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Soil is the most important natural non-renewable resource developed over a longer period of time due to weathering of rocks and subsequently enrichment of organic matter. Soil provides habitat for numerous microorganisms and serves as a natural medium for plant growth,

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thereby providing the plants with anchorage, nutrients and water to sustain the growth. Soil also serves as a universal sink for all types of pollutants, purifies ground water and is a major reserve of carbon in the universe. The role of soils to provide ecosystem services, maintenance of environmental/human health and ensuring the food security makes it as the most important and basic natural resource. Soil Science helps us to elaborate and

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understand how the soils provide all these services. Soil Science also provides us the basic knowledge dealing with the origin of the soil parent material, weathering of parent material and the formation of soils, morphological, physico-chemical and biological features of soils, classification of soils and role of soils in the provision and maintenance of ecosystem services, food security and environmental quality. This book

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encompasses the various processes, functions and behaviour of soils very comprehensively to acquaint the students of soil, plant and environmental sciences about their role to perform different agricultural and environmental functions.

"The effects of fertilization with nitrogen (N) alone, and in combination with sulphur (S), on the growth and foliar nutrition of six immature, managed Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga*

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menziesii var. glauca [Beissn.] Franco) stands in the Interior Cedar-Hemlock (ICH) biogeoclimatic zone of British Columbia are reported 6 years after treatment. Results indicate that interior Douglas-fir stands growing on circummesic sites within the ICH zone are generally responsive to fertilization. Disregarding results from one installation that was damaged by Armillaria root disease, average net volume response following fertilization

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with N alone was 13.5 m³/ha (range: 6.5-24 m³/ha) compared to the control treatment. Six-year volume gains from N+S additions averaged 16 m³/ha (range: 10-23 m³/ha). In relative terms, stand volume responses to fertilization with N and N+S averaged 24% (range: 8-41%) and 28% (range: 16-39%), respectively. Growth projections generated by the tipsy growth and yield program indicate that the accelerated stand development following a single fertilizer

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application will likely reduce biological rotations (i.e., culmination of mean annual increment) and technical rotations (e.g., minimum harvestable age) by 2-3 years. Relative growth responses compare favourably with results from Douglas-fir fertilization studies in other jurisdictions.????Pre- and post-fertilization foliar nutrient analyses indicate that several of the sites were marginally S deficient, and that S status deteriorated 1 year

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following N fertilization. Added S was readily taken up, thereby maintaining a favourable N:S balance in trees fertilized with N+S. Despite improvements in foliar S status, the incremental growth benefits of added S may be too small on most sites to justify the extra expense involved in blending and applying N+S fertilizers in large-scale aerial operations.????Results from this study, and others, indicate that pre-

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fertilization levels of foliar N and sulphate S (SO_4) may have utility in selecting candidate stands and in making appropriate fertilizer prescriptions. For example, the largest growth responses following fertilization may be expected in stands with pre-fertilization foliar N levels less than 11.5 g/kg (13 g/kg when using dry combustion analytical methods). Also, low foliar N combined with small amounts of pre-fertilization

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This book presents the state-of-the-art in plant ecophysiology. With a particular focus on adaptation to a changing environment, it discusses ecophysiology and adaptive mechanisms of plants under climate change. Over the centuries, the incidence of various abiotic stresses such as salinity, drought, extreme temperatures, atmospheric pollution, metal toxicity due to climate change have regularly

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affected plants and, and some estimates suggest that environmental stresses may reduce the crop yield by up to 70%.

This in turn adversely affects the food security. As sessile organisms, plants are frequently exposed to various environmental adversities. As such, both plant physiology and plant ecophysiology begin with the study of responses to the environment. Provides essential insights, this book can be used for courses such as Plant

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Physiology, Environmental Science, Crop Production and Agricultural Botany.

Volume 2 provides up-to-date information on the impact of climate change on plants, the general consequences and plant responses to various environmental stresses.

