

Louth Highlights

Overall

- **15% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.**
- 47% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- 52% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2). A slight decline in soil P in earlier years has stabilized since 2012
- 24% of soils are at very low P levels (Index 1) in (16% in 2008).
- Soil K have levels have stabilised
- 42% of soils are at K index 1 or 2.

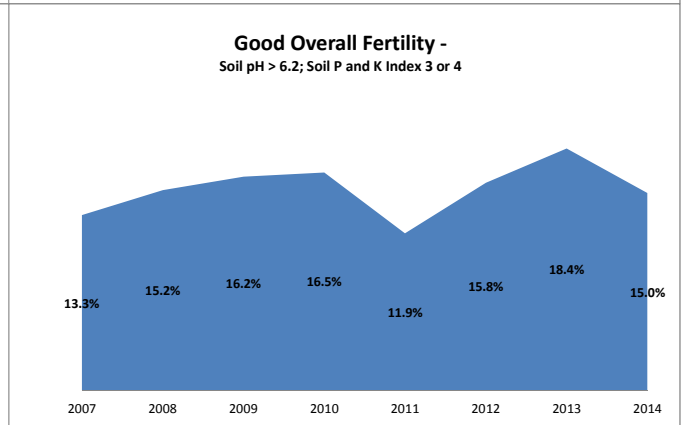
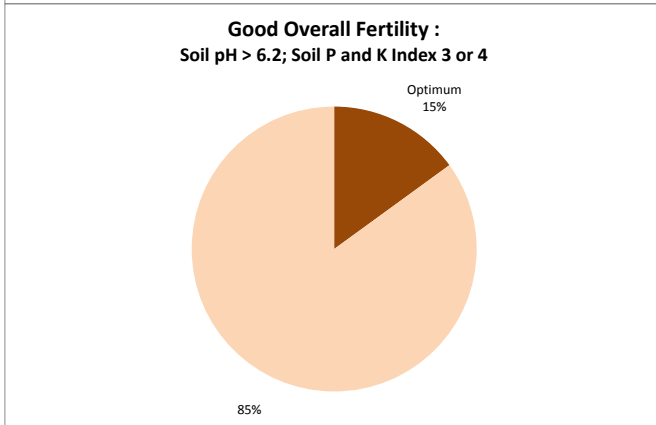
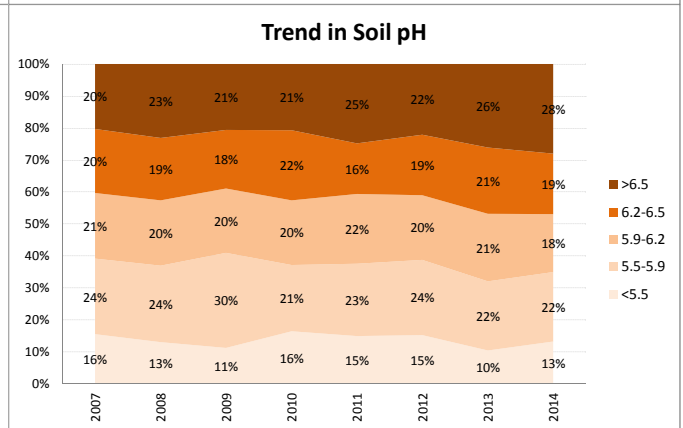
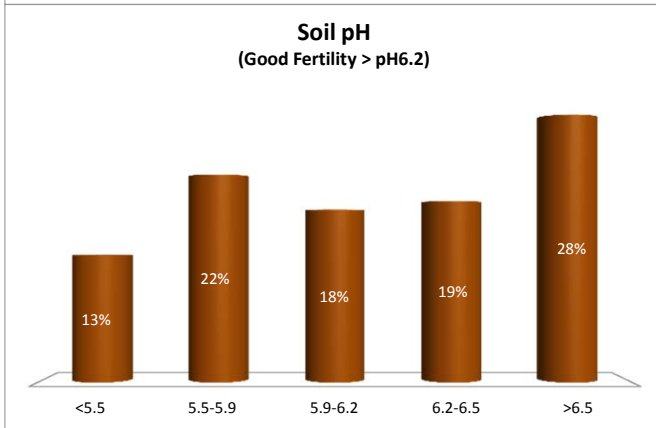
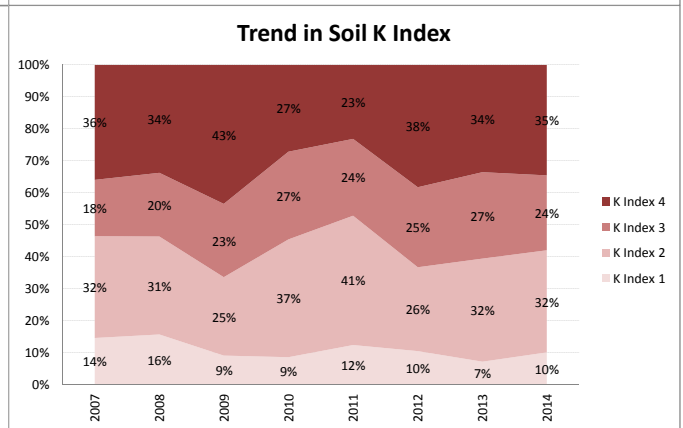
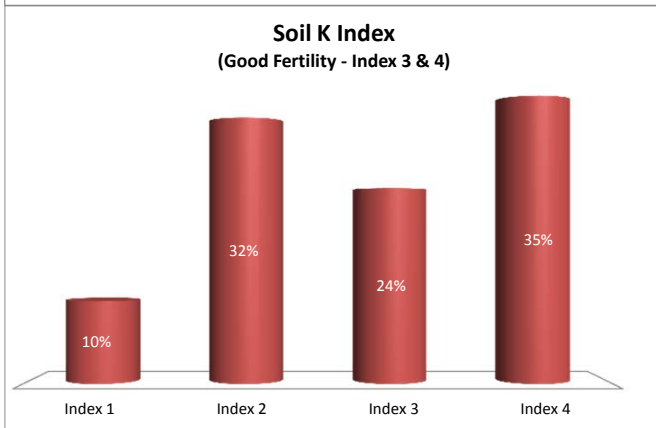
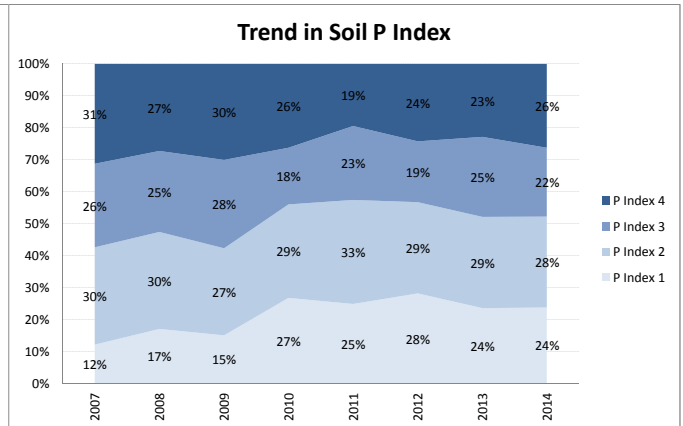
