

# Clare Highlights

## Overall

- **7% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014**
- Only 22% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- The dramatic falls in soil P and K which took place between 2009 and 2012 was halted and has stabilised in the last two years.
- 60% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2). This figure was 42% in 2009
- Almost 1/3 of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (16% in 2008).
- 45% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. Only 8% at index 1
- Soil K levels have stabilised since 2011 having fallen between 2009 and 2011.

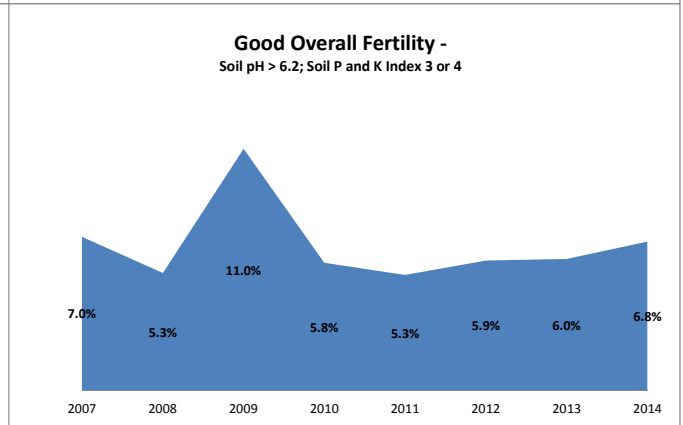
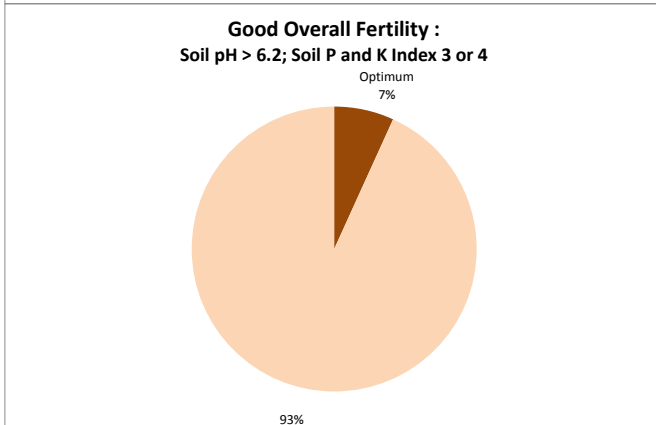
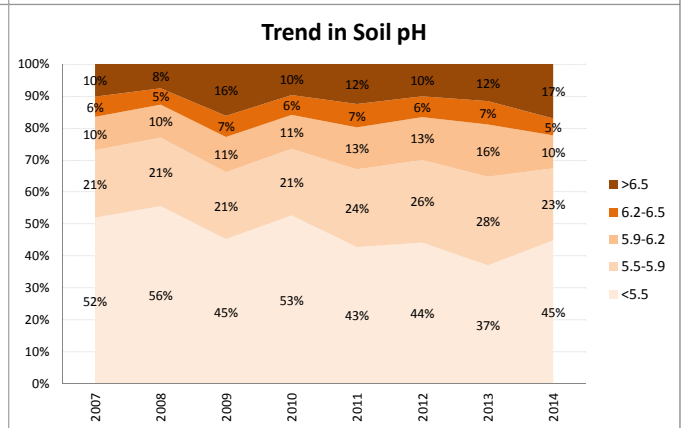
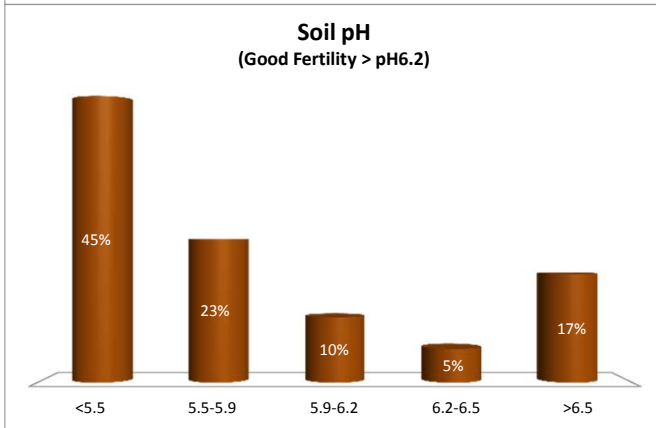
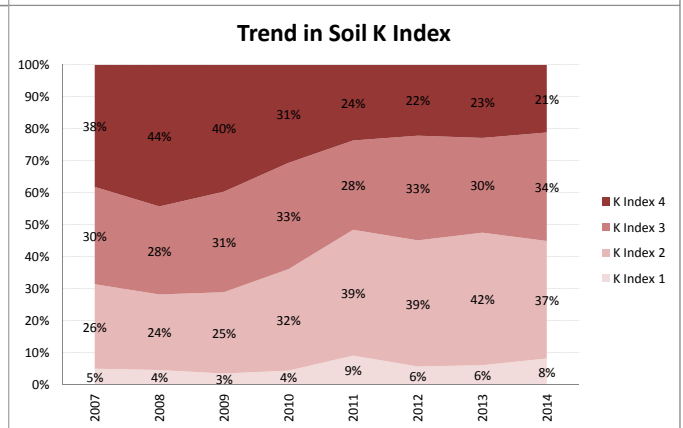
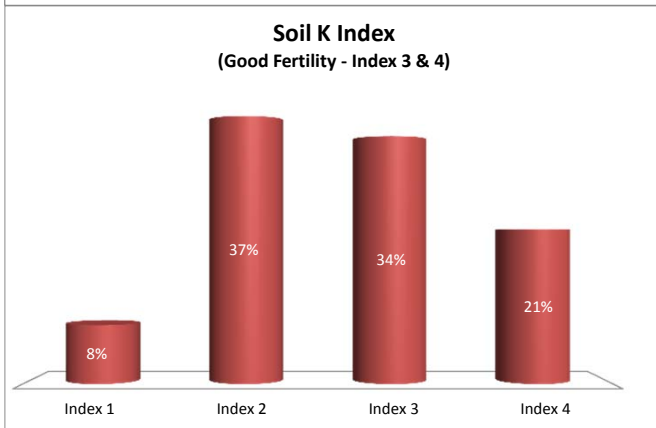
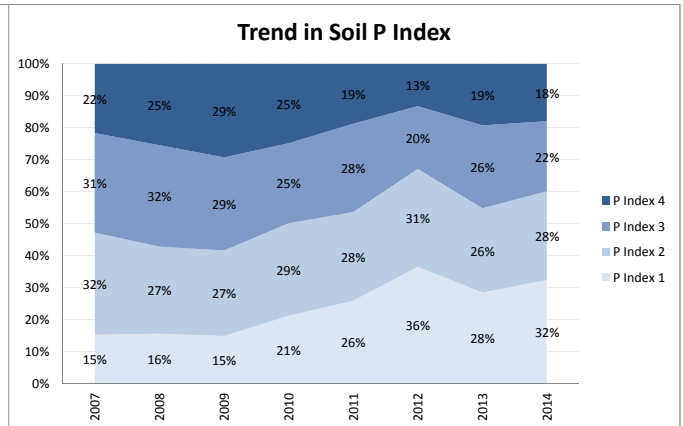
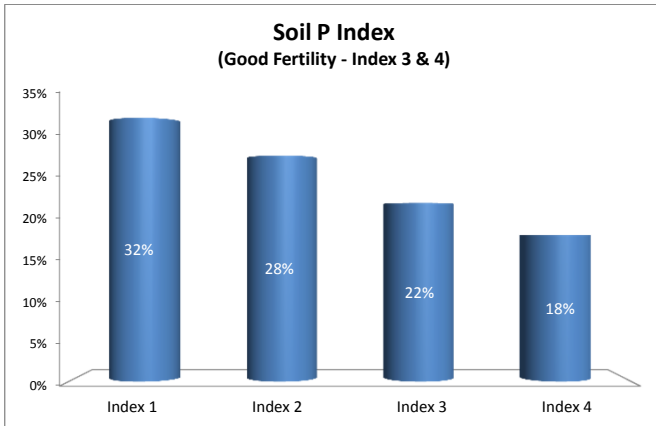
## Enterprise