Effect of Foliar Nutrition on Yield, Quality and Shelf-life of Mango

Foliar Fertilization

Establishment and Progress Report

Plant Nutrients and Abiotic Stress

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Tolerance

Influence of Foliar Leaching Upon Plant Nutrition with Special Reference To Root-uptake, Translocation, and Loss of Calcium

12-year Results

Horticultural Reviews presents state-of-the-art reviews on topics in horticultural science and technology covering both basic and applied research. Topics covered include the horticulture of fruits, vegetables, nut crops, and ornamentals. These review articles, written by world authorities, bridge the gap between the specialized researcher and the broader

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community of horticultural scientists and teachers.

To cope with the increasing problems created by agrochemicals such as plant fertilizers, pesticides and other plant protection agents, biological alternatives have been developed over the past years. These include biopesticides, such as bacteria for the control of plant diseases, and biofertilizer to improve crop productivity and quality. Especially plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR) are as effective as pure chemicals in terms of plant growth enhancement and disease control, in addition to their ability to manage abiotic and other stresses in plants. The various facets of these groups of bacteria are treated in this Microbiology Monograph, with emphasis on their emergence

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in agriculture. Further topics are Bacillus species that excrete peptides and lipopeptides with antifungal, antibacterial and surfactant activity, plant-bacteria-environment interactions, mineral-nutrient exchange, nitrogen assimilation, biofilm formation and cold-tolerant microorganisms.

Much has been learned about the proper and judicious use of fertilizers. Fertilizer application by farmers has grown from an art to a science. As food producers have strived to increase crop yields by overcoming nutrient deficiencies the use of fertilizers has increased dramatically. This has created a large chemical industry capable of supplying the needed plant food elements. A more complete understanding of soil chemistry and plant nutrition has led to greater fertilizer use

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with improved fertilization methods and crop cultural practices. Improved fertilizer technology has led to the production of more efficient forms of fertilizer. The modern fertilizer industry and with it fertilization practices began in the humid countries of the world. The use of fertilizers in arid and semiarid regions was later in development, although agriculture had its beginning in semiarid and arid regions. The development of fertilizer use is parallel to industrial development in various areas of the world.

Plant Production on the Threshold of a New Century

Improved Crop Quality by Nutrient Management

Guava

Sustainable Agriculture Reviews

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Practices for Quality Preservation

Postharvest Management of Horticultural Crops

Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Foliar Fertilization, organized by Schering Agrochemical Division, Special Fertilizer Group, Berlin (FRG), March 14-16, 1985

Beginning in 1992, the British Columbia Ministry of Forests established a small network of lodgepole pine and interior spruce nutrient optimization research installations on representative sites within three major biogeoclimatic (BEC) zones in the British Columbia Interior. The objectives of the long-term "maximum

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productivity" study are to (1) compare the effects of different regimes and frequencies of repeated fertilization on the foliar nutrition, growth, and development of young interior forests, and (2) determine the effects of large nutrient additions on above- and below-ground timber and non-timber resources. This report examines the effects of repeated fertilization on foliar nutrition and tree- and stand-level growth and development over 12 years at the five lodgepole pine study sites.--Document.

Translations of scientific and technical monographs and articles.

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Improving Potassium Recommendations for Agricultural Crops

Advances in Citrus Nutrition

Plant Nutrition - Physiology and Applications

Plant Ecophysiology and Adaptation under Climate Change: Mechanisms and Perspectives II

Effects of Fertilization on the Growth and Foliar Nutrition of Immature Douglas-fir in the Interior Cedar-hemlock Zone of British Columbia

The Influence of Foliar Leaching Upon Plant Nutrition with Special Reference to Root-uptake, Translocation, and Loss of Calcium

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Emphasis in agricultural production has shifted from mere quantity to quality products. Practical experience and scientific investigations have shown that, of the various culture measures, balanced fertilization above all exerts a considerable influence on the quality of agricultural products. Simply adding more of what the crop has already absorbed to capacity is unproductive, expensive, wasteful and damaging to the environment. Therefore, balanced crop nutrition increases crop quality, safeguards natural

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resources and brings benefit to the farmer. Otherwise rapid population growth and severe urbanization will exhaust our natural resources.

