.4-0.7	>0.8	
Potassium % (K)	<2.0	2.0-2.9	3.0-5.0	>6.0	
Calcium % (Ca)			1.5-3.0		
Magnesium % (Mg)	<0.25	0.25-0.30	0.4-0.8	>0.8	
Sulphur % (S)			0.4-1.0		
Sodium % (Na)			0-0.4	0.5-0.6	>0.6
Chloride % (Cl)			0-1.6	1.7-1.8	>2.0
Copper ¹ ppm (Cu)		<5	5-200		
Zinc ¹ ppm (Zn)	<18	18-19	20-200		
Manganese ¹ ppm (Mn)		20-25	25-500	>700	
Iron ² ppm (Fe)			100-300		
Boron ppm (B)	<12	15-20	25-100	>200	

Potato

leaf levels

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*)



Plant Part Young fully mature compound leaf (usually 4th from tip)
Growth Stage Commencement of flowering or late flowering¹

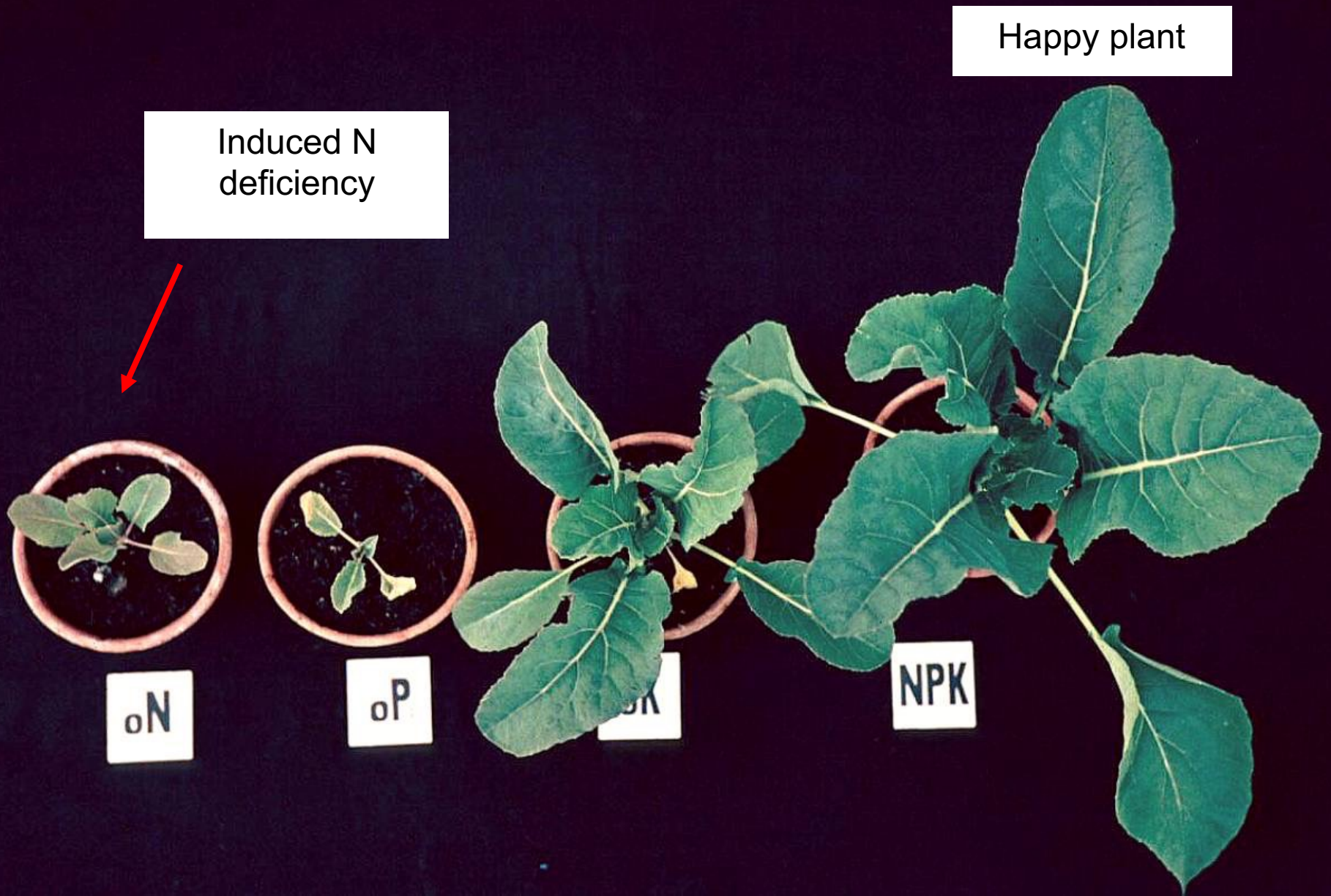
Nutrient	Sample date ¹	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	1	<4.2	4.2-4.9	5.0-6.5	>6.5	
	2	<3.5	3.5-4.4	4.5-5.5	5.6-6.0	>6.0
