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Nutrient Stewardship for Nutrition Security

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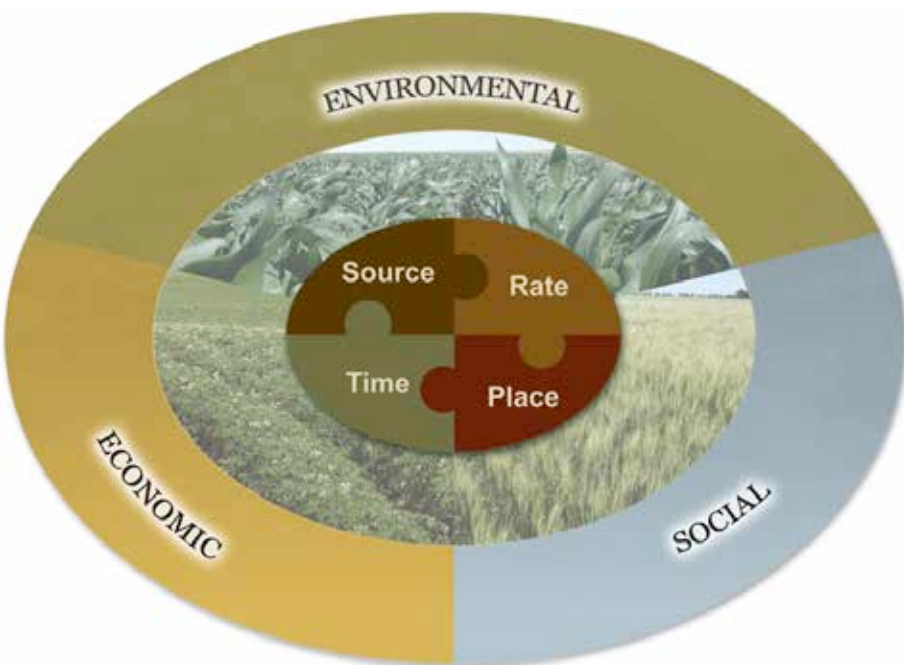
Formed in 2007 from the Potash & Phosphate Institute, the International Plant Nutrition Institute is supported by leading fertilizer manufacturers.

Nutrient Stewardship for Nutrient Security Outline

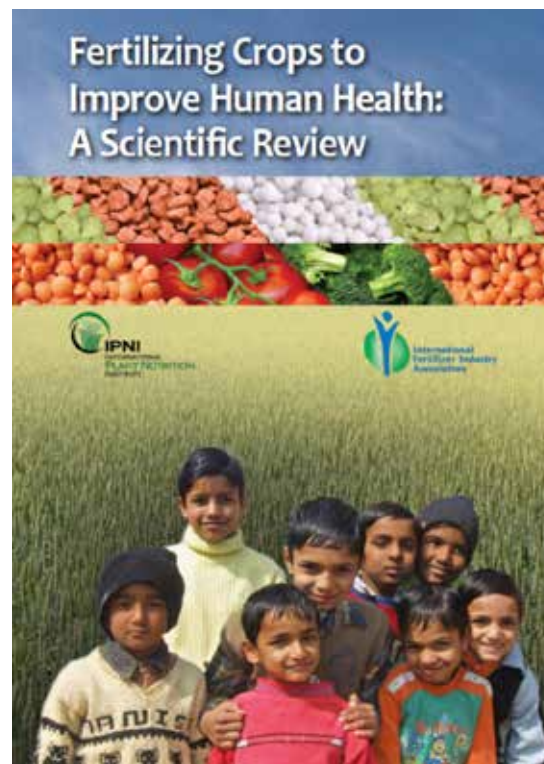
- Human Health
 - Food security – calories
 - Micronutrient malnutrition – Zn, Se, I
 - Functional foods and nutraceuticals
 - Plant disease
- Animal Health
 - Milk fever in the Northeast
- Stewardship for Food Security & Sustainability

See <http://nane.ipni.net/> for slides

4R Nutrient Stewardship supports human health



Health – WHO definition:
“a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being”

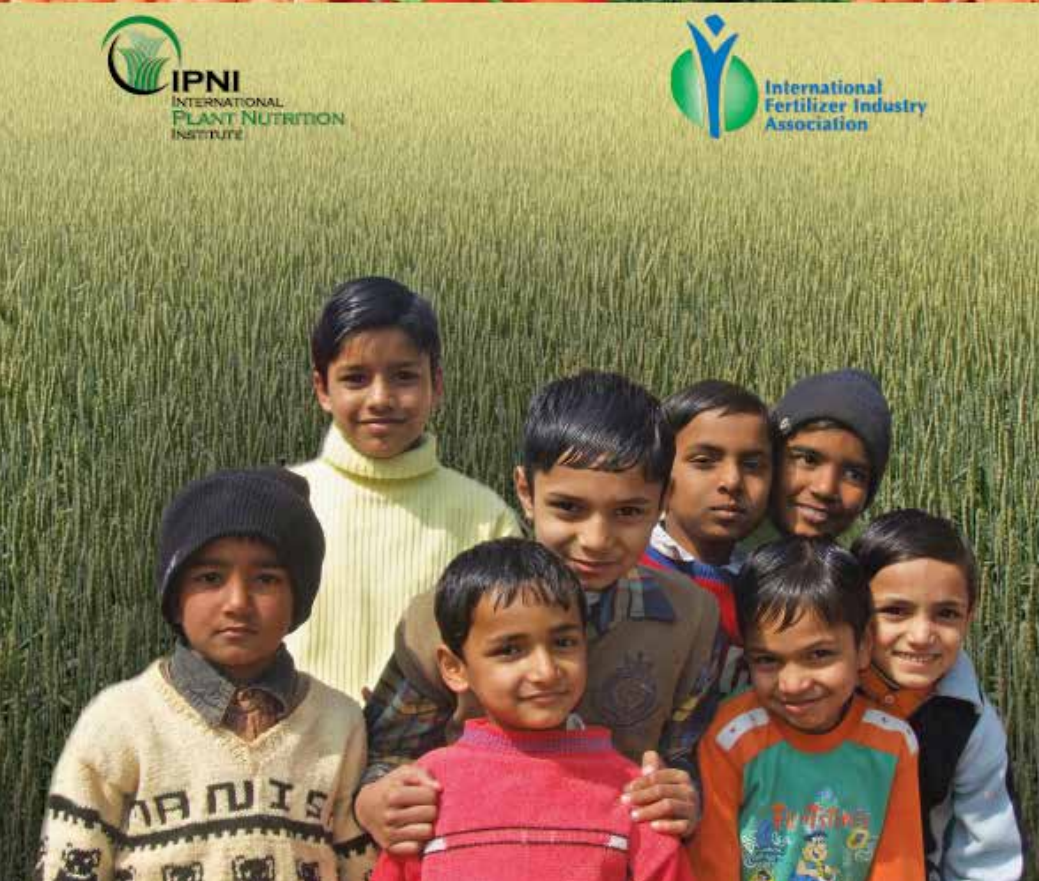


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Fertilizing Crops to Improve Human Health: A Scientific Review