This book presents several pre- and postharvest strategies that have been developed to modify these physiological activities, resulting in increased shelf life. The book also discusses the best technologies that positively influence quality attributes of the produce, including senescenal changes and, afterwards, the consumers' decision to

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purchase the product in the marketplace. With contributions from experts with experience in both developed and developing regions, the book includes chapters covering thorough discussions on postharvest management strategies of fresh horticultural commodities.

Sustainable agriculture is a rapidly growing field aiming at producing food and energy in a sustainable way for humans and their children. It is a discipline that addresses current issues: climate change, increasing food and fuel prices, poor-

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nation starvation, rich-nation obesity, water pollution, soil erosion, fertility loss, pest control and biodiversity depletion. This series gathers review articles that analyze current agricultural issues and knowledge, then proposes alternative solutions.

Phytomicrobiome Interactions and Sustainable Agriculture Simulation Models, GIS and Nonpoint-source Pollution

Proceedings of the International Conference at the Occasion of the 75th

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Anniversary of the Wageningen Agricultural University, Wageningen, The Netherlands, held June 28 - July 1, 1993

Botany, Production and Uses

Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Foliar Fertilization

Smoking and Health Bulletin

Exactly 35 years after the first Colloquium was held, the Eleventh International Plant Nutrition Colloquium took place from 30 July to 4 August 1989 in Wageningen, The Netherlands. Although impressive progress

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has been made during the past decades in our understanding of the mechanisms of uptake, distribution and assimilation of nutrients in relation to crop yield and quality, there are still significant gaps in our insight into many fundamental aspects of plant mineral nutrition and related metabolic processes. In spite of improved knowledge of nutrient requirements of crops and improved fertilizer application strategies, the world population remains to be burdened with an enormous shortage of plant products for food,

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timber, fuel, shelter, and other purposes. The main challenge facing the plant nutrition research community is to at least alleviate the increasing world-wide need for applying scientific knowledge to practical problems in agriculture, horticulture, and forestry. It is therefore felt by many scientists that the Plant Nutrition Colloquia, which are intended to bring together scientists and to integrate knowledge and approaches acquired in plant physiology, biochemistry, soil science, agronomy and related disciplines, have

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indeed made a significant contribution to the advancement of our knowledge and understanding in this vital and interdisciplinary field of agrobiolology. About 260 scientists from 40 nations attended the Colloquium in Wageningen.

This is a solitary attempt to streamline all the possible information related to citrus nutrition, with emphasis on diagnosis and management of nutrient constraints, employing a variety of state-of-art techniques evolved globally over the years . While doing

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so care has been taken to include peripheral disciplines so that the discussion becomes more lively and authoritative. An entire array of exclusive subjects has been nicely portrayed with the help of latest data and photographs.

Perennial fruit crops like citrus can benefit from foliar nutrition since deep roots can deplete the soil and soil amendments other than fertigation are not easily applied without damaging roots. Increases in production costs are urging farmers to be more cost

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effective in supplying their crops with the necessary micronutrients. Different formulations (amino acid, chelated or inorganic complexes) for micronutrients exist and, when used as foliar sprays, more information is needed on: i) the most effective and cost effective formulation for uptake in citrus, ii) the highest concentrations for each formulation for the most efficient application and iii) the influence of contact time between micronutrient and citrus leaves on nutrient uptake. Plant species, organ types and

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developmental stages of the plant organ may also result in differences in cuticle ultrastructure that influences the uptake of foliar applied chemicals. Potted 'Midknight' trees on Carizzo Citrange rootstock were used to evaluate the uptake of foliar applied micronutrients. All experiments were done in a greenhouse at the University of Pretoria. For the main experiment different formulations, concentrations and times of sampling for foliar applied manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), boron (B)

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and molybdenum (Mo) were evaluated. The treated leaves, as well as the leaf directly above and below the treated leaves were sampled. The most effective and cost effective formulation and concentration were determined by applying B: H_3BO_3 (2X) and Mo: $Na_2MoO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ (4X) as a multiple of the recommended concentration of the FSSA (Fertiliser Society of South Africa) (2003) and Mn: $MnSO_4$ (4X), Zn: $ZnSO_4$ (4X), Cu: $CuSO_4$ (4X) and Fe: $FeSO_4$ (0.5X) as a multiple of the recommended concentration of the