Phosphorus % (P)	1	<0.23	0.23-0.29	0.30-0.55	>0.60	
	2	<0.20	0.20-0.24	0.25-0.45	>0.50	
Potassium % (K)	1	<3.3	3.3-3.9	4.0-6.5	6.5-7.0	>7.0
	2	<3.0	3.0-3.4	3.5-5.5	5.6-6.5	>6.5
Calcium % (Ca)	1	<0.6	0.6-0.8	0.8-2.0	>2.0	
	2	<0.7	0.7-0.9	1.0-2.5	>2.5	
Magnesium % (Mg)	1	<0.22	0.22-0.24	0.25-0.50	>0.50	
	2	<0.20	0.20-0.24	0.25-0.50	>0.50	
Sulphur % (S)	1			0.30-0.50		
	2			0.30-0.50		
Sodium % (Na)	1			0-0.4	>0.4	
	2			0-0.5	>0.5	
Chloride % (Cl)	1			0-3.0	3.0-3.5	>3.5
	2			0-3.5	3.6-4.0	>4.0
Copper ² ppm (Cu)	1	<3	3-5	5-20	30-100	
	2			5-20		
Zinc ² ppm (Zn)	1	<15	15-19	20-50		
	2			20-50		
Manganese ² ppm (Mn)	1	<20	20-30	50-300	700-800	>800
	2			50-500	800-1000	>1000 ¹
Iron ³ ppm (Fe)	1			50-150		
	2			50-150		
Boron ppm (B)	1	<15	18-24	30-60		
	2			30-60		



