Identifying Nutrient Deficiencies in Potatoes

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Primary Macronutrients

Nitragen	F	Phosphoru	s I	Potassium
N		P	S	K
Ca	Mg	Fe	Mn	Zn
B	Cu	Мо	CI	Со
Ni	Na	Se	Si	AI

Nitrogen

- Plays a major role in photosynthesis
- Important during both vegetative growth and tuber bulking
- Over application can be just as harmful as under application
 - Reduce yield
 - Effect dry matter content
 - Delay maturation
 - Tuber quality and storage

Nitrogen



Nitrogen

- Mobile in plants
- Deficiency symptoms:
 - Pale yellow-green/chlorosis
 - Stunted growth
 - Yellowing of older leaves
 - Upward cupping of leaves

Phosphorous

- Part of ATP = important for energy storage & transport
- Plays a role in respiration, photosynthesis, cell division and multiplication
- Important in early vegetative growth, tuber initiation and development
- Effects specific gravity

Phosphorous



Phosphorous

- Mobile in plants
- Deficiency symptoms:
 - Dark green in color
 - Stunted
 - Smaller upwards curling leaves
 - Brownish spots, potential purple coloring

Phosphorous (ppm)-PEI soil trend



Figure 4. Soil phosphate (P₂O₅) levels spatially distributed using a regression-kriging model from data acquired through the PEI Soil Quality Monitoring Project, up to and including until end of cycle 8.

Phosphorous (%P)-PEI soil trend



Figure 5. Phosphorus Saturation Index (PSI) levels spatially distributed using a regression-kriging model from data acquired through the PEI Soil Quality Monitoring Project, from cycles 3 until end of cycle 8. Cycles 1 and 2 are unavailable due to aluminum level analysis beginning in 2004 at PEI Analytical Laboratories (Benjannett et al. 2018).

Potassium

- Enzyme activation and coenzyme function
- Protein synthesis
- Stomatal regulation = C02 uptake/osmoregulation
- Influences tuber yield and size, specific gravity, fry color and storage properties
- Sufficient quantities can reduce blackspot bruising/hollow heart

Potassium



Potassium

- Mobile in plants
- Deficiency Symptoms:
 - Edges/tips of lower leaves first effected
 - Yellowing spreads between the veins as deficiency worsens
 - Curling of leaf margins
 - Stunted growth

Potassium (ppm)-PEI soil trend



Figure 6. Soil potash (K₂O) levels spatially distributed using a regression-kriging model from data acquired through the PEI Soil Quality Monitoring Project, up to and including until end of cycle 8.

Secondary Macronutrients



Calcium

- Helps with plant cell elongation and is important in cell wall structure
- Helps regulate stomata and protects against heat stress
- Involved in activation of enzymes, regulating many growth and development processes
- Influences root development, stem number, tuber set and size
- Plays a role in potato quality
 - Reduction in internal defects (internal brown spot, hollow heart, black spot bruise)
 - Improved seed quality
 - Improved storage qualities

Calcium



Calcium

- Immobile in plants
- Deficiency symptoms:
 - Young shoots are poorly developed/spindly
 - Curled, chlorotic upper young leaves
 - Young leaf tips are deformed or "burnt" looking
 - Brown necrosis on leaf margins
 - Plants are wilted and/or stunted

Calcium (ppm)



Figure 7. Soil calcium (Ca) levels spatially distributed using a regression-kriging model from data acquired through the PEI Soil Quality Monitoring Project, up to and including until end of cycle 8.

Magnesium

- Central part of the chlorophyll molecule = photosynthesis
- Involved in phosphate and nitrogen metabolism
- Protein synthesis
- Involved in water uptake
- Important during tuber bulking
- Effect starch content, specific gravity
- Needed when high amounts of N/K are applied

Magnesium



Magnesium

- Mobile in plant
- Deficiency symptoms:
 - First noticed at base of plant
 - Interveinal chlorosis
 - Accumulation of reddish pigments at leaf margins
 - Necrotic patches in leaf areas, leading to leaf scorch
 - Stunted growth

Magnesium (ppm)



Figure 8. Soil magnesium (Mg) levels spatially distributed using a regression-kriging model from data acquired through the PEI Soil Quality Monitoring Project, up to and including until end of cycle 8 (Nyiraneza et al. 2019).