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manufacturer of the amino acids used. The multiple concentrations are given in parenthesis. The optimal times of sampling after application to determine the time at which maximum uptake occurred for the different elements were: Cu - 24 h, Mo & B - 48 h, Mn & Zn - 96 h, Fe - 192 h. The translocation of Mn, B and Mo occurred to the leaf directly above and below the treated leaf, while Cu, Zn and Fe did not translocate readily, indicating that multiple seasonal applications may be necessary. A scanning

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electron microscopic study (SEM) was done on leaf surfaces of lemon, grapefruit, mandarin, navel and orange trees. The physical appearance of the wax on the leaf surfaces was visually inspected and no considerable differences between the different citrus species, for the same age leaves, were found that may affect penetration of foliar applied micronutrients. Mature leaves had larger amounts of surface wax than young leaves. Cuticle thicknesses for the different citrus species differed among

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the leaf age and the abaxial and adaxial leaf surfaces. 'Bahianinha' navel, 'Satsuma' mandarin and 'Star Ruby' grapefruit leaves had thicker cuticles than Valencia leaves in most cases. 'Washington' navel and 'Genoa' lemon leaves had thinner cuticles than that of Valencia. Cuticle thickness may therefore have an influence on differences in the uptake of foliar applied products between citrus species.

Plant Vitamins

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The Uptake of Different Formulations of Foliar Applied Micronutrients by Citrus Sinensis (L.) Osbeck Cv. Valencia

Recent Trends in Agriculture towards Food Security and Rural Livelihood- Vol.1

Effects of Intensive Fertilization on the Foliar Nutrition and Growth of Young Lodgepole Pine and Spruce Forests in the Interior of British Columbia (E.P. 886.13)

Effect of Foliar Nutrition on Growth, Yield and Quality of Mulberry in Relation to Silk Cocoon Production

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This book discusses many aspects of plant-nutrient-induced abiotic stress tolerance. It consists of 22 informative chapters on the basic role of plant nutrients and the latest research advances in the field of plant nutrients in abiotic stress tolerance as well as their practical applications. Today, plant nutrients are not only considered as food for plants, but also as regulators of numerous physiological processes including stress tolerance. They also interact with a number of biological molecules and signaling cascades. Although research work and review articles on the role of plant nutrients in abiotic

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stress tolerance have been published in a range of journals, annual reviews and book chapters, to date there has been no comprehensive book on this topic. As such, this timely book is a valuable resource for a wide audience, including plant scientists, agronomists, soil scientists, botanists, molecular biologists and environmental scientists. Attempting to extend the boundaries of land reclamation, this publication is a collection of conference papers addressing a range of topics from the practical challenges of cleaning up the most contaminated sites to the creation of new landscapes

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and the ethical issues surrounding land restoration. This open access book highlights concepts discussed at two international conferences that brought together world-renowned scientists to advance the science of potassium (K) recommendations for crops. There was general agreement that the potassium recommendations currently in general use are oversimplified, outdated, and jeopardize soil, plant, and human health. Accordingly, this book puts forward a significantly expanded K cycle that more accurately depicts K inputs, losses and transformations in soils. This new

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cycle serves as both the conceptual basis for the scientific discussions in this book and a framework upon which to build future improvements. Previously used approaches are critically reviewed and assessed, not only for their relevance to future enhancements, but also for their use as metrics of sustainability. An initial effort is made to link K nutrition in crops and K nutrition in humans. The book offers an invaluable asset for graduate students, educators, industry scientists, data scientists, and advanced agronomists.