Topics

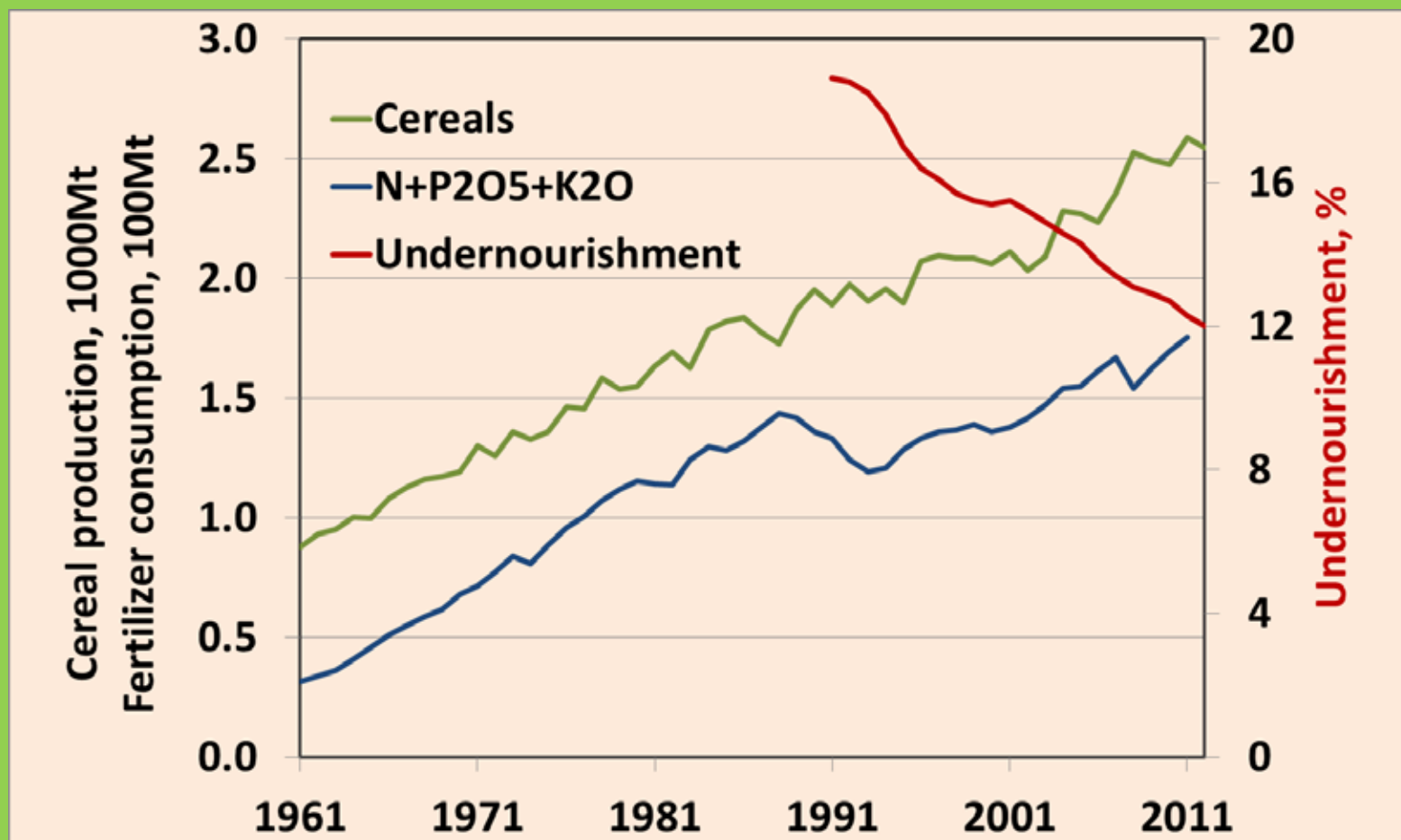
- Food security
- Micronutrients
- Vitamins
- Functional foods
- Proteins, oils and carbohydrates
- Plant disease
- Farming systems
- Remediation of soil contaminated with radionuclides
- 11 chapters



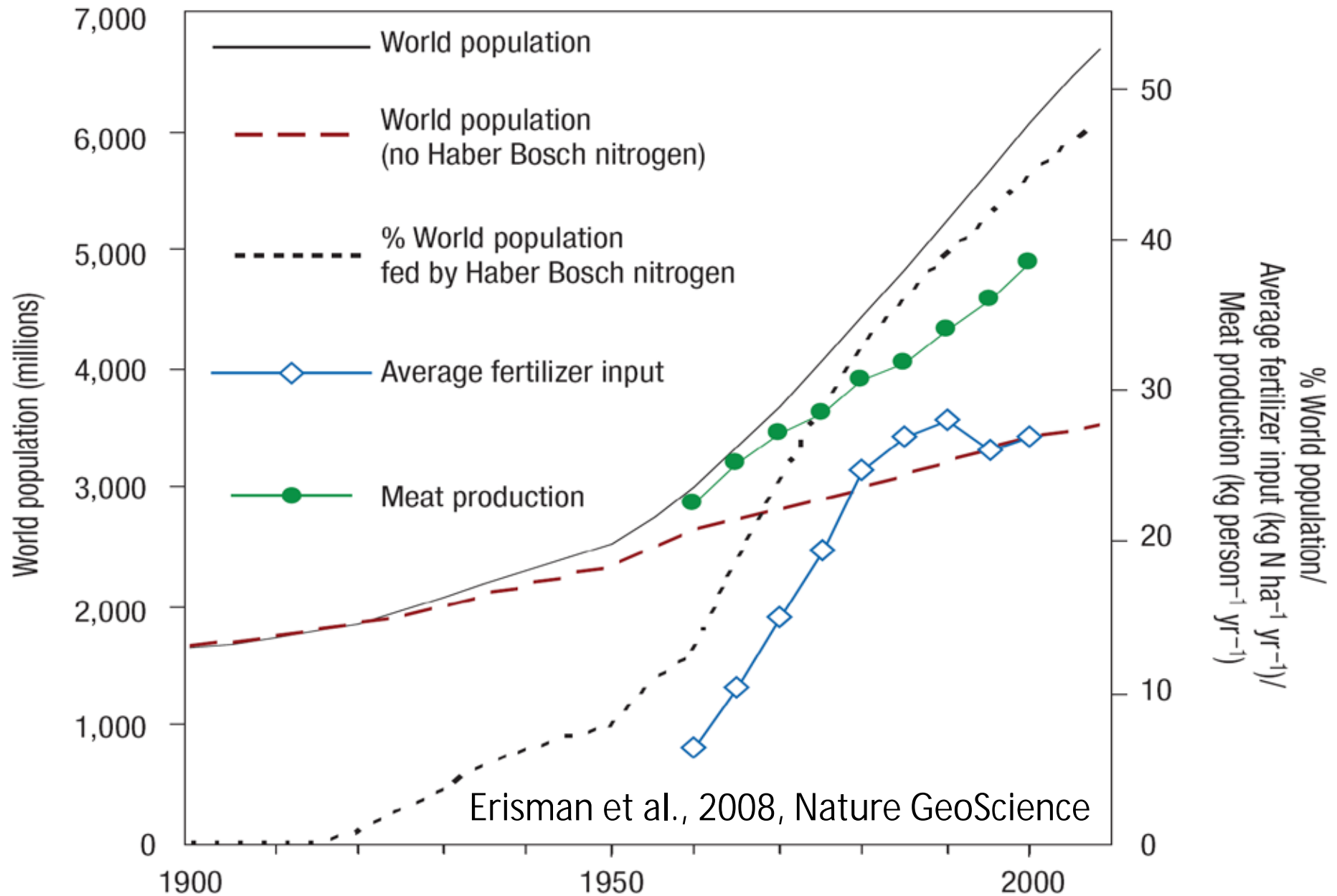
Food and Nutrition Security

- Food security (CFS, 2012):
 - “freedom from hunger” – emphasis in 1943
 - “exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life” (World Food Summit 1996, 2009).
- Food and Nutrition Security: triple burden of malnutrition
 1. insufficient intake of dietary energy (hunger)
 2. micronutrient deficiency (hidden hunger)
 3. excess intake of dietary energy (overweight and obesity)
 - depends on sanitation, health care, education, etc., as well as supply of quality food