Deficiency Symptoms

- ◆ Very bad symptoms are not seen often, due to the use of complete fertilisers – **do not wait to see them!**
- ◆ Certain growing conditions, e.g. high humidity, dry or wet soil, high or low pH, can lead to deficiencies or toxicity
- ◆ Nutrient imbalances in the soil or ‘ion competition’ may lead to deficiency
- ◆ Pest, disease and herbicide damage may look like nutrient deficiency

N-, P-, K-Deficiency Trial



Nitrogen deficiency



N deficiency



Normal



Deficiency

P deficiency



P deficiency

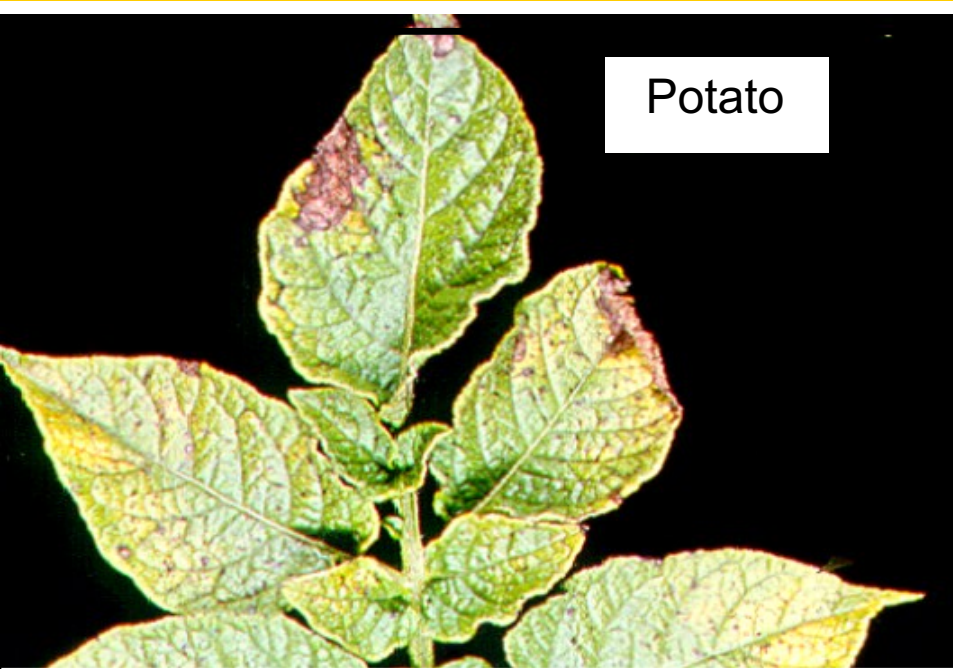


Cold, wet soil can induce P deficiency

K deficiency - grape vine



K deficiency



Potato



Tomato



Lettuce



Beet

Ca deficiency - necrotic heart

Root zone restriction
can induce Ca deficiency



Ca deficiency - blossom end rot