Meran, Italy, 11-15 September, 2001

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Effects of Intensive Fertilization on the Foliar Nutrition and Growth of Young Lodgepole Pine Forests in the British Columbia Interior
Fertilization of Dryland and Irrigated Soils
Land Reclamation - Extending Boundaries
A Collection of Abstracts and References Dealing with the Relationships Between Fertilization of Agricultural Lands and Chemical Composition of Surface and Ground Waters
Bibliography on Smoking and Health

This unique book provides a comprehensive, up-to-date collection of information on the genetic factors, agronomic

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production methods, and environmental factors that impact the content of vitamins in plants. The effect of various biotic and abiotic stress factors is discussed, and the possible role of some vitamins in plant tolerance to stress factors is also investigated. The book features eye-opening data on vast vitamin variations among farmer-cultivated plants, as well as an extensive comparison between foods grown organically and those grown by conventional methods. With increasing evidence supporting the role of some vitamins in reducing risks of various forms of human cancer, this book provides timely information for researchers, teachers, and students in agronomy, horticulture, plant physiology, food sciences, and human nutrition.

"The preliminary effects of different regimes and

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frequencies of repeated fertilization on foliar nutrition and growth of eight young lodgepole pine and interior spruce forests in north-central British Columbia are reported. At least 6 years of growth measurements have been obtained from seven of the eight "maximum productivity" installations. These results indicate that the repeated fertilization of young managed forests may be a potentially viable strategy for addressing timber supply challenges in the interior of British Columbia. Young spruce plantations are apparently particularly well suited to intensive forest management. Although four of the five lodgepole pine installations have produced significant growth gains following periodic (every 6 years) and yearly fertilization, the responses to date have been more variable and

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consistently smaller than those obtained at the spruce study sites."

Plant Production on the Threshold of a New Century describes and compares problems and frontier developments in the different sectors of plant production, integrating developments in basic plant sciences, crop science and socioeconomic science, leading to sustainable plant production. Hence the book formulates goals and constraints in policy, economy, production, environment and land use; indicates how these goals and constraints may be translated into farming styles and cropping systems; and describes how the fundamental plant sciences can contribute to the implementation of such farming styles and cropping systems.

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Effects of Elevated CO₂ and Nutrition on Gas Exchange and Foliar Chemistry in Norway Spruce

Proceedings of the 7th International Conference, Runcorn, UK, 13-16 May 2003

Six-year Results

Foliar Nutrition of Selected Ornamental Plants

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Bibliography of Agriculture

Guava (*Psidium guajava* L.) is an exquisite, nutritionally and economically valuable crop of tropical and subtropical regions of the world. It outshines other tropical fruits in productivity, hardiness, adaptability, nutritional value, and

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ensures higher economic returns to growers. Guava is commercially grown in over 70 countries, and is gaining in popularity as a 'super fruit' due to its nutritional and health benefits. With contributions from international experts, this is a valuable resource for researchers and students in horticulture, and guava-industry support personnel. chairmen of the various sessions who contributed to the success of the symposium: Professors E. Malavolta, M. Fregoni, T. Kudrev, H. -W. Doring, D. Jelenic and Dr. V. Szirtes .
A guide to the role microbes play in the enhanced

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production and productivity of agriculture to feed our growing population *Phytomicrobiome Interactions and Sustainable Agriculture* offers an essential guide to the importance of ‘ *Phytomicrobiome* ’ and explores its various components. The authors – noted experts on the topic – explore the key benefits of plant development such as nutrient availability, amelioration of stress and defense to plant disease. Throughout the book, the authors introduce and classify the corresponding *Phytomicrobiome* components and then present a detailed discussion

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related to its effect on plant development: controlling factors of this biome, its behaviour under the prevailing climate change condition and beneficial effects. The book covers the newly emerging technical concept of Phytomicrobiome engineering, which is an advanced concept to sustain agricultural productivity in recent climatic scenario. The text is filled with comprehensive, cutting edge data, making it possible to access this ever-growing wealth of information. This important book: Offers a one-stop resource on phytomicrobiome concepts Provides a better

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understanding of the topic and how it can be employed for understanding plant development Contains a guide to sustaining agriculture using phytomicrobiome engineering Presents information that can lead to enhanced production and productivity to feed our growing population Written for students, researchers and policy makers of plant biology, Phytomicrobiome Interactions and Sustainable Agriculture offers a clear understanding of the importance of microbes in overall plant growth and development.

Soil Science: Agricultural and Environmental

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January 1988 - June 1992

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Mechanisms of Adaptation and Stress Amelioration