



Soil Facts

Nutrient Content of Fertilizer and Organic Materials

Inorganic Nutrient Sources

Proper soil and crop management are required when using fertilizer materials to avoid contaminating surface water or groundwater. Plant nutrient requirements can be met by applying inorganic or organic fertilizers. Inorganic materials may be used separately or blended to form multinutrient fertilizers; some organic sources are also blended and sold under various commercial

labels. The quantity of nutrients sold in commercially available inorganic and organic fertilizer materials are guaranteed by the manufacturers and are listed on each bag of fertilizer material sold in North Carolina.

This publication serves as a reference for most commercial-grade fertilizer materials. Elemental quantities listed in Tables 1 and 2 are within the range available in the

state. For exact nutrient content, refer to the label on the fertilizer material that you purchase. Organic materials that are not sold as "fertilizers" are not regulated by law in North Carolina. This means there is no guaranteed quantity of nutrients in most organic materials. A discussion of organic sources of nutrients precedes the organic fertilizer material reference in tables 3 and 4.

Table 1. Nutrient Content and Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃) Equivalence of Commercial Fertilizers

Material	Percentage by Weight						CaCO ₃ Equiv.* (lb/100 lb)
	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S	
NITROGEN MATERIALS							
Ammonium nitrate NH ₄ NO ₃	34	0	0	0	0	0	-59
Ammonium nitrate limestone NH ₄ NO ₃ +(CaCO ₃ +MgCO ₃)	20	0	0	7	4	0.4	4
Ammonium nitrate sulfate NH ₄ NO ₃ +(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	26	0	0	0	0	15	-85
Ammonium sulfate (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	21	0	0	0.3	0	24	-110
Ammonium thiosulfate (NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₃	12	0	0	0	0	26	—
Anhydrous ammonia NH ₃	82	0	0	0	0	0	-148
Aqua ammonia NH ₄ OH	16 to 25	0	0	0	0	0	-36 to -54
Calcium cyanamide CaCN ₂	21	0	0	38	0.1	0.3	63
Calcium nitrate Ca(NO ₃) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	15	0	0	19	1.5	—	20

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	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S	
NITROGEN MATERIALS (continued)							
Calcium nitrate/urea							
Ca(NO ₃) ₂ +4CO(NH ₂) ₂	34	0	0	10	0	0	-36 [†]
Crotonylidene diurea (CDU)	32	0	0	0	0	0	—
Dicyandiamide (DCD)							
C ₂ H ₄ N ₄	65	—	—	—	—	—	—
Isobutylidene diurea (IBDU)	31	0	0	0	0	0	—
Nitrogen solutions							
32% UAN (35% urea+45% A.N.)	32	0	0	0	0	0	-55
30% UAN (33% urea+42% A.N.)	30	0	0	0	0	0	-52
28% UAN (30% urea+40% A.N.)	28	0	0	0	0	0	-49
21% AN (60% A.N.+40% water)	21	0	0	0	0	0	-37
19% AN (54% A.N.+46% water)	19	0	0	0	0	0	-33
Osmocote							
(Available in various formulations)	14	14	14	—	—	—	—
Oxamide							
C ₂ H ₄ N ₂ O ₂	31	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potassium nitrate							
KNO ₃	13	0	44	0.6	0.4	0.2	26
Sodium nitrate							
NaNO ₃	16	0	0.2	0.1	—	—	29
Triazone							
C ₃ H ₇ N ₃ O	46	—	—	—	—	—	—
UAN-Ammonium sulfate solutions							
(N=25-28%)	25 to 28	0	0	0	0	2 to 3	0
Urea							
CO(NH ₂) ₂	46	0	0	0	0	0	-84
Urea (sulfur coated)							
CO(NH ₂) ₂ +S	36 to 38	0	0	0	0	13 to 16	-118
Ureaformaldehyde	38	0	0	0	0	0	-68
Urea sulfate							
CO(NH ₂) ₂ · H ₂ SO ₄	17	—	—	—	—	20	—
PHOSPHORUS MATERIALS							
Ammoniated superphosphate	3 to 6	18 to 20	0	17	0	12	-7
Diammonium phosphate (DAP)							
(NH ₄) ₂ H ₂ P ₂ O ₄	18	46	0	0	0	0	-70
Monoammonium phosphate (MAP)							
NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄	11	48	0.2	1	0.3	2.2	-65
Ammonium phosphate nitrate							
NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄ · NH ₄ NO ₃	27	15	0	0	0	0	-62
Ammonium phosphate sulfate							
4NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄ +(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	13 to 16	20 to 39	0.2	0.3	0.1	15	-76 to -113
Ammonium polyphosphate (APP)							
(NH ₄) ₃ HP ₂ O ₇	10	34	0	0	0	0	—