- Only 6% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- Soil P & K levels on dairy farms appear to be still declining but at a slower rate than up to 2012
- On drystock farms P levels are lower than on dairy farms while K levels are higher on drystock farms.
- Only 7% of drystock samples are at good overall fertility status.
- Low pH was evident for all enterprises



# Soil Analysis Status and Trends

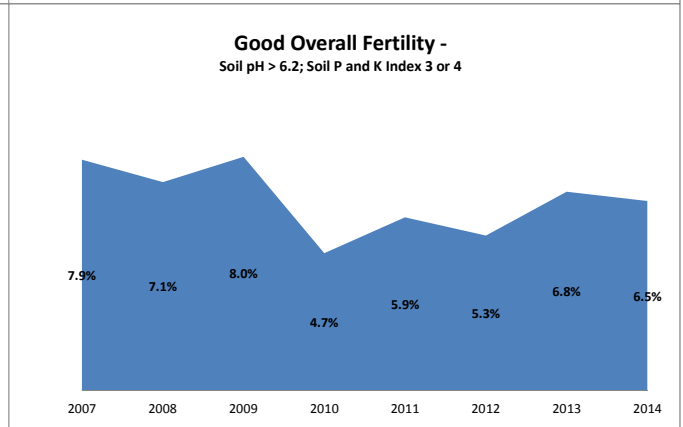
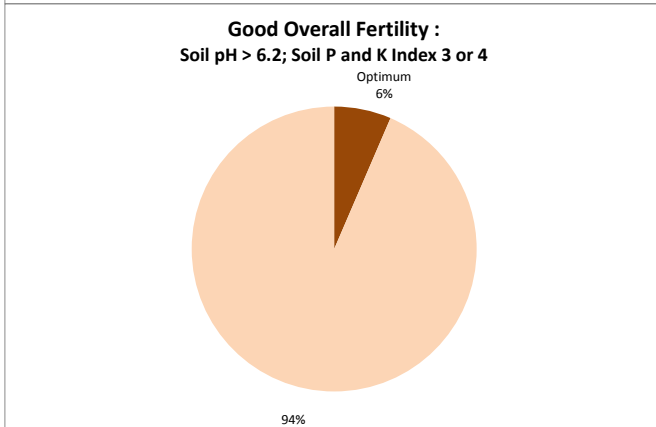
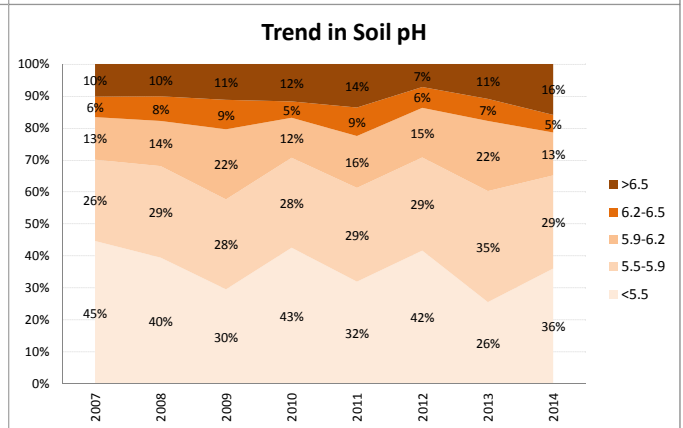