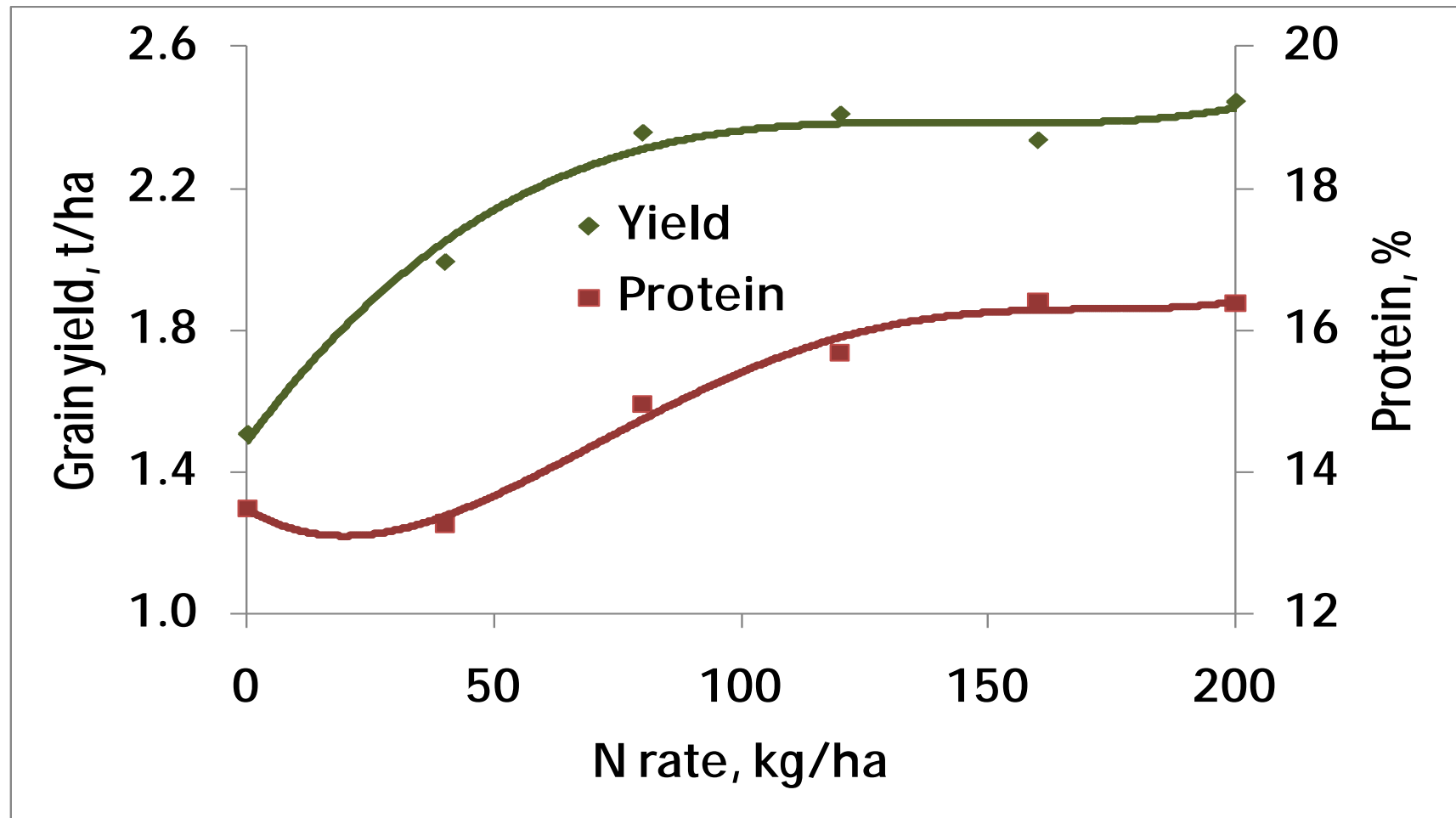
Increased fertilizer use has contributed to cereal production growth and reduced undernourishment