- Found in amino acids
- Essential for chorophyll formation
- Important for metabolism of nitrogen
- Effects yield and quality
- May cause a reduction in scab/black scurf
- Lack of sulfur may cause early maturation



- Immobile to partially mobile in plants
- Deficiency Symptoms:
 - Yellowing of young leaves and leaflets slightly roll upward
 - Symptoms appear on new growth
 - Stunted

Sulfur (ppm)



Figure 9. Soil sulfur (S) levels spatially distributed using a regression-kriging model from data acquired through the PEI Soil Quality Monitoring Project, up to and including until end of cycle 8 (Nyiraneza et al. 2019).

Essential Elements (micronutrients)



Zinc



Zinc

- Immobile in plants
- Deficiency Symptoms:
 - Young leaves become chlorotic
 - Narrow, upward cupping leaves
 - Tip burn
 - Green veins/spotting/dead tissue





Boron

- Immobile in plant
- Deficiency Symptoms:
 - Growing buds die
 - Changes in leaf texture (thickening)
 - Leaves roll upwards
 - Bushy plants

Manganese



Manganese

- Immobile in plants
- Deficiency Symptoms:
 - Black or brown spots on younger leaves
 - Yellowing leaves
 - Interveinal chlorosis or pale striping in some cases





Copper

- Immobile in plants
- Deficiency Symptoms:
 - Young leaves become flaccid and wilted
 - Terminal buds fall off at flower bud development
 - Necrotic leaf tips
 - Stunted plants

Where do you see symptoms?

- Base of the plant = MOBILE nutrient
 N, P, K, Mg
- Top of the plant = IMMOBILE nutrient
 Fe, Mn, B, Ca, Zn, Cu
- Whole (mid) part of the plant = PARTIALLY MOBILE nutrient
 - S, Mo

Nitrogen VS Phosphorous (Mobile)

- NITROGEN
- Uniform chlorosis, followed by necrosis on lower leaves (base)
- Stunting
- Possible red color
- Early flowering
- Leaf drop

- PHOSPHOROUS
- Uniform chlorosis, followed by necrosis on lower leaves (base)
- Severe stunting
- Possible purpling
- Deep green foliage
- Roots are longer and fewer

Magnesium VS Potassium (Mobile)

- MAGNESIUM
- Interveinal chlorosis on older leaves (base)
- Necrosis of older leaves
- Possible red spots on older leaves

- POTASSIUM
- Chlorosis at tip and margins of older leaves (base)
- Rapid necrosis of leaf margins or spotting across old leaf blades

Calcium and Boron (Immobile)

- CALCIUM
- Distortion, necrosis, chlorosis
- Incomplete flower formation
- Roots are short, densely branched & thick

- BORON
- Distortion, necrosis, chlorosis
- Incomplete flower formation
- Roots are short, densely branched & thick
- Short internodes resetting
- Thick leaves
- Abortion and branching

Copper and Zinc (Immobile)

- COPPER
- Young and recently mature leaves affected
- Leaves roll and curl
- Variable chlorosis
- Rapid necrosis of young fully expanded leaves
- Smaller lighter colored flowers or no flowers

- ZINC
- Young and recently mature leaves affected
- Leaves roll and curl
- Variable chlorosis
- Rapid necrosis of young fully expanded leaves

What is it??

