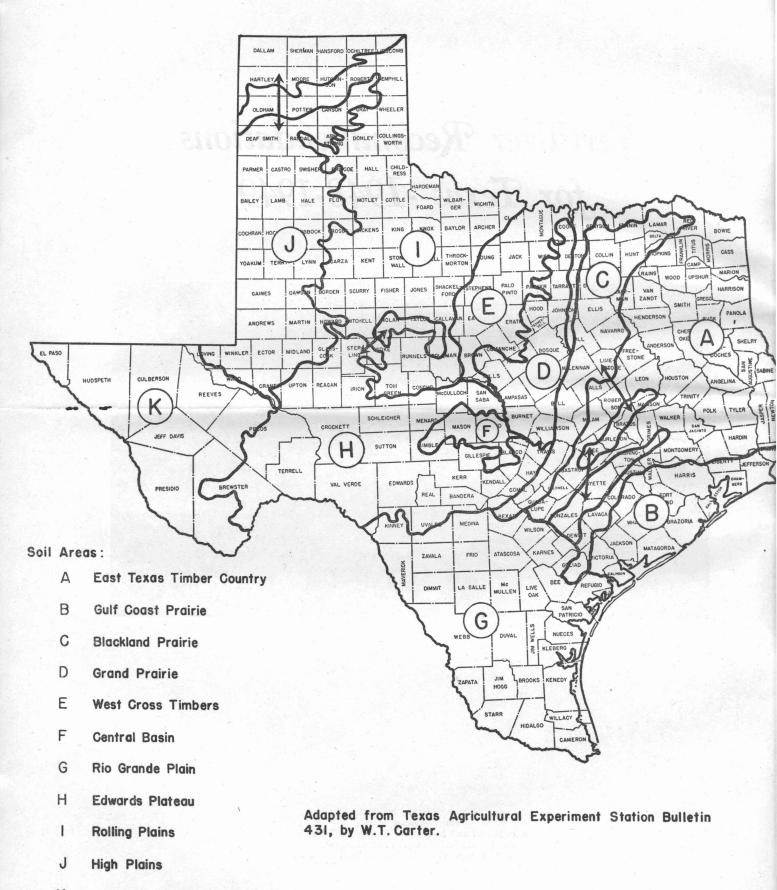
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Fertilizer Recommendations for Texas

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The use of commercial fertilizers has increased greatly during the past few years. This circular offers suggestions to aid the user of fertilizer in selecting those grades best adapted to the different areas in the state.

For best results with fertilizers, other factors should be favorable; for example, well prepared seed bed, good stand, absence of disease, adequate moisture, and good cultivation. Good cropping systems with legumes in the rotation generally aid in a favorable response of crops to fertilizers.

Fertilizer is usually applied at the time of planting or just before planting. Mixed fertilizer should not touch the seed. It is best placed in a band two or three inches on one or both sides of the seed and two or three inches below the seed with a fertilizer distributor on the planter.

Where a large quantity of fertilizer is to be used per acre, part of it may be applied at planting time and the remainder later on after the plants are up and growing.

Side dressing of growing crops with nitrogen fertilizer is often profitable. In side-dressing, a special fertilizer attachment for the cultivator should be used.

The recommendations for side-dressing with nitrogen are expressed in terms of pounds of actual nitrogen to be applied per acre. These may be converted into pounds of fertilizer by considering the percentage of nitrogen in the fertilizer as shown on the tag. For example, the recommendations suggest 30 pounds of nitrogen per acre for side dressing corn. This may be secured from approximately 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate $(33\frac{1}{2}\% \text{ N.})$ or 150 pounds of ammonium sulfate (20% N.) or approximately 200 pounds of sodium nitrate (16% N.). To get 60 pounds of nitrogen, one would use twice the above, and for 20 pounds of nitrogen one would use 2/3 of the quantity needed for 30 pounds.

In cases where 20% superphosphate has been recommended, concentrated superphosphate may be used at a proportionally lower rate. For example, 100 pounds of 40% superphosphate will replace 200 pounds of 20% superphosphate.

The quantities suggested in these recommendations are those found best by experiment and by practical experience in the field. Variations from these recommended formulas may be used after experience has been gained in the use of them and the individual has learned for himself what variations are best suited to his conditions and needs.