Human Population and N Use



Optimum protein requires more N than optimum yield



Katepwa hard red spring wheat

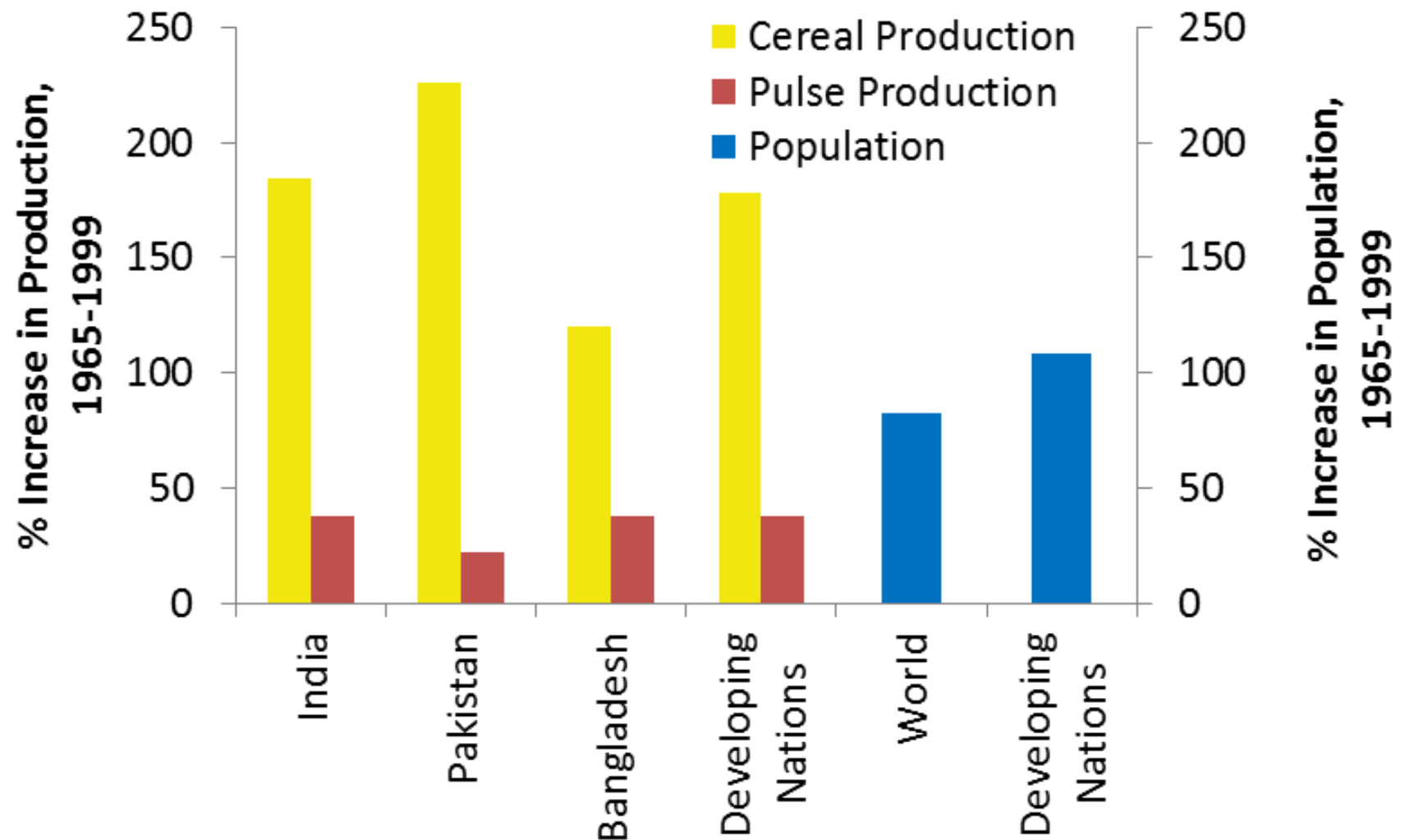


Potato starch and protein influenced by NPKS

N-P-K-S	Potato yield, g/pot	Starch, %	Crude protein, %	Protein biological value, %
2-3-3-3	124	70	8.3	89
4-3-3-3	317	72	12.9	80
6-3-3-3	266	69	15.9	75
4-1-3-3	134	68	14.9	74
4-4-3-3	454	74	10.3	81
4-3-1-3	50	59	22.9	65
4-3-4-3	332	68	11.5	82
4-3-3-0	173	65	14.7	45



Trend 1965 to 1999: more cereals per capita, less pulses





1986 – Bangladeshi farmers: *rabi* soybeans or *boro* HYV rice?



Prevalence (%) of micronutrient malnutrition is high in developing regions and substantial in developed

Region	Zn	Fe	I	Vitamin A
North America	8-11	18-29	11	2-16
Latin America	13-37	18-29	11	2-16
Europe	6-16	19-25	52	12-20
Sub-Saharan Africa	13-43	48-66	44	14-44
Southeast Asia	27-39	46-66	30	17-50
South Asia	18-36			
Global	10-32	30-47	32	15-33



Almost as many soils are deficient in Zn as in K

Table 1. Proportion of agricultural soils deficient in mineral elements (based on a survey of 190 soils worldwide – Sillanpaa, 1990).

Element	%
N	85
P	73
K	55
B	31
Cu	14
Mn	10
Mo	15
Zn	49

Zn and Fe Deficiencies: Global Malnutrition Problem



**Iron Estimated
2 billion**



**Zinc
Estimated 2
billion**

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Zinc Deficiency... a Global Issue



2 BILLION

People
worldwide who
don't get
enough zinc

**1.5
MILLION**

Children who die
each year from
diarrhea

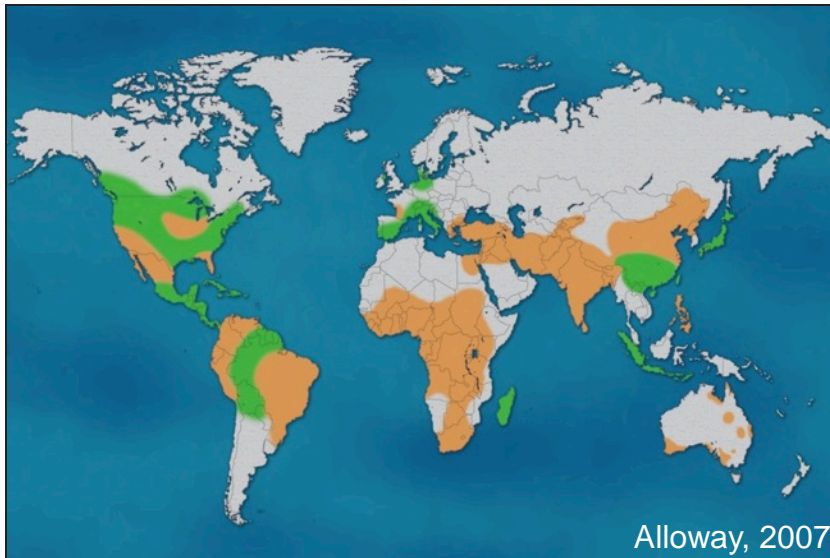
800,000

People at risk of
dying each year
from zinc
deficiency

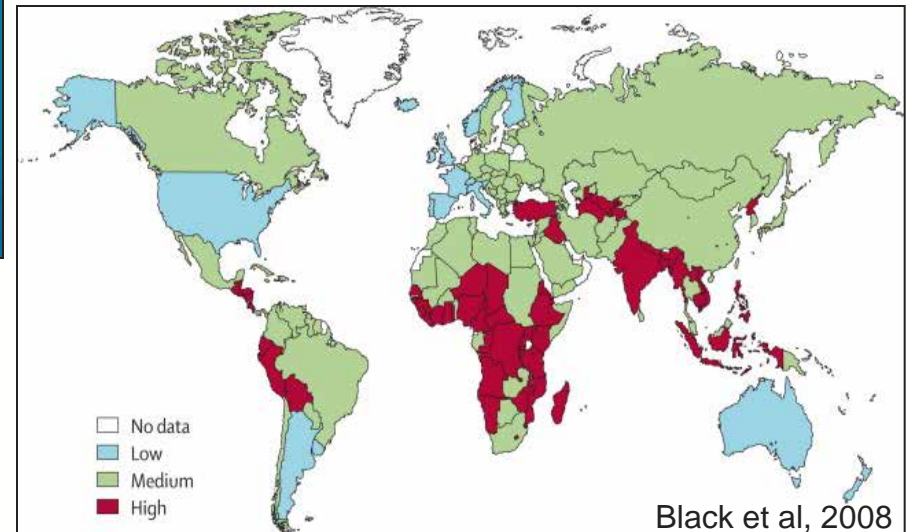
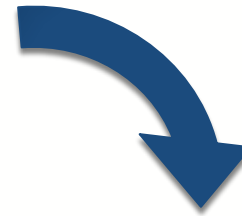
450,000

Children at risk
of dying every
year due to zinc
deficiency

Zinc Deficiency in Soil Links Directly to Zinc Deficiency in Humans



Zinc deficiency in soils



Zinc deficiency in humans

Major Reason: Low Dietary Intake

High Consumption Cereal Based Foods with Low Zn and Fe Concentrations

In a number of developing countries cereals contributes nearly 75 % of the daily calorie intake.



For better Zn nutrition of human beings,
cereal grains should contain around
40-60 mg Zn kg⁻¹

Current Situation:
10-30 mg kg⁻¹



Year 1992: Field tests with and without zinc application

No Zinc

With Zinc

Pictures from NATO-Zinc Project in Central Anatolia.

Green Areas show the areas treated with Zinc Fertilizers.

