

## Practical Steps to Soil Fertility in Organic Farming – Wise Traditions 2013

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1) Reference: Chapter 7 in Organic Farming, The Ecological System <http://www.amazon.com/Organic-Farming-Ecological-Agronomy-Monograph/dp/0891181733>

2) My current soil fertility newsletter is available at this link: <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/soilprofile/>

Several recent newsletters provide content relating to organic farming.

The latest issue is all about organic lawns and provides organic soil fertility recommendations.

3) Certified organic farming is defined by USDA National Organic Program (NOP)

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/nop>

4) Heckman, J.R. 2006. A History of Organic Farming: Transitions from Sir Albert Howard's War in the Soil to USDA National Organic Program. Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems. 21:143-150.

<http://www.westonaprice.org/farm-a-ranch/468-history-of-organic-farming.html>

5) Soil Fertility Management a Century Ago in Farmers of Forty Centuries

<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/5/6/2796>

6) Soil N testing for vegetable crops: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=E285>

7) Chilean nitrate is a naturally occurring N fertilizer but it is no longer allowed in organic production. Link to current NOP explanation: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5100372>

8) New Jersey greensand has long been used in organic farming as a natural fertilizer and soil conditioner. Links:

<http://www.princetonsoilinstitute.com/special-topics/glaucinite-greensand-marl/greensand.pdf>

<http://www.ipni.net/publication/bettercrops.nsf/issue/BC-2004-2>

9) Silicon as a beneficial substance for plants. Link: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/soilprofile/sp-v20.pdf>

10) Web Soil Survey: <http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

11) Misquotes of "Variation in Mineral Composition of Vegetables"

<http://www.rce.rutgers.edu/pubs/bearreport/>

12) Rutgers Soil Test Lab <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/soiltestinglab/>

13) History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Organic Farming.

<http://a-c-s.confex.com/crops/2009am/webprogram/Paper53049.html>

14) OMRI link: <http://www.omri.org/about>