Nutrient Content of Fertilizer and Organic Materials

Table 1 (continued)

Material	Percentage by Weight						CaCO ₃ Equiv.* (lb/100 lb)
	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S	
PHOSPHOUS MATERIALS (continued)							
Basic slag							
5CaO · P ₂ O ₅ · SiO ₂	0	2 to 17	0	3 to 33	3	—	70
Concentrated superphosphate							
Ca(H ₂ PO ₄) ₂ · H ₂ O	0	42 to 50	0.4	14	0.3	1.4	0
Ordinary superphosphate							
Ca(H ₂ PO ₄) ₂ · H ₂ O + CaSO ₄	0	18 to 20	0.2	20	0.2	12	0
Nitric phosphate	14 to 22	10 to 22	0	8 to 10	0.1	0.3	-15 to -25
Phosphate rock	0	2 to 35	0	—	—	0	10
North Carolina rock	0	31	0	35	0	0	—
Wet-process phosphoric acid							
H ₃ PO ₄	0	30	0	0	0	0	-63
Concentrated wet-process acid							
	0	40 to 45	0	0	0	0	-84 to -113
Superphosphoric acid							
	0	72	0	0	0	0	-109
Urea ammonium phosphate (UAP)							
CO(NH ₂) ₂ · NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄	25	35	0	0	0	0	—
POTASSIUM MATERIALS							
Potassium carbonate							
K ₂ CO ₃ solid	0	0	48	0	0	0	70
K ₂ CO ₃ liquid	0	0	34	0	0	0	50
Potassium chloride							
(Muriate of potash) KCl	0	0	60 to 62	0.1	0.1	0	0
Potassium magnesium sulfate							
(Sulfate of potash magnesia) K ₂ SO ₄ · 2MgSO ₄ / MgSO ₄ · K ₂ SO ₄ · 6H ₂ O	0	0	22	0	11	23	0
Potassium metaphosphate							
KPO ₃	0	59	39	0	0	0	—
Potassium nitrate							
(Nitrate of potash) KNO ₃	13	0	44	0.6	0.4	0.2	26
Potassium sulfate							
K ₂ SO ₄	0	0	50	0.7	1	18	0
CALCIUM MATERIALS							
Calcium chloride							
CaCl ₂	0	0	0	36	0	0	0
Burned lime, calcium oxide							
CaO	0	0	0	70	0	0	178
Calcitic limestone							
CaCO ₃	0	0	0.3	32	3	0.1	90 to 100
Dolomitic limestone							
CaCO ₃ + MgCO ₃	0	0	0	21 to 30	6 to 12	0.3	95 to 108
Selma chalk							
	0	0	0	32	0	0	80