Project was supported by NATO Science for Stability Program (NATO-SFS)



NATO-Science for Stability (NATO - SFS)

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Global Zinc Fertilizer Project

II. Phase



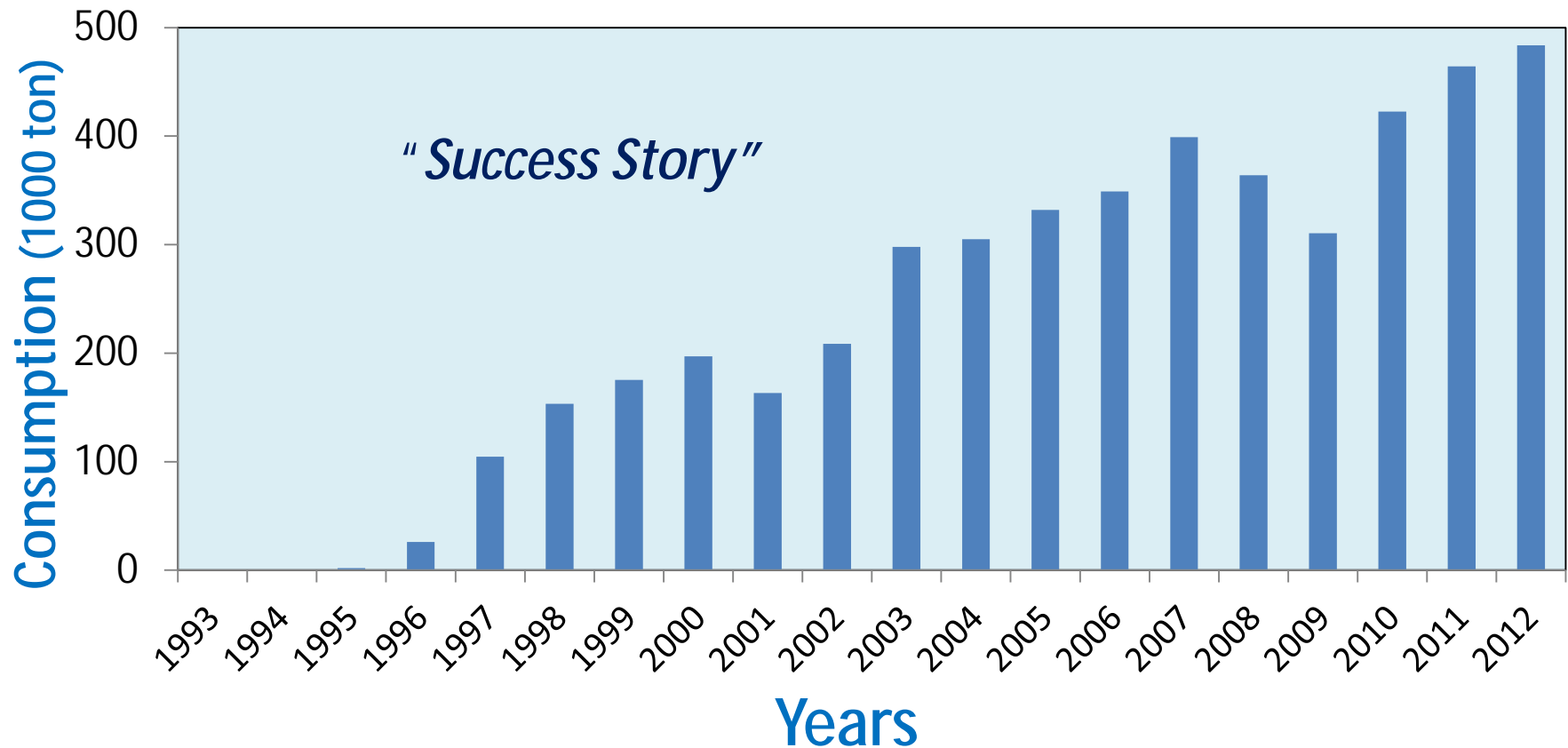
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Use of Zinc Containing Compound Fertilizers after NATO-Zinc Fertilizer Project in Turkey



Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Toros Fertilizer

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Selenium-Enhanced Foods in Cancer Prevention

- Selenoproteins – Se essential to the antioxidant enzyme glutathione peroxidase (Combs, 2011, 2012)
- In 1983, Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry directed that all agricultural fertilizers contain Se.
- By 1990, the per-capita intake of Se in the Finnish diet more than quadrupled.
- Average serum Se in Finnish adults increased from 70 to nearly 119 ng/ml
- Large epidemiological studies have found Se status to be inversely associated with cancer risk. Relatively few clinical trials have been conducted, and the evidence for cancer risk reduction due to Se is not conclusive (Dennert et al., 2011).



Iodine

- In many countries, iodized salt effectively eliminates iodine deficiency disorders
 - In some places, infrastructure or culture limits success
- In Xinjiang province in north-west China, potassium iodate (5%) was dripped into irrigation canals and resulted in:
 - a three-fold increase in soil iodine levels
 - a two-fold increase in wheat straw iodine
 - a 50% reduction in infant mortality
 - elimination of iodine deficiency disorders
- Fertilization increases iodine in leaf, not grain



Potassium (K) improves functional quality of fruits and vegetables

- Foliar K with S enhanced sweetness, texture, color, vitamin C, beta-carotene and folic acid contents of **muskmelons**
- In pink **grapefruit**, supplemental foliar K resulted in increased lycopene, beta-carotene, and vitamin C concentrations
- Several studies have reported positive correlations between K nutrition and **banana** fruit quality parameters such as TSS, reducing sugars, non-reducing sugars, total sugars and ascorbic acid, and negative correlations with fruit acidity



Applying potassium (K) fertilizer increased the concentration of isoflavones in soybeans

K ₂ O application	Genistein	Daidzein	Glycitein	Total ¹
Spring banded	938	967	146	2,051
None	831	854	130	1,851
Increase due to K, %	13	13	12	13

¹ Total isoflavone concentration expressed as aglycone; sum of three components; parts per million (ppm)

Vyn et al., 2002. *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, 50: 3501-3506.