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HIGH PLAINS

(Irrigated)

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Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Alfalfa	20% superphosphate	300-400
Grain Sorghum) Sweet Sorghum) Corn) Sudan)	Ammonium nitrate as side dressing or Ammonium sulfate as side dressing or Cyanamid (10-30 days before planting)	100-200 200-300 200-300
Cotton	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	200-300 100-200
Legumes, summer Legumes, winter	20% superphosphate 20% superphosphate	200 200
Oats, wheat, and other small grains	Ammonium nitrate (Top dressed in early spring) or Ammonium sulfate (Top dressed in early spring)	100 150-200
Pastures, grasses only	Ammonium nitrate or Ammonium sulfate	100 150-200
Grasses and Legumes	20% superphosphate	200-400
Establishing pastures on old fields	10-10-0, 6-12-0	300-400
Sugar beets) Stock beets)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0 Side dress with 20 to 30 lbs. of nitrogen	300-400 150-200
Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Cabbage) Lettuce) Mustard, etc.)	6-12-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0 and side dress with 60 lbs. of nitrogen	400-500 200-250
Carrots) Beets) Turnips)	6-12-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	400-500 200-250
Sweet Potatoes Irish Potatoes	5-10-5 6-10-4, 5-10-5 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen	400-600 500-600
Onions	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	400-600 200-300
Tomatoes) Peppers)	5-10-5, 4-12-4	600-800
Cantaloupes) Cucumbers) Watermelons) Squash)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	400-600 200-300
Beans) Peas, English) Peas, Blackeye, Purplehull) Etc.)	5-10-5 20% superphosphate	400-600 200

ROLLING PLAINS

(On Sandy and Sandy Loam Soils)

This is an area of variable rainfall. In some instances fertilizer will not pay.

Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Alfalfa (subirrigated soils) Alfalfa (on old sandy crop land)	20% superphosphate 0-14-7	200-400 300-500
Grain Sorghum) Corn) Sweet Sorghum)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	200-300 100
Sudan) On old sandy crop land	5-10-5, 6-10-4, 8-8-8 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	200-300 None
Cotton	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 Following fertilized legumes	200-300 100 None
On old sandy crop land	8-8-8, 6-10-4, 5-10-5 Following fertilized legumes	200-300 None
Legumes, summer	20% superphosphate	200-300
On old sandy crop land	0-14-7	300-400
Legumes, winter	20% superphosphate	200-300
On old sandy crop land	0-14-7	300-400
Oats, wheat, and other small grains	For grazing and grain Fall application 6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 Top dress in early spring with 15-30 lbs. nitrogen	200 100
	For grain only, top dress in early spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	
On old sandy crop land	5-10-5, 4-12-4, 8-8-8 Top dress in spring with 15-30 lbs. nitrogen	200-300
Peanuts	4-12-4	150-200
Pastures, (permanent) Grasses only	10-10-0, 6-12-0 or 16-20-0	200-300 100-200
On old sandy crop land	5-10-5, 6-10-4	300-400
Pastures, (temporary) Small grains only	See oats, wheat and other small grains	
Small grains and legumes	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 or 20% superphosphate	200-300 100-150 200

Field Crops

Fertilizer

On old sandy crop land

5-10-5 or 0-14-7

Pounds per Acre

300-400 300

ROLLING PLAINS

Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Peaches (bearing) Plums and Cherry Plums	5-10-5, 6-12-0	300-400
Apples	5-10-5, 6-12-0 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen	400-500
Grapes	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-500 200-250
	Following Levilland Mentals	

WEST CROSS TIMBERS AND CENTRAL BASIN

Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Alfalfa (subirrigated) On deep sands	20% superphosphate 0-14-7	200-400 300-500
Grain Sorghum) Corn) Sweet Sorghum) Sudan)	4-12-4, 5-10-5 Side dress with 20-30 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	150-300 None
Cotton	4-12-4, 5-10-5, 6-10-4 Following fertilized legumes	150-300 None
Legumes, summer	20% superphosphate	200
On old sandy crop land	0-14-7	300
Legumes, winter	20% superphosphate	200
On old sandy crop land	0-14-7	300
Oats, wheat, and other small grains	6-12-0, 10-10-0 Top dress in spring with 20-30 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	200-300 None
Pastures, (permanent) Grasses only	10-10-0, 10-20-0, 6-12-0 or 16-20-0	200-300 100
On old sandy crop land	5-10-5, 8-8-8	300-500
Grasses and legumes	20% superphosphate	200-400
On old sandy crop land	0-14-7	300-500

Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Pastures, (temporary) Small grains for grazing	Ammonium nitrate before or at seeding	100
On sandy or sandy loan soils (mixed land)	Top dress in spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	200
Peanuts	4-12-4, 5-10-5	150-200
WES	ST CROSS TIMBERS AND CENTRAL BASIN	
Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Sweet Potatoes		400-600
Tomatoes) Peppers)	5-10-5	400-600
Cantaloupes) Watermelons)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 15-30 lbs. nitrogen	200-500
Apples) Pears)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen in May or June	400-600
Peaches) Plums)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen in May or June	400-600
Berries	4-12-4, 5-10-5	400-600
Pecans	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-500 200

BLACKLAND PRAIRIE AND GRAND PRAIRIE

	(Including Sandy and Mixed Soils)	
Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Alfalfa — Blackland and river bottom	20% superphosphate On acid soils, one to two tons lime additional	300-400
Corn) Grain Sorghum)—Blackland Sweet Sorghum) Sudan)	6-12-0, 10-10-0, 10-20-0 or 16-20-0 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	200-300 100-200
On sandy and sandy loam soils	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	300-400 None
Cotton — Blackland	10-10-0, 6-12-0 or 16-20-0 Following fertilized legumes	200-400 100-200 None
On sandy and sandy loam soils (mixed land)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Following fertilized legumes	300-400 None
Legumes, summer—Blackland	20% superphosphate	200
On sandy and sandy loam soils	4-12-4, 0-14-7	300-400

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Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Legumes, winter—Blackland	20% superphosphate	200
On sandy and sandy loam soils (mixed land)		
On acid soils	One ton of lime additional	
Oats, wheat, and other small grains—Blackland	6-12-0, 10-10-0 Top dress in spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	200-300 None
On sandy or sandy loam soils (mixed land)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Top dress in spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	200-300
Pastures, (permanent) Grasses only— Blackland	Ammonium nitrate	100
On sandy or sandy loam soils	5-10-5, 4-12-4	300-400
Grasses and legumes Blackland	20% superphosphate	300-500
On sandy or sandy loam soils	0-14-7	400-600
Pastures, (temporary) Small grains for grazing—Blackland	Ammonium nitrate before or at seeding	100
On sandy or sandy loam soils (mixed land)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Top dress in spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	200
Small grains and legumes—Blackland	20% superphosphate	200
On sandy and sandy loam soils	0-14-7 been allos bios mot	300
Peanuts	4-12-4 10 0-05-01 0-01-01 0-01-0 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01 0-05-01	200
	BLACKLAND PRAIRIE	Sudan -
Truck Crops	Fertilizer	
Carrots — Blackland	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-600 200
On sandy and sandy loam soils	5-10-5, 4-12-4	600-800
Onions — Blackland	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400
On sandy and sandy loam soils	5-10-5, 4-12-4	600-800

Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Tomatoes) — Blackland Peppers)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-600 200
On sandy and sandy loam soils	5-10-5, 4-12-4	600-800
	EAST TEXAS TIMBER COUNTRY	Itigh Polythes
Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Alfalfa (River Bottoms)	20% superphosphate	400
On sandy and sandy loam soils	0-14-7, 0-12-12	500
On acid soils	One to two tons lime additional	Watermelons
Corn) Grain Sorghum) Sweet Sorghum) Sudan)	5-10-5, 4-12-8, 8-8-8, 4-12-4 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	200-300 None
Cotton	5-10-5, 4-8-8, 8-8-8, 6-10-4 Following fertilized legumes	300-400 None
Legumes, summer	5-10-5, 4-12-4, 4-8-8, 4-12-8	300-400
Legumes, winter	0-14-7, 0-12-12, or 20% superphosphate	300 200-400
Oats and other small grains	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Top dress in early spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	300 None
Pastures, (permanent) Grasses only	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Top dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	300
Grasses and legumes	20% superphosphate	300-400
On sandy soils	0-14-7, 0-12-12	400-500
Pastures, (temporary) 5-10-5, 4-12-4		300
Sman grams	Small grains Top dress in early spring with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes	
Small grains and legumes	0-14-7, 0-12-12, or 4-12-8	300 300-400
Peanuts	4-12-4	200-400
Sugar Cane	5-10-5, 8-8-8	200

EAST TEXAS TIMBER COUNTRY

Fertilizer

Pounds per Acre

400-600

Lettuce) Cabbage) Mustard) Collards)

Truck Crops

5-10-5, 4-8-8, 8-8-8

Truck Crops

Carrots) Beets) Turnips)

Sweet Potatoes

Irish Potatoes

Tomatoes) Peppers) Eggplants)

Cantaloupes) Squash) Cucumbers) Watermelons)

Beans

Peas, English Peas, Blackeye, Purplehull Etc.

