

Laois Highlights

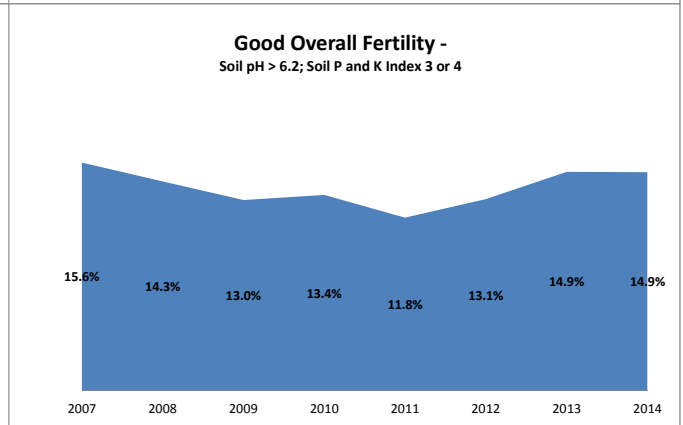
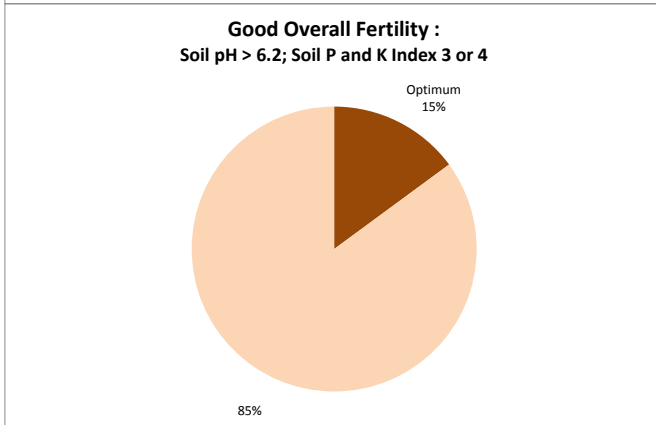
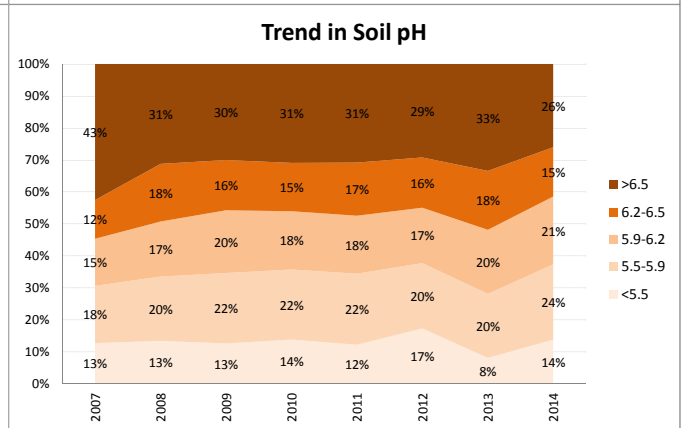
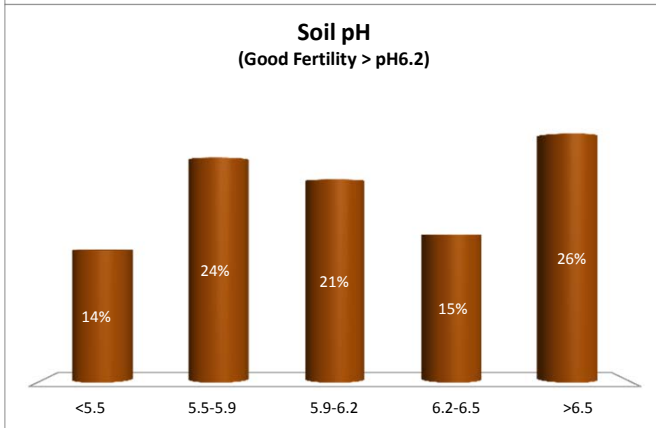
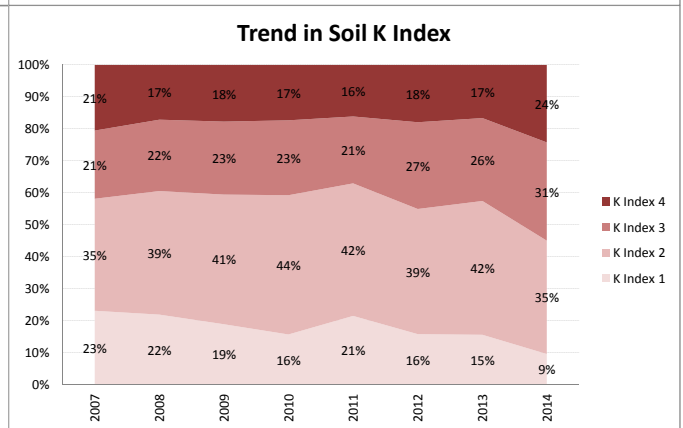
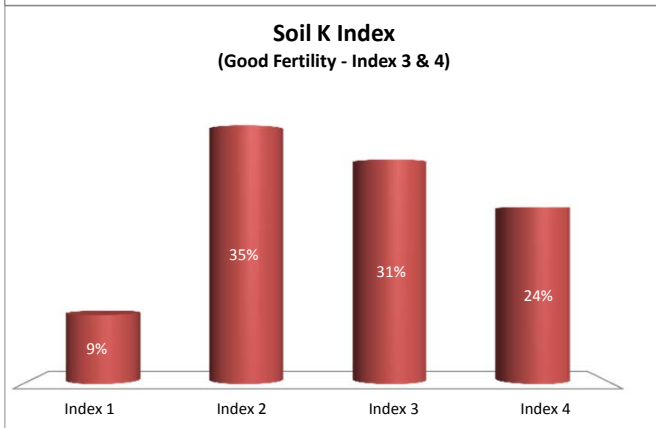
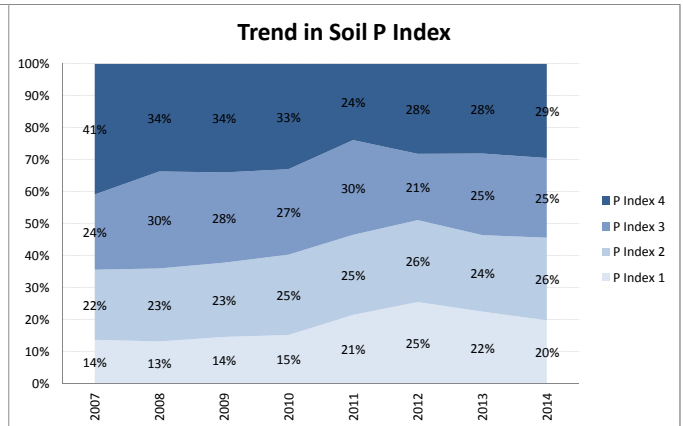
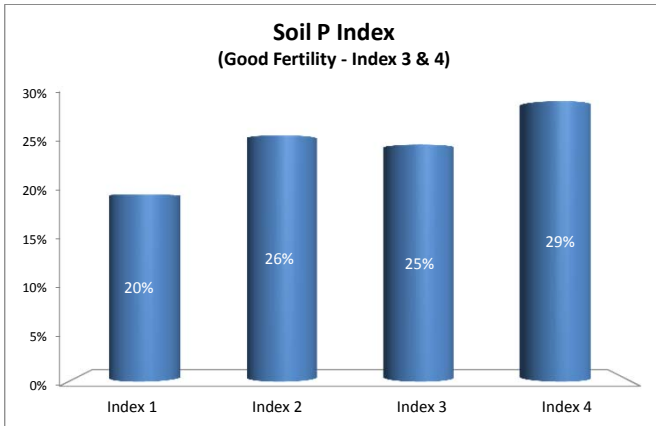
Overall

- **15% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.**
- 41% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%).
- Soil P and K fell gradually from 2007 to 2011 but have stabilized or increased slightly since then.
- 46% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).
- 44% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. K levels have increased since 2011.

Enterprise

- 15% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 47% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P.
- 42% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- 15% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 42% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P. This has been quite stable since 2009.
- 47 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 38% and 42% of dairy and drystock samples were above pH 6.2.
- P levels in Tillage samples fell steadily between 2009 and 2014.
- K level in tillage samples have improved since 2011 with 50% currently at index 3 or 4.
- 52% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2

County	Laois
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	919



County	Laois
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	477