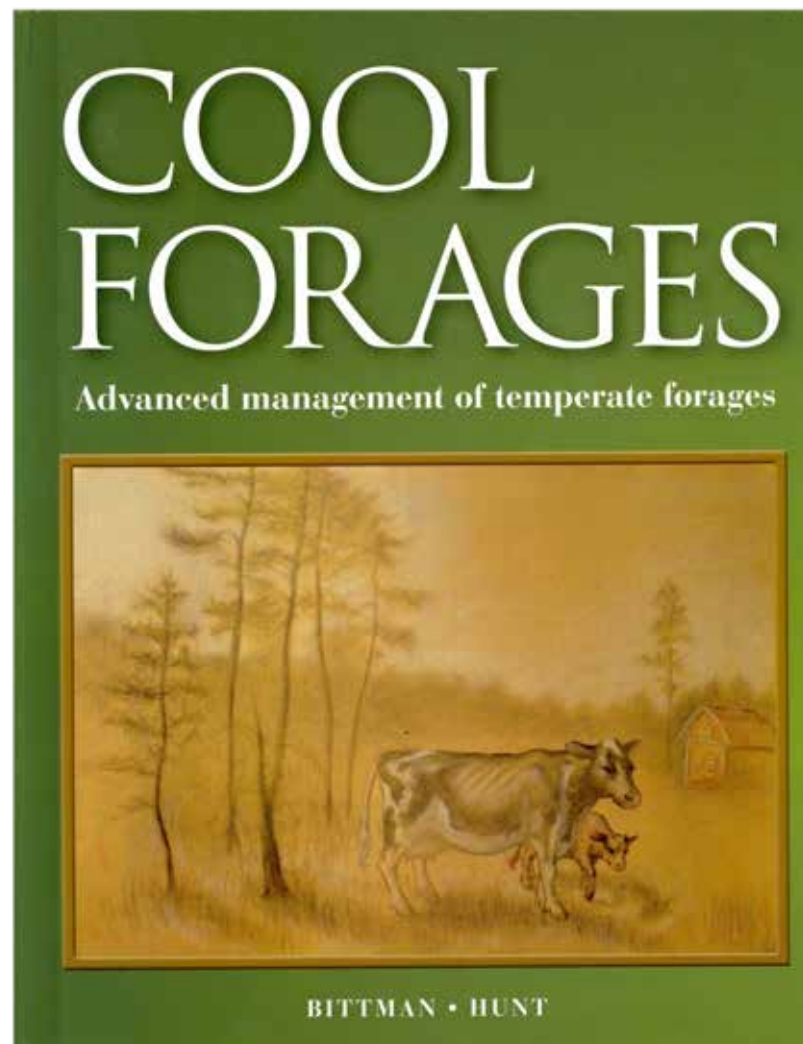


Plant nutrition suppresses plant diseases, reducing mycotoxins and increasing food safety

Crop	Disease	Toxin	Nutrient
Cereals	Ergot (<i>Claviceps sp</i>)	Ergotamine (alkaloid)	Cu
Grain, peanuts	<i>Aspergillus</i>	aflatoxin	Mn + ?
Cereals	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i> (<i>Gibberella zeae</i>)	deoxynivalenol zearalenone trichothecene	Mn + ?

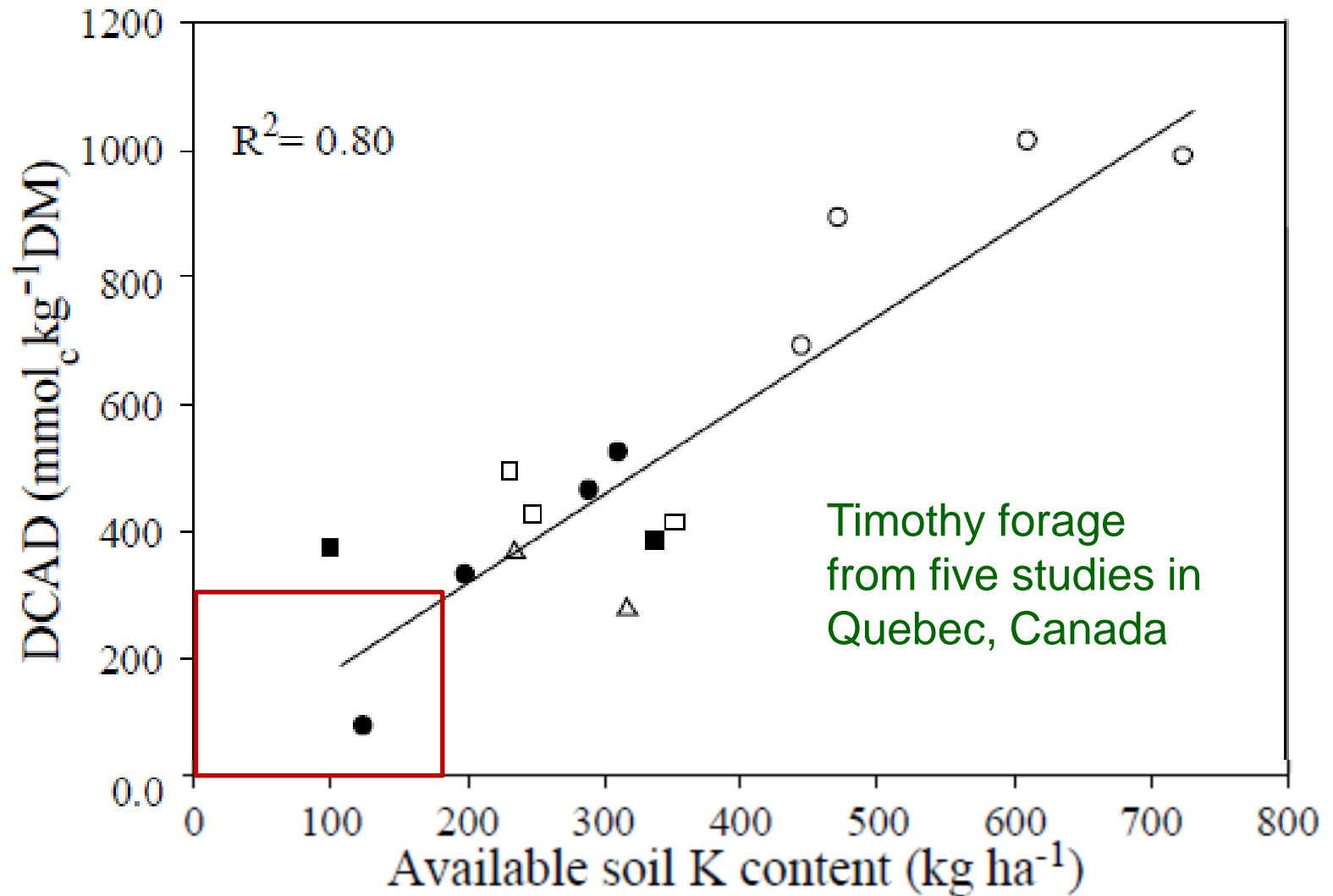
Plant Nutrition links with Animal Health

- ©2013 Pacific Field Corn Association
- Chapter 40 & 41 – forages for cows in the transition period, dietary cation-anion difference (DCAD)
- Chapter 50 high forage diets improve quality of beef for consumers





Dietary cation-anion difference (DCAD) increases with soil K



Forage DCAD in the northeast often exceeds levels recommended for dry cows

Mineral nutrient concentration in farm forages analyzed by Dairy One Laboratories, Ithaca, NY from 2000 to 2008.

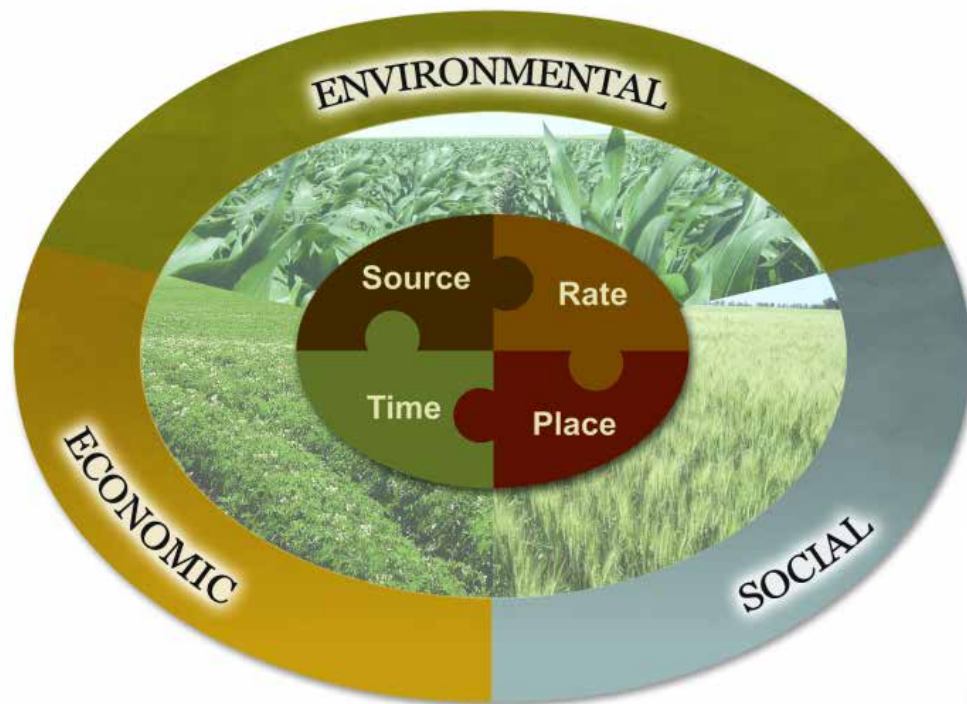
		K, %	DCAD, meq/kg	GT, meq ratio
Hay	Legume	2.4	422	0.6
	Grass	1.9	298	1.1
Silage	Legume	2.8	502	0.8
	Grass	2.5	420	1.2
	Corn	1.1	192	1.1