Potassium



NO Older or lower leaves affected YES Effects mostly localized; chlorosis with or without spotting Effects mostly generalized; plants dark or light green NO YES YES Chlorosis with interveinal Plants dark green, often chlorosis; leaves sometimes red or developing purple or red color with dead spots YES YES NO PHOSPHORUS (P) NO MAGNESIUM (Mg) Plants light green with leaves light No interveinal chlorosis; green or yellow; no necrotic spotting chlorotic areas with a burning of leaf margins; spotting sometimes along leaf margins YES YES NITROGEN (N) NO NO POTASSIUM (K) No interveinal chlorosis; distinct Plants light green; necrotic spotting chlorotic and nectrotic lesions on leaves; pale leaves sometimes (spotting) with abrupt boundary scorched, cupped or rolled between dead and live tissue YES YES * MOLYBDENUM (Mo) * CHLORIDE (CI)

MOBILE NUTRIENTS

*If symptoms don't meet any of the key descriptions, either go back through the key another time or refer to text for more specific symptom descriptions.

What is it?











MULDER'S CHART- element interactions



Consider Relative Movement Of Nutrients In The Soil



How Nutrients Reach Roots

- Mass flow with water
- Diffusion from soil to roots
- Root interception

Temperature and nutrient uptake

- Soil temperature can have an effect on nutrient uptake
 - N (rate of mineralization)
 - K
 - P





Tissue Sampling

• Why tissue sample?

- Information gathered is another tool used in crop management
- Can provide a snapshot in time
- May help to diagnose a problem
- Nutritional disorders may be corrected throughout the growing season
- Tissue results may help prevent similar problems in future years
- Can monitor changes in crop nutrient status over time
- When to sample?
 - As early possible
 - As often as possible
 - Depends on what you're trying to accomplish...

Tissue Sampling

- Identify the sample area
- Note the growth stage
- Follow suggested procedure for sampling
- Take a representative sample
- Make sure you have enough petioles for a sample (~60-80 petioles)
- Petioles (and your hands) should be clean
- Place petioles in a sample bag (paper preferred over plastic)
- Keep sample cool/dry and submit to the lab ASAP
- Make sure submission paperwork is complete



Tissue Test!

Plant Tissue Report

01-Jan-20XX

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Client: 0000000000

Accession No: TXXXXXXXXX

Samples Received: 01-Jan-20XX Samples Reported: 01-Jan-20XX

ANALYSIS PERFORMED*	Lab #: TXXXXXXX-1 Sample ID A	Lab #: TXXXXXXX2-2 Sample ID B	Lab #: TXXXXXXXX-3 Sample ID C	Lab #:TXXXXXXXX-4Sample IDD
	Type: Potato	Type: Potato	Type: Potato	Type: Potato
Nitrate-N %	0.99	2.55	2.50	1.20
Phosphorus %	0.39	0.36	0.34	0.32
Potassium %	9.37	8.35	8.15	8.75
Calcium %	0.70	0.84	0.82	0.77
Magnesium %	0.26	0.45	0.45	0.35
Boron ppm	26.38	24.31	24.71	25.60
Copper ppm	6.15	7.43	8.10	5.81
Zinc ppm	26.16	26.75	28.16	24.77
Sulfur %	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.27
*Results reported on a dry matter basis				

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Copies To:		We are a member of the North American Proficiency Testing Program
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Tissue Test!

Poor

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To: MSS	G				For: SOYBEAN RESEARCH						Sar	nple ID: LPF	-1			
				Field: Soybean Trial Plant Type: Soybean Farm: Demo Growth Stage: Full Bloom Plant Part: Recent Livy Seve						leveloped	leaf					
Date Sampled	Lab Number	Nitrogen (%)	Nitrate Nitrogen (%)	Sulfur (%)	Phosphorus (%)	Potassium (%)	Magnesium (%)	Calcium (%)	Sodium (%)	Boron (ppm)	Zinc (ppm)	Manganese (ppm)	Iron (ppm)	Copper (ppm)	Aluminum (ppm)	Chloride (%)
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		N/S	N/K	P/S	P/Zn	K/Mg	K/Mn	Fe/Mn	Ca/B							
Actual F	Ratio	16.3	2.9	1.7	118	4.8	43	0.2	313							
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Results Authorized By: Ian McLachlin, Vice President The results of this report relate to the sample submitted and analyzed Page 1

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Plant Monitoring Program



Blue Line: High Level Red Line: Low Level

Green Line: Sample Level

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Soil Test!