)

Blackberries Dewberries

Strawberries

Apples) Peaches) Plums)

Field Crops

Pecans

Fertilizer

Pounds per Acre

600-800

4-12-4, 4-8-8, 4-12-8 400-600

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4-8-8, 4-12-8, 5-10-5 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen

5-10-5, 4-8-8

5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen

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5-10-5, 4-12-4

5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 30 lbs. nitrogen after harvest

5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen

> 6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0

GULF COAST PRAIRIE

ry) 5-10-5, 4-12-4 Fertilizer ns Top dress in early spring with 20 Following fertilized legumes

20% superphosphate

0-14-7, 0-12-12

One ton lime additional

Corn)
Grain	Sorghum)-Blackland
	Sorghum)
Sudan	an obstand)

On acid soils

Alfalfa—On heavy alluvial

Alfalfa-On sandy alluvial

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On sandy or sandy loam soils 10-10-0, 6-12-0 or 16-20-0 Side dress with 30-40 lbs. nitrogen Following fertilized legumes

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400-600

500-1000

200-500

300-500

600-800

600-1000

400-500

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Pounds per Acre

400

500

300-400 200 None 300-400 None

Field Crops	Fertilizer 99 TeA00 3.400	Pounds per Acr
Cotton—Blackland	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 Following fertilized legumes	300-400 200 None
On sandy or sandy loam soils	5-10-5, 6-10-4 Following fertilized legumes	300-400 None
Legumes, summer Blackland	a-01-a ,8-81-1 ,6-81-1 20% superphosphate	200
On sandy or sandy loam soils	0-14-7, 4-12-8	300
Legumes, winter Blackland—	20% superphosphate	200
On sandy or sandy loam soils	0-14-7, 4-12-8	300
Pastures, (permanent) Blackland— Grasses only	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 10 2001-0 16-20-0	400 200
Grasses and legumes	20% superphosphate	400
On acid soils On sandy or sandy	One ton of lime additional	
loam soils— Grasses only	5-10-5, 4-12-8	300-500
Grasses and legumes	0-14-7, 4-12-8 of ending and to mildown A	500
On acid soils	One ton of lime additional	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Pastures, (temporary) Blackland— Small grains only	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	200-300 100
Small grains and legumes	0-03-91 20% superphosphate	300-400
On acid soils	One ton of lime additional	Biackland seumes winter ,
On sandy or sandy loam soils—	20% superphosphate of all the	Blackland
Small grains only	5-10-5, 4-12-8	ybraa Das ybraa allos mag
Small grains and legumes	0-14-7, 4-12-8	300-400
On acid soils	One ton of lime additional	On sandy and sandy - loam solls
Peanuts	4-12-4	200-300
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GULF COAST PRAIRIE

Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Lettuce) Cabbage) Mustard) Collards)	5-10-5, 4-12-4, 4-12-8 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	400-800
Carrots) Beets) Turnips)	4-12-4, 4-12-8, 5-10-5	400-800
Sweet Potatoes	4-8-8, 4-12-8, 5-10-5	300-600
Irish Potatoes	5-10-5, 4-12-8, 4-8-8	400-600
Tomatoes) Peppers) Eggplants)	5-10-5, 4-8-8	400-600
Cantaloupes) Squash) Cucumbers) Watermelons)	5-10-5, 4-12-4 Side dress with 20-40 lbs. nitrogen	200-500
Figs	5-10-5, 4-12-4	400-600

RIO GRANDE PLAIN

Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Grain Sorghum) Sweet Sorghum)—Blackland Sudan)	Ammonium nitrate	100
On sandy or sandy loam soils	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 Top dress with 15-30 lbs. nitrogen	100-200
Cotton—On sandy or sandy loam soils	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	200-300 100-200
Legumes, summer Blackland	20% superphosphate	200
Legumes, winter Blackland	20% superphosphate	200
Legumes, summer On sandy and sandy loam soils	4-12-4	200
Legumes, winter On sandy and sandy loam soils	20% superphosphate	200
Pastures, (permanent) Blackland— Grasses only	Ammonium nitrate	100-200