DCAD calculated as $K+Na-Cl-0.6S$. GT = grass tetany index, calculated as $K/(Ca+Mg)$. Forage DCAD should be below 290 for dry cows, and GT should be below 2.2 (Pelletier et al., 2008).

Potassium & Dairy Forages

- Liquid manure systems
 - efficient K cycling within the farm
 - Carefully manage K balance
- Dry cow diet (transition, 2-4 weeks before calf)
 - to grow low DCAD forage: species, harvest timing, CI fertilization, K management
 - timothy, corn silage, grains, brewers & distillers grains, anionic salts
- Most other cattle require more K

4R: "right" means sustainable



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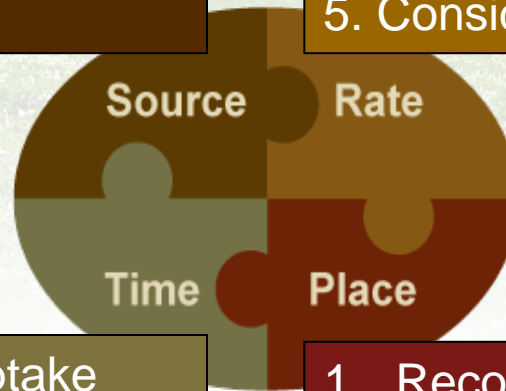
How to Make a Difference - Fertilizer optimization



The basic scientific principles of managing crop nutrients are universal

1. Provide essential elements
2. Supply plant-available forms
3. Suit soil properties
4. Synergisms, blend compatibility
5. Associated elements

1. Assess plant demand
2. Assess soil supply
3. Assess all available sources
4. Predict fertilizer use efficiency
5. Consider resources and economics

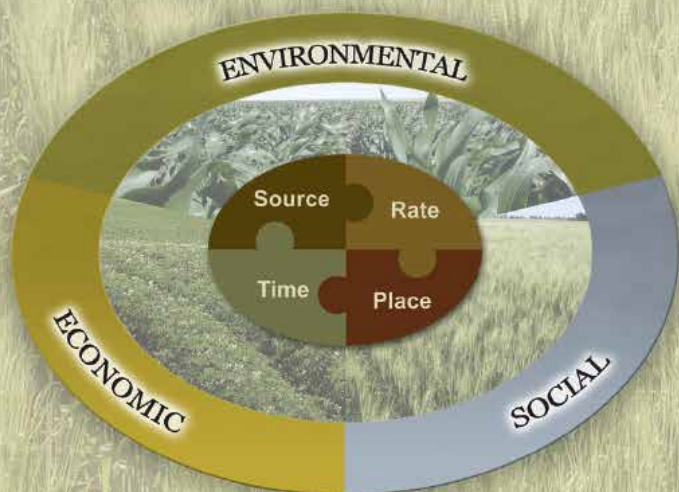


1. Assess timing of crop uptake
2. Assess dynamics of soil supply
3. Assess timing of weather factors
4. Evaluate logistics

1. Recognize root-soil dynamics
2. Consider soil chemical reactions
3. Manage spatial variability
4. Fit needs of tillage system

4R PLANT NUTRITION

A Manual for Improving the Management of Plant Nutrition
NORTH AMERICAN VERSION



Chapter 1	Goals of Sustainable Agriculture
Chapter 2	The 4R Nutrient Stewardship Concept
Chapter 3	Scientific Principles Supporting — Right Source
Chapter 4	Scientific Principles Supporting — Right Rate
Chapter 5	Scientific Principles Supporting — Right Time
Chapter 6	Scientific Principles Supporting — Right Place
Chapter 7	Adapting Practices to the Whole Farm
Chapter 8	Supporting Practices
Chapter 9	Nutrient Management Planning and Accountability

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4R Adaptive Management for Plant Nutrition

Policy Level – Regulatory,
Infrastructure, Product Development

Regional Level

Agronomic scientists,

Agri-service
providers

Farm Level

Producers,
Crop advisers

DECISION SUPPORT based
on scientific principles

Recommendation of **right source**,
rate, **time**, and **place** (BMPs)