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Concentrated superphosphate							
Ca(H ₂ PO ₄) ₂ · H ₂ O	0	42 to 50	0.4	14	0.3	1.4	0
Ordinary superphosphate							
Ca(H ₂ PO ₄) ₂ · H ₂ O + CaSO ₄	0	18 to 20	0.2	20	0.2	12	0
Nitric phosphate	14 to 22	10 to 22	0	8 to 10	0.1	0.3	-15 to -25
Phosphate rock	0	2 to 35	0	—	—	0	10
North Carolina rock	0	31	0	35	0	0	—
Wet-process phosphoric acid							
H ₃ PO ₄	0	30	0	0	0	0	-63
Concentrated wet-process acid	0	40 to 45	0	0	0	0	-84 to -113
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Urea ammonium phosphate (UAP)							
CO(NH ₂) ₂ · NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄	25	35	0	0	0	0	—
POTASSIUM MATERIALS							
Potassium carbonate							
K ₂ CO ₃ solid	0	0	48	0	0	0	70
K ₂ CO ₃ liquid	0	0	34	0	0	0	50
Potassium chloride							
(Muriate of potash) KCl	0	0	60 to 62	0.1	0.1	0	0
Potassium magnesium sulfate							
(Sulfate of potash magnesia) K ₂ SO ₄ · 2MgSO ₄ / MgSO ₄ · K ₂ SO ₄ · 6H ₂ O	0	0	22	0	11	23	0
Potassium metaphosphate							
KPO ₃	0	59	39	0	0	0	—
Potassium nitrate							
(Nitrate of potash) KNO ₃	13	0	44	0.6	0.4	0.2	26
Potassium sulfate							
K ₂ SO ₄	0	0	50	0.7	1	18	0
CALCIUM MATERIALS							
Calcium chloride							
CaCl ₂	0	0	0	36	0	0	0
Burned lime, calcium oxide							
CaO	0	0	0	70	0	0	178
Calcitic limestone							
CaCO ₃	0	0	0.3	32	3	0.1	90 to 100
Dolomitic limestone							
CaCO ₃ + MgCO ₃	0	0	0	21 to 30	6 to 12	0.3	95 to 108
Selma chalk	0	0	0	32	0	0	80

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CALCIUM MATERIALS (continued)							
Gypsum CaSO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	0	0	0.5	22	0.4	17	0
Hydrated lime (Slaked lime) Ca(OH) ₂	0	0	0	50	0	0	13
MAGNESIUM MATERIALS							
Dolomitic limestone CaCO ₃ +MgCO ₃	0	0	0	21 to 30	6 to 11	0.3	95 to 108
Magnesium ammonium phosphate MgNH ₄ PO ₄ ·6H ₂ O	8	40	0	0	15	0	—
Magnesium oxide (Magnesia) MgO	0	0	0	0	45	0	250
Magnesium sulfate (Epsom Salt) MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	0	0	0	2	10	14	0
Magnesium sulfate (Kieserite) MgSO ₄ ·H ₂ O	0	0	0	0	17	23	0
Potassium magnesium sulfate (Sulfate of potash magnesia) K ₂ SO ₄ ·2MgSO ₄	0	0	22	0	11	23	0
SULFUR MATERIALS							
Ammonium sulfate (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	21	0	0	0.3	0	24	-110
Ammonium thiosulfate (60% sol) (NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₃	12	0	0	0	0	26	—
Elemental sulfur (S):							
Wettable S	0	0	0	0	0	90 to 100	-312
Flowable S	0	0	0	0	0	52 to 70	-218
Flowers of S	0	0	0	0	0	90 to 100	-312
Gypsum CaSO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	0	0	0.5	22	0.4	17	0
Magnesium sulfate (Epsom Salt) MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	0	0	0	2	10	14	0
Potassium magnesium sulfate K ₂ SO ₄ ·2MgSO ₄	0	0	22	0	11	23	0
Potassium sulfate K ₂ SO ₄	0	0	50	0.7	1	18	0
Sulfuric acid H ₂ SO ₄	0	0	0	0	0	20 to 33	-62 to -102
Sulfates of Cu, Fe Mn and Zn	(see micronutrient section)						

*Approximate CaCO₃ equivalent in pounds per 100 pounds of material. Negative value indicates a net acidifying effect on soil; positive value indicates a net basic reaction in soil.

†Do not blend with superphosphate.

