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GENERAL SOIL FERTILITY INFORMATION REACTION OF SULFUR IN THE SOIL SOLUTION



 $2S + 3O_2 + 2H_2O$

 \rightarrow 2H₂SO₄

 \rightarrow 4H⁺ + 2SO₄

ZERO CHARGE

+3 CHARGE

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Most sulfur oxidation in the soil is biochemical in nature. Biochemical sulfur oxidation is accomplished by a number of autotrophic bacteria, including five species in the genus *Thiobacillus*.

For every sulfur atom oxidized, two hydrogen ions are formed. By adding sulfur this acidifying reaction is utilized to reduce the pH of soils.

Useful Reactions with Sulfur (Sulfuric Acid)

Increase Availability of Phosphorus

 $2Ca(PO_4)_2 + 3H_2SO_4 + 3H2O$

 $\rightarrow Ca(H_2PO_4)_2 \cdot H_2O + 2CaHPO_4 + 3CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$

Insoluble

Water Soluble

Acid Sol. G

Gvpsum

Reduce pH in Soil with Elemental Sulfur

 $1 \quad H_2SO_4 + H_2O + CaCO_3$

 \rightarrow

 $2H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + H_2O + Ca^{+2} + CO_3^{-2}$

2 2H⁺ + SO₄²⁻ + H₂O + Ca⁺² + CO₃⁻²

CaSO₄ + H₂O + CO₂ + H₂O

Gypsum

Gas

Hi-Cal limestone is 31.5% Calcium, Dolomitic Limestone is 21.5% Calcium and pHast-Cal $_{\rm tm}$ is 20% Calcium (pHast-Cal $_{\rm tm}$ is a very fine and quickly available source of Calcium produced by Douglass Fertilizer and Chemical, Inc.).

When balancing base saturation of calcium, even if pH is above 6.9 ... follow the guidelines in the tables below. The table has information on addition of sulfur to counter high pH....see equations above.

* (substitute gypsum (21.5% Ca. & 17 % S) For Hi-Cal in below table if pH >6.9)

SULFUR & HI-CAL APPLIED RATES					
Soil pH	Hi-Cal	Sulfur			
< 6.2	2000	None			
6.3 - 6.6	1000	None			
6.7 - 7.0	500	None			
7.1 - 7.4	100 gyp.	50 - 80			
7.5 - 7.7	80 gyp.	80 - 150			
7.8 - 8.0	none	150 - 250			
> 8.0	None	300 (Max)			
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Crop needed soil SULFUR lb/ac in top 6" soil based on information on CEC & soil type.

Min. S level	48	lb/ac.
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BASE SATURATION TARGET PERCENTAGES						
TARGET BASE Ca	TARGET BASE Mg	TARGET BASE K	IF MUCK ENTER 1	ENTER CEC HERE		
70.0%	12.0%	3.5%		5.4		
Minor Element Target LBS/Ac. In top 6" Soil at above CEC Factor						
Mn	Zn	Cu	Fe	В		
31	7	1.0	26	1.0		
Minimum Phosphorus LB/AC In top 6" Soil at CEC Above						
120	274.8	lb P ₂ O ₅ /ac or	6.31	lb P ₂ O ₅ /1000 ft ²		
Organic amendment lb/ac/year to improve soil tilth based on CEC above						
Apply* Org. at	14	Lb./1000/Yr. Or	600	Lb./Ac./Yr.C		