DECISION

Accept, revise, or reject

ACTION

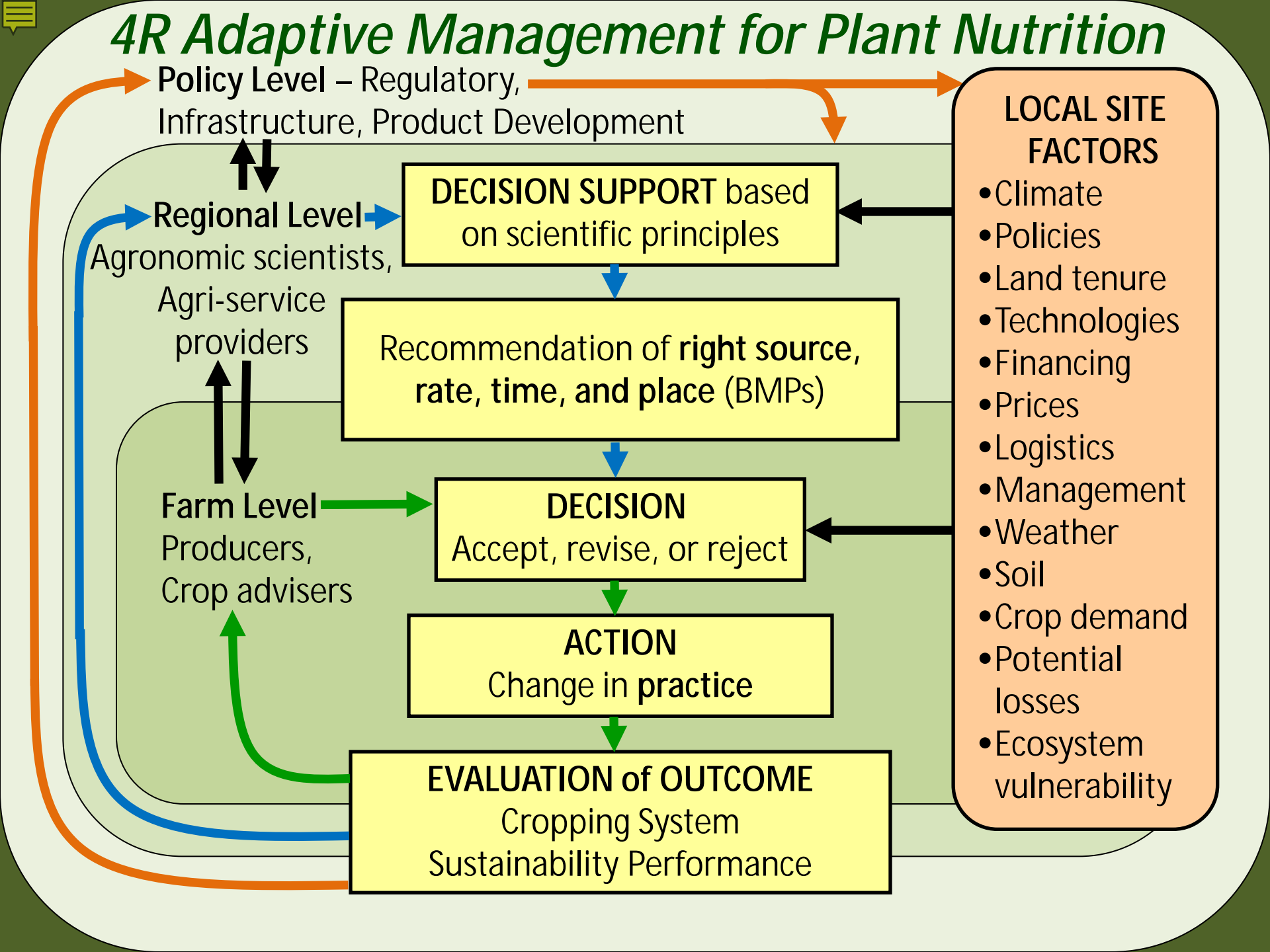
Change in **practice**

EVALUATION of OUTCOME

Cropping System
Sustainability Performance

**LOCAL SITE
FACTORS**

- Climate
- Policies
- Land tenure
- Technologies
- Financing
- Prices
- Logistics
- Management
- Weather
- Soil
- Crop demand
- Potential losses
- Ecosystem vulnerability





4R Research Fund – *environmental, social, economic impacts of 4Rs on sustainability*

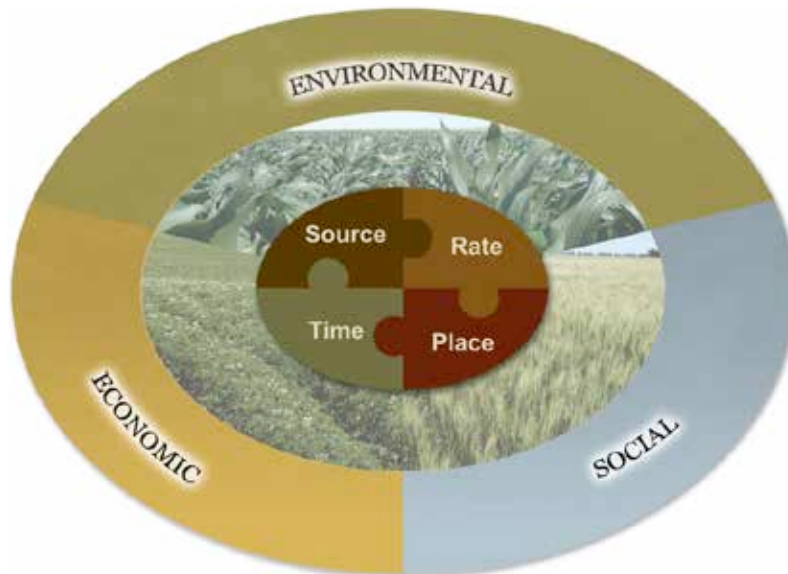
4R
PLANT
NUTRITION

- **\$7M** over 5 years across North America
- **Meta-analyses:** Review and analysis projects.
- **New Projects** – Measurement.
- Both to contribute measures of performance for 4R Nutrient Stewardship.
- For additional information:
www.nutrientstewardship.com/funding

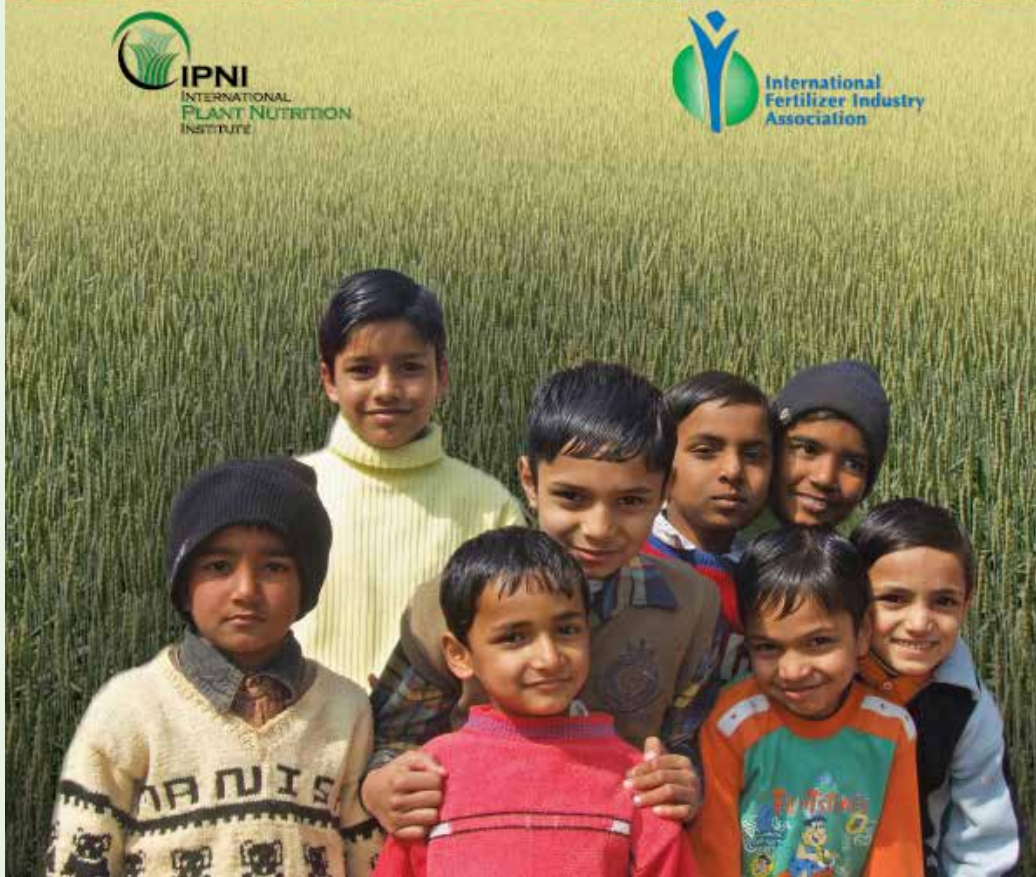


Summary

- Plant nutrient stewardship has immense impact on human nutrition security
 - Quantity and quality of food
 - Protein, Zn, Se, I, Vitamins A&C, and nutraceuticals
- Research and investment has great potential to continue improving human health.



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