Lack of transpiration can lead to Ca deficiency

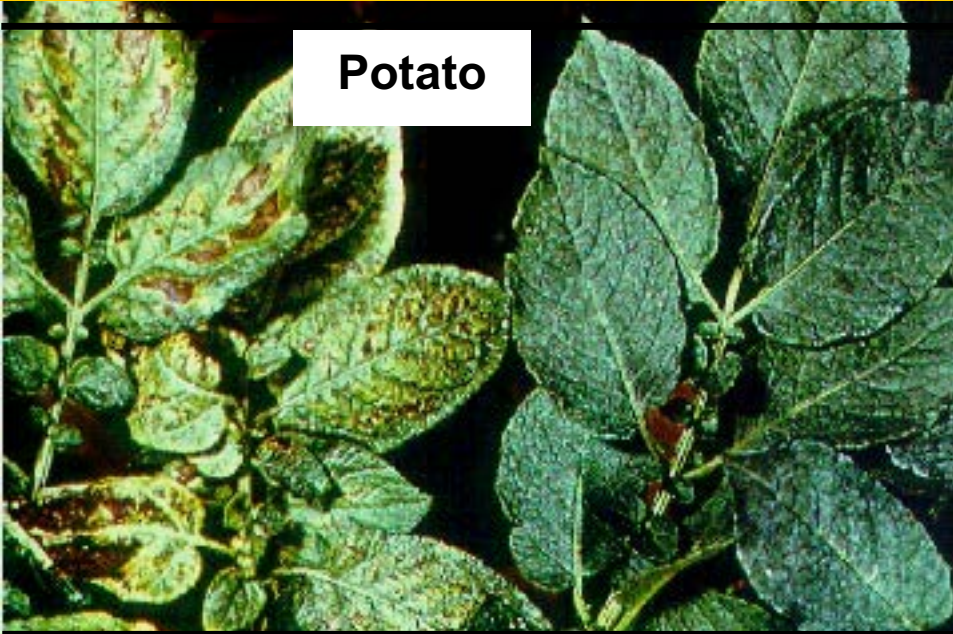


Mg deficiency

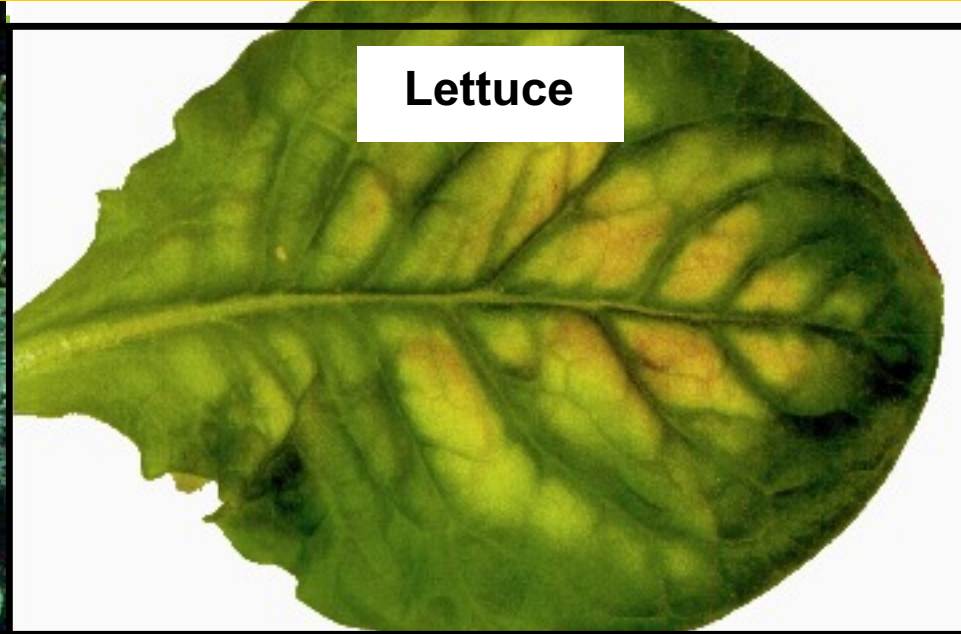


Mg deficiency

Potato



Lettuce



Grape Vine



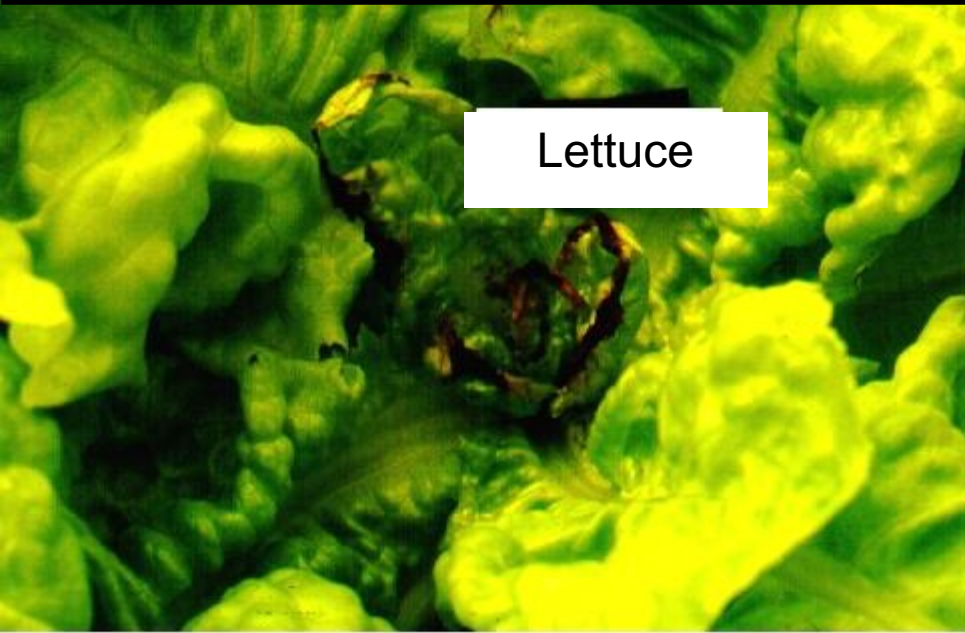
Cucumber



S deficiency



B deficiency



Lettuce



Celery

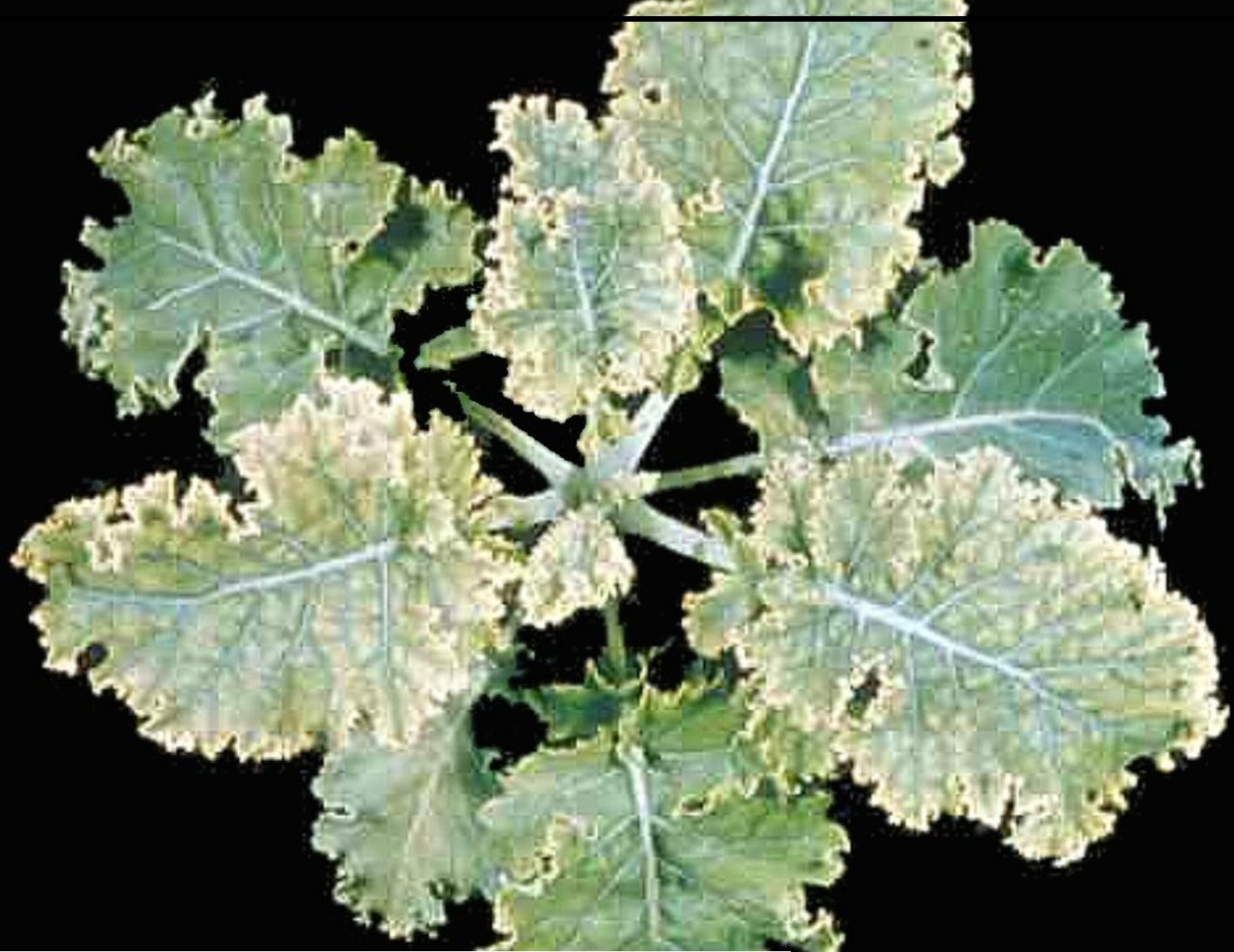


Radish



Cauliflower

Fe deficiency