Table 2. Nutrient Concentration of Micronutrients

Material	Concentration	Material	Concentration
COPPER (Cu) MATERIALS		IRON (Fe) MATERIALS	
	Percent Cu		Percent Fe
Copper chelates		Basic slag	10 to 13
Cu EDTA	13	Ferric sulfate	
Cu HEDTA	9	$\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$	20
Cupric ammonium phosphate		Ferrous sulfate	
$\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_4)\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	32	$\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	20
Copper sulfate		Ferrous ammonium sulfate	
$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (monohydrate)	35	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	14
$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (pentahydrate)	25	Ferrous ammonium phosphate	
$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 3\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	13 to 53	$\text{Fe}(\text{NH}_4)\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	29
Ammonia base liquid CuSO_4	8	Ferrous oxalate	
Copper frits	40 to 50	$\text{FeC}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	30
Copper polyflavonoid	6	Ferrous carbonate	
Malachite		$\text{FeCO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	42
$\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	57	Iron chelates	
Azurite		Fe DTPA	10
$2\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	55	Fe EDTA	9 to 12
Cuprous Oxide		Fe EDDHA	6
Cu_2O	89	Fe HEDTA	5 to 9
Cupric Oxide		Iron lignosulfonate	5 to 11
CuO	75	Iron polyflavonoid	6 to 10
Chalcopyrite		Iron frits	40
CuFeS_2	35	Iron methoxyphenylpropane	
Chalcocite		FeMPP	5
Cu_2S	80	Ferrous oxide	
Cupric acetate		FeO	77
$\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	32	Ferric oxide	
		Fe_2O_3	69
		Iron ammonium polyphosphate	
		$\text{Fe}(\text{NH}_4)\text{HP}_2\text{O}_7$	22
BORON (B) MATERIALS		MANGANESE (Mn) MATERIAL	
	Percent B		Percent Mn
Borax		Basic slag	1 to 3
(Sodium tetraborate decahydrate)		Manganous oxide	
$\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	11	MnO	41 to 68
Boric acid		Manganese methoxyphenylpropane	
(H_3BO_3)	17	MnMPP	10 to 12
Boron frit/sodium borosilicate	17	Manganese frits	10 to 25
Calcium borate		Manganese chloride	
(Colemanite) $\text{Ca}_2\text{B}_6\text{O}_{11} \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	10	MnCl_2	17
Fertilizer borate (sodium tetraborate)		Manganese carbonate	
Borate Granular ($\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	14.3	MnCO_3	31
Borate 48	14.9	Manganese oxide	
Solubor		MnO_2	62 to 70
$\text{Na}_2\text{B}_6\text{O}_{13} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	20.5	Manganese sulfate	
Magnesium borate (boracite)		$\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	24
$2\text{Mg}_3\text{B}_8\text{O}_{15} \cdot \text{MgCl}_2$	21		

Table 2 (continued)

Material	Concentration	Material	Concentration
MANGANESE (Mn) MATERIAL		ZINC (Zn) MATERIAL	
	Percent Mn		Percent Zn
Manganese chelate		Zinc carbonate	
Mn EDTA	12	ZnCO ₃	52
Manganese ammonium phosphate		Zinc frits (silicates)	Varies
Mn(NH ₄)PO ₄ ·6H ₂ O	28	Zinc phosphates	
Manganese polyfavonoid	8	Zn ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	51
MOLYBDENUM (Mo) MATERIAL		Zinc chelate	
	Percent Mo	Na ₂ Zn EDTA	9 to 14
Ammonium molybdate		NaZn NTA	13
(NH ₄) ₆ Mo ₇ O ₂₄ ·4H ₂ O	up to 54	NaZn HEDTA	9
Sodium molybdate		Zinc ammonium phosphate	
Na ₂ MoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	38 to 46	Zn(NH ₄)PO ₄ ·H ₂ O	34
Molybdenum frit	30	Zinc sulfate	
Molybdenum trioxide		ZnSO ₄ ·H ₂ O	22 to 36
MoO ₃	60	Zinc sulfide (sphalerite)	61
Molybdenum sulfide		Zinc oxide	
MoS ₂	60	ZnO	78 to 80
		Zinc lignosulfonate	5 to 12
		Zinc polyflavonoid	7 to 10

Common Conversions

$P_2O_5 \times 0.43 = P$	$K_2O \times 0.83 = K$
$P \times 2.29 = P_2O_5$	$K \times 1.20 = K_2O$

Nutrient Content of Fertilizer and Organic Materials

Nutrients for Organic Materials

Nutrients listed for organic materials in the following tables are averages and may not accurately reflect the quantity in a specific source. Using these values can result in either overfertilization or underfertilization in many cases. To determine the quantity of nutrients in a specific organic source, send a sample to a qualified laboratory. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Agronomic Division, performs analyses for a reasonable fee. Contact the Plant and Waste Laboratory,