- There are a number of different tests you can choose based on what you are trying to diagnose
 - Nutrient deficiency S3 (Complete) Analysis
 - Soil Health Soil Health Test

S3 Soil Analysis

Tel: (902) 620-3300 Samples Received: Sample Information Soil Test Values and Ratings Lab Organic Phosphate Potassium Calcium Magnesium Boron Copper Salt Sample Field Number Matter pH* P205 Са Cu K20 Mg в (mS/cm) (ppm)* (%)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* Kenny J 3.1 6.1 275 H 38 L 684 L 77 M 0.4 L 1.8 M+ 2 Ark 2.9 207 M 844 L 138 M+ 0.4 L 1.2 M 6.8 48 L Mark G 2.3 7.2 429 H+ 186 H 1366 M 84 M 0.6 M 1.8 M+ 3 4 Dads 2.9 6.7 304 H 50 L 957 M 116 M 0.4 L 3.3 H+ Valley 2.7 71 360 H+ 183 H 1059 M 103 M 0.5 M 3.6 H+ 5 Lab Zinc Sulfur Manganese Aluminum Lime Nitrogen Iron Sodium Nitrate-N Sample Field Number Zn S Mn Fe Na AI Index* Ν NO₃-N (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (ppm)* (%) (ppm) Kenny J 0.8 L-16M+ 45 H 223 H+ 26 1436 6.6 1 2 Ark 0.9 L-14M+ 42 H 181 H+ 34 1389 6.9 3 Mark G 1.4 L 12M 91 H+ 310 H+ 34 1032 7.2 Dads 1.1 L 14M+ 56 H+ 231 H+ 21 1280 6.9 4 Valley 1.2 L 13M+ 58 H+ 218 H+ 21 1270 7.1 5 L-: Low L: Low M: Medium M+: Above Medium H: High H+: Very High To convert HECTARES into ACRES multiply by 2.47 To convert T/HECTARE into To convert kg/Ha to lbs/acre T/ACRE mulitply by 0.45 multiply by 0.9 Sample Information Limestone application (T/Ha) Recommended Applications (kg/Ha) to achieve Lab Field Potash pH pH pH Nitrogen Phosphate 6.0 Sample Size Crop to be Grown 5.5 6.5 N P205 к<u>о</u> Field Number

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	2	Ark	6.51	6:1	0	0	7	1.5	17.1	62.6	16.6	2.2	81.2
	3	Mark G	18.15	16:1	0	0	8	4.7	8.3	80.6	4.7	1.7	93.6
	4	Dads	10.37	8:1	0	0	7	1.5	13.3	65.9	18.0	1.3	80.7
L	5	Valley	12.38	10:1	0	0	7	5.4	11.8	72.5	9.0	1.3	89.7

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Comments: All fertilizer recommendations are based on a pH of 6.0.	Methods:	SFL	_22M - pH*
To convert P2O5 to P, divide by 2.29. To convert K2O to K, divide by 1.2.	Soil & Plant Program	SFI	23M - Organic Matter*



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Soil Analysis Report

06-May-2024

Client: Accession No: Samples Reported:

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Soil Health Analysis

Tillage Depth: Yield:	Cropping System:	plied (manure, etc):			
Soil Texture:					
Sand (%) 57.4					
Silt (%) 3.9 Clay (%) 8.7	Soil Texture Class	: Sandy Loam			
Test	Results	Score (out of 100)	Rating		
Organic Matter	3.1 %	64	М		
Active Carbon	515 µg/g	50	L+		
Soil Respiration	0.82 mg/g	85	н		
Aggregate Stability	47.2 %	52	М		
Biological Nitrogen Availability	30.2 mg/kg	66	м		
Available Water Capacity	13.4 %	50	L+		
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