Field Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Grasses and legumes	20% superphosphate	200
Pastures, (permanent) On sandy and sandy	16-20-0, 12-18-0 Side dress with \$9-40 list hitrory	
loam soils— Grasses only	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	200-300 100-200
Grasses and legumes	20% superphosphate	200
Pastures, (temporary)		
Blackland— Small grains only Small grains & legumes	Ammonium nitrate 20% superphosphate	100 200
On sandy or sandy	State there is a first state of the	
loam soils— Small grains only	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	200-300 100-200
Small grains & legumes	20% superphosphate	200
Peanuts	4-12-4	200

RIO GRANDE PLAIN

Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Lettuce) Cabbage)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400 ⁻ 800 200-400
Spinach	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-600 200-300
Carrots) Beets) Turnips)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-800 200-400
Tomatoes) Peppers) Eggplants)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-800 200-400
Cantaloupes) Squash) Cucumbers) Watermelons)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0	400-600 200-300
Grapefruit) Oranges) Lemons)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0 Side dress in spring or early summer with 30 lbs. of nitrogen	400 200

EL PASO, RIO GRANDE, WINTER GARDEN, PECOS IRRIGATED AREAS

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Field Crops

Fertilizer

Pounds per Acre

Alfalfa

20% superphosphate

300-400

Field Crops

Fertilizer

Corn) Grain Sorghum) Sweet Sorghum) Sudan)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0 Side dress with 30-40 lbs. nitrogen	300-400 200
Cotton	10-10-0, 6-12-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	300-400
Legumes, summer	20% superphosphate	200-300
Legumes, winter	20% superphosphate	200-300
Pasture, (permanent) Grasses only	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0, or Ammonium nitrate	900
Grasses and legumes	20% superphosphate	400
Pasture, (temporary) Small grains only	10-10-0, 6-12,0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0, or Ammonium nitrate	300-400 200 100
Small grains and legumes	20% superphosphate or 10-10-0, 6-12-0	200-300 300-400
Sugar beets) Stock beets)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0 Side dress with 20-30 lbs. nitrogen	$300-400 \\ 150-300$

EL PASO, RIO GRANDE, WINTER GARDEN, AND PECOS IRRIGATED AREAS

Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Lettuce) Cabbage)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	400-800 200-400
Carrots) Beets) Turnips)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	300-600 150-300
Irish Potatoes	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	400-800 200-400
Tomatoes) Peppers) Eggplants)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	300-600 150-300
Squash) Cucumbers) Watermelons)	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	300-600 150-300
Cantaloupes	6-12-0, 10-10-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0 Side dress at first bloom with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen	600-800 300-400
Grapefruit) Oranges) Lemons)	10-10-0, 6-12-0 or 16-20-0, 12-15-0	600-800 300-400
Stok Han de Aller	Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen in spring or early summer	Field Crops

TRUCK CROPS FOR THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

(Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy counties)

Truck Crops	Fertilizer	Pounds per Acre
Spinach)	16-20-0	200-400
Escarole & Endive)	Applied at seeding	
Dandelion) Collards)	or 10-20-0	300-500
Parsley)	Applied at seeding	

30-60 lbs. nitrogen to be applied as side dressing as growth and conditions of the plants so indicate.

Cabbage) Broccoli) Lettuce)	10-20-0 Side dress with 30-50 lbs. nitrogen	300-500
Tomatoes, Fall	- 10-20-0 in seedbed—side dress as necessary	300-500
Tomatoes, Spring	10-20-0 Side dressing of nitrogen as needed	200-400
Peppers	10-20-0 200-350 Applied seedbed—Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen as plants indicate need	
Eggplants	10-20-0 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen	200-300
Squash)		
Cantaloupes) Cucumbers)	6-12-0 or 10-20-0 Side dress with 30-60 lbs. nitrogen as needed.	300-600
Citrus	16-20-0 in January Side dress in April with 60-90 lbs. nitrogen	300-400
Potatoes	6-12-0 or 16-20-0	400-800 200-400
Beets	4-12-4 or 10-20-0	$300-500 \\ 150-250$
Carrots	10-20-0 and 20% superphosphate	100-200
Onions	50-50 mixture 10-20-0 and 0-20-0 or 10-20-0 and 20% superphosphate or 10-20-0 and 47% superphosphate	$\begin{array}{c} 300\text{-}500\\ 150\text{-}250\\ 200\text{-}300\\ 75\text{-}200 \end{array}$

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