P.O. Box 27647, Blue Ridge Road Center, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Remember that most of the nutrients reported are not readily available for plant growth. Nutrients in organic matter must be released by soil microorganisms through a decaying process called mineralization. This biological process is affected by variations in moisture, temperature, and the microbial species and populations present in the soil. Therefore, organic materials are far less predictable in nutrient content, nutrient release, and nutrient-use efficiency

than commercial grade fertilizers. Because of this unpredictability, organic materials are frequently overapplied, which may lead to contamination of surface water or groundwater by excess nutrients such as nitrate. Organic materials can serve as effective and environmentally sound fertilizer materials only if their nutrient contents are known and their mineralization rates are estimated closely. The report received on samples sent to the NCDA Agronomic Division lists the nutrient contents and estimated rates of mineralization.

Table 3. Nutrient Content of Organic Materials

Material	Percentage by Weight						
	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S	Cl
Apple pomace	0.2	—	0.2	—	—	—	—
Blood (dried)	12 to 15	3	—	0.3	—	—	0.6
Bone meal (raw)	3.5	22	—	22	0.6	0.2	0.2
Bone meal (steamed)	2.0	28	0.2	23	0.3	0.1	—
Brewers grains (wet)	0.9	0.5	—	—	—	—	—
Common crab waste	2.0	3.6	0.2	—	—	—	—
Compost (garden)	Varies with components and amendments						
Cotton waste from factory	1.3	0.4	0.4	—	—	—	—
Cottonseed hull ash	0	—	27	—	—	—	—
Cottonseed meal	6 to 7	2.5	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.2	—
Cotton motes	2	0.5	3	4	0.7	0.6	—
Cowpea forage	0.4	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	—
Dog manure	2.0	10.0	0.3	—	—	—	—
Eggs	2.2	0.4	0.2	—	—	—	—
Egg shells (burned)	—	0.4	0.3	—	—	—	—
Egg shells	1.2	0.4	0.2	—	—	—	—
Feathers	15.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fermentation sludges	3.5	0.5	0.1	7.3	0.1	—	—
Fish scrap (acidulated)	5.7	3.0	—	6.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
Fish scrap (dried)	9.5	6.0	—	6.1	0.3	0.2	1.5
Fly ash:							
coal	0.3	—	0.1	0.48	—	—	—
wood	0.1	0.6	10.0	9.8	0.66	—	—
Frittercake:							
enzyme production	—	2.2	0.5	—	—	—	—
citric acid production	—	2.0	0.3	—	5.2	—	—

Table 3 (continued)

Material	Percentage by Weight						
	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S	Cl
Garbage tannage	2.5	1.5	1.0	3.2	0.3	0.4	1.3
Greensand	—	1 to 2	5.0	—	—	—	—
Grape skins (ash)	—	3.6	31.0	—	—	—	—
Hair	12 to 16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hay:							
Legume	3.0	1.0	2.4	1.2	0.2	0.3	—
Grass	1.5	0.5	1.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	—
Leather (acidulated)	—	7 to 8	—	—	—	—	—
Leather (ground)	10 to 12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leather scrap (ash)	—	2	0.4	—	—	—	—
Milk	0.5	0.3	0.2	—	—	—	—
Oak leaves	0.8	0.4	0.2	—	—	—	—
Peanut hull meal	1.2	0.5	0.8	—	—	—	—
Peanut meal	7.2	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1
Peat/muck	2.7	—	—	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.1
Pine needles	0.5	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry processing:							
DAF sludge	8.0	1.8	0.3	—	—	—	—
Potato tubers	0.4	0.2	0.5	—	—	—	—
Potato, leaves & stalks	—	0.6	0.2	0.4	—	—	—
Potato skins, raw ash	—	—	5.2	27.5	—	—	—
Sawdust	0.2	—	0.2	—	—	—	—
Sea marsh hay	1.1	0.2	0.8	—	—	—	—
Seaweed (dried)	0.7	0.8	5.0	—	—	—	—
Sewage sludge (municipal)	2.6	3.7	0.2	1.3	0.2	—	—
Shrimp heads	7.8	4.2	—	—	—	—	—
Shrimp waste	2.9	10	—	—	—	—	—
Siftings from oyster shell mound	0.4	10.4	0.1	—	—	—	—
Soot from chimney flues	—	0.5 to 11	—	1.0	0.4	—	—
Soybean meal	7.0	1.2	1.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	—
Spanish moss	0.6	0.1	0.6	—	—	—	—
Spent brewery yeast	—	7.0	0.4	0.3	0.04	0.03	—
String bean strings & stems (ash)	—	5.0	18.0	—	—	—	—
Sweet potato skins boiled (ash)	—	3.29	13.9	—	—	—	—
Sweetpotatoes	0.2	0.1	0.5	—	—	—	—