High pH can induce Fe deficiency

Fe deficiency due to excess Cu

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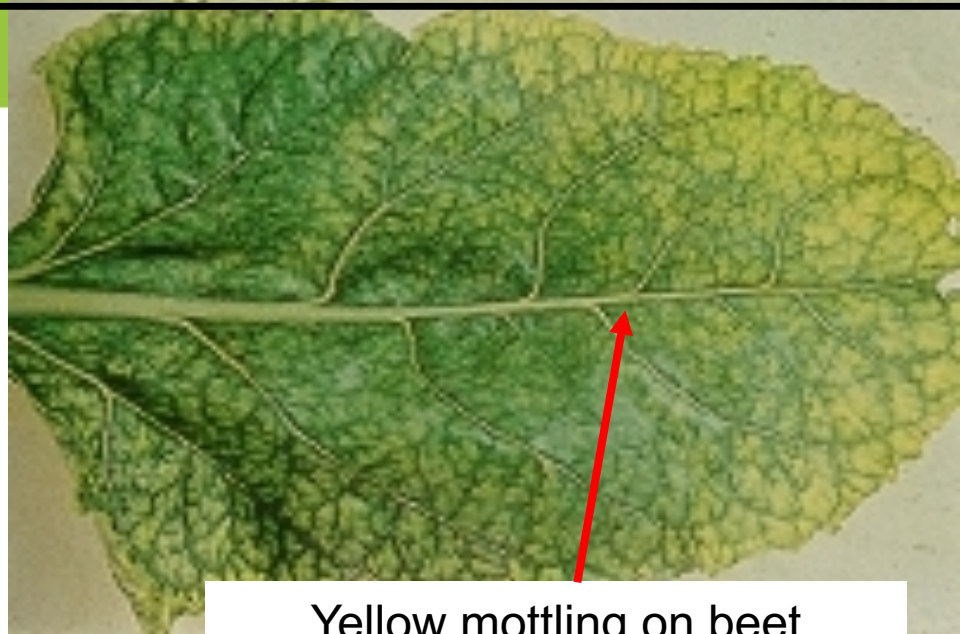
Lucerne



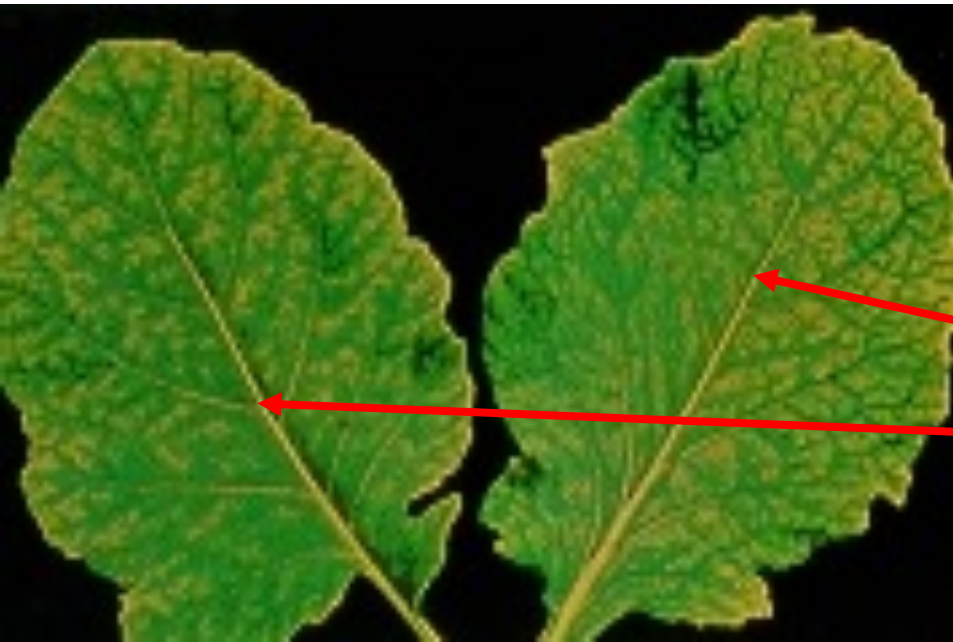
Mn deficiency



Chlorotic young leaves



Yellow mottling on beet



Brassica
- right Fe deficiency
- left Mn deficiency

Mn toxicity - lettuce



Mo deficiency



Narrow young leaves

Mo deficiency