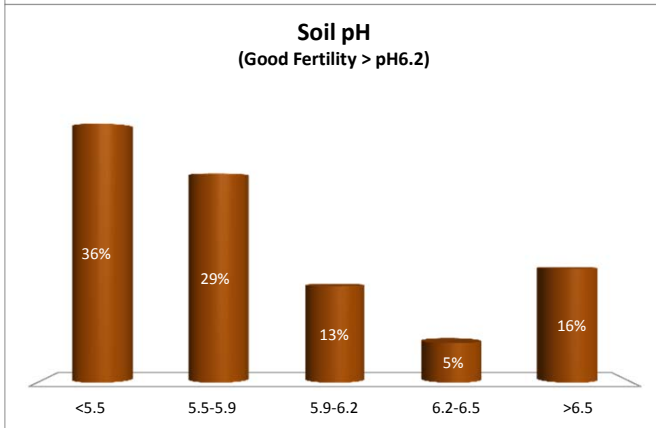
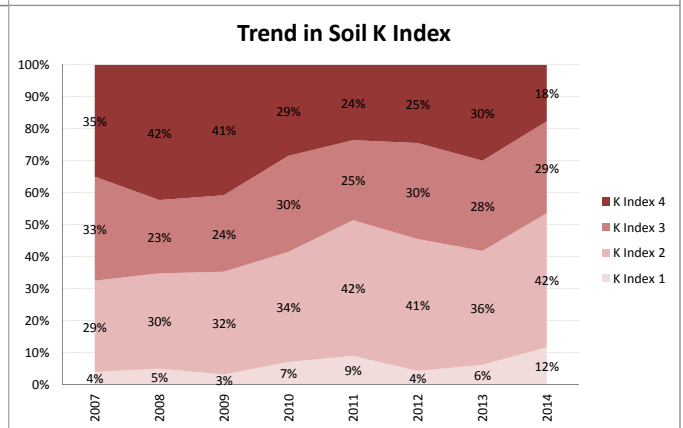
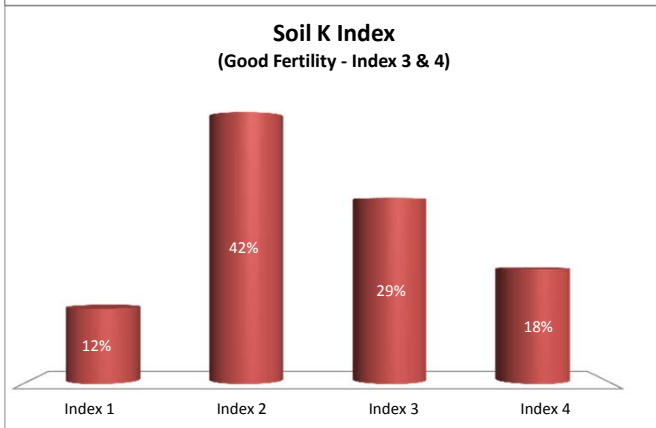
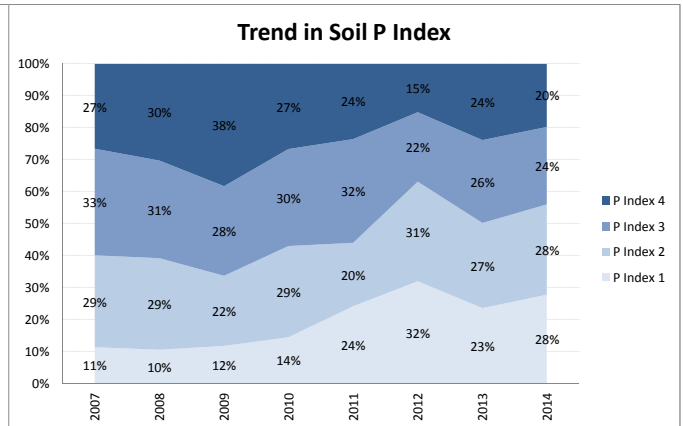
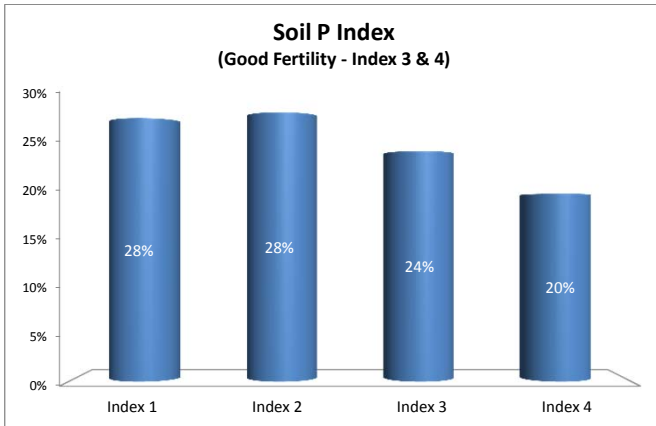
County	Clare
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	1,774





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County	Clare
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	491





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County	Clare
Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	1,268