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	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S	Cl
Tankage	7.0	1.5	3 to 10	—	—	—	—
Textile sludges	2.8	2.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	—	—
Wood ashes	0.0	2.0	6.0	20.0	1.0	—	—
Wood processing wastes	—	0.4	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.2	—
Tobacco leaves	4.0	0.5	6.0	—	—	—	—
Tobacco stalks	3.7	0.6	4.5	—	—	—	—
Tobacco stems	2.5	0.9	7.0	—	—	—	—
Tomatoes, fruit	0.2	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	—
Tomato leaves	0.4	0.1	0.4	—	—	—	—

Note: Approximate values are given. Have materials analyzed for nutrient content before using.

Table 4. Nutrient Content of Manures

Type	TKN	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Ca	Mg	S
	lb/unit wet basis					
DAIRY						
Fresh (lb/ton)	10	5	8	4	2	1
Paved surface scraped (lb/ton)	10	6	9	5	2	2
Liquid manure (lb/1,000lb) ¹	23	14	21	10	5	3
Lagoon liquid (lb/acre-inch) ²	137	77	195	69	35	25
Anaerobic lagoon sludge (lb/acre-inch) ²	15	22	8	12	4	4
BEEF						
Fresh (lb/ton)	12	7	9	5	2	2
Paved surface scraped (lb/ton)	14	9	13	5	3	2
Unpaved feedlot (lb/ton)	26	16	20	14	6	5
Lagoon liquid (lb/acre-inch) ²	83	77	129	24	19	—
Lagoon sludge (lb/1,000lb) ¹	38	51	15	36	5	—
BROILER						
Fresh (lb/ton)	26	17	11	10	4	2
House litter (lb/ton)	72	78	46	41	8	15
Stockpiled litter (lb/ton)	36	80	34	54	8	12
DUCK						
Fresh (lb/ton)	28	23	17	—	—	—
House litter (lb/ton)	19	17	14	22	3	3
Stockpiled litter (lb/ton)	24	42	22	27	4	6

Table 4 (continued)

Type	TKN	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O lb/unit	Ca wet basis	Mg	S
GOAT						
Fresh (lb/ton)	22	12	18	—	—	—
HORSE						
Fresh (lb/ton)	12	6	12	11	2	2
LAYERS						
Fresh (lb/ton)	26	22	11	41	4	4
Undercage paved (lb/ton)	28	31	20	43	6	7
Deep pit (lb/ton)	38	56	30	86	6	9
Liquid (lb/1,000lb) ¹	62	59	37	35	7	8
Lagoon liquid (lb/acre-inch) ²	179	46	266	25	7	52
Lagoon sludge (lb/1,000lb) ¹	26	92	13	71	7	12
RABBIT						
Fresh (lb/ton)	24	23	13	19	4	2
SHEEP						
Fresh (lb/ton)	21	10	20	14	4	3
Unpaved (lb/ton)	14	11	19	24	7	6
SWINE						
Fresh (lb/ton)	12	9	9	8	2	2
Surface scraped (lb/ton)	13	12	9	12	2	2
Liquid manure (lb/1,000lb) ¹	31	22	17	9	3	5
Lagoon liquid (lb/acre-inch) ²	136	53	133	25	8	10
Lagoon sludge (lb/1,000lb) ¹	22	49	7	16	4	8
TURKEY						
Fresh (lb/ton)	27	25	12	27	2	—
House litter (lb/ton)	52	64	37	35	6	9
Stockpiled litter (lb/ton)	36	72	33	42	7	10

Notes:

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¹Pounds per thousand pounds of manure liquid (slurry).

²Pounds per acre-inch. Estimated total lagoon liquid includes total liquid manure plus average annual lagoon surface rainfall surplus; does not account for seepage.

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