

a'Round The Traps'

Importance of Phosphorus in early Growth

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The role of Phosphorus in early plant growth

Everyone already knows that Phosphorus is an essential nutrient for plant growth and is widely used as a fertiliser all over the world, but even by simplifying things, there is a lot more to it than that, especially in a year that we are experiencing so

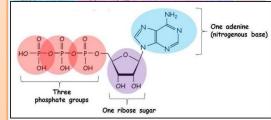
Phosphorous is an Anion (has a negative charge) in the case of Phosphorous, it has three negative charges (---) which makes it extremely probable to being largely "unavailable" to the plant shortly after application, due to its chemical configuration and bonding susceptibility to the soils clay colloids, especially in dry soil profiles. However, do you really understand the essential role that Phosphorus plays in plant energy production, especially in early plant growth?

Here is some more detail adding to the RTT post that we sent out in April 2023. We talk about Phosphorus again now in 2024, as it's such an important element to be focusing on right now, not only with the dry conditions, but leading up to T2 – Z.14 in cereals for example, early Leaf Production in Canola and other crops developing.

So where does energy come from and how do plants produce more? Most understand that energy is from photosynthesis when plants produce glucose. However, this glucose still needs to be converted to energy that the plant can metabolise, this is where energy respiration begins with the Glycolysis pathway, which is a complex chain of biochemical reactions that breaks down glucose to produce two ATP (Adenosine triphosphate).

Now this may not seem significant, but ATP is a nucleotide (A molecule that is the basic building block of the nucleic acids DNA and RNA) that captures and produces chemical energy and as you can see from the name ATP, it consists of three phosphate groups, making Phosphorus an essential element for energy production, really important going into winter, with daylight hours and soil temperatures in decline now for several weeks. We will leave it at that for now.

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PHOS-TRAK	% w/v
Phosphorus Potassium	20.0
Manganese Sulphur Copper Boron Molybdenum	1.1 0.83 0.42 0.17 0.04

Soil Profile moisture / Phosphorous uptake block.

There are areas where Western Australia have had up to 7 months with little to no rain, meaning they not only lack top soil moisture to seed into but as importantly sub soil moisture. Evidence of this, in these regions, is that the germination often translates into weak plants that have not got access to an A horizon of mineralised phosphorous often being as little as 2CM. Therefore, above ground plant height far exceeds below ground root mass depth, so you can see why we encourage nutrition with a high Phosphorous status being applied to the seed at seed grading, instead of several other treatments being offered.

Minimal root mass is predominately a lack of plant available "P" the energy source to build plant vigour. The season is throwing us a curve ball, so we need to know about practical options to deal with the cards we've been dealt. Feel Free to Call Us about bypassing slow soil mineralising granule "P" with a plant direct liquid "P" proactive approach to immediately generate energy faster as speed of uptake is now yield potential setting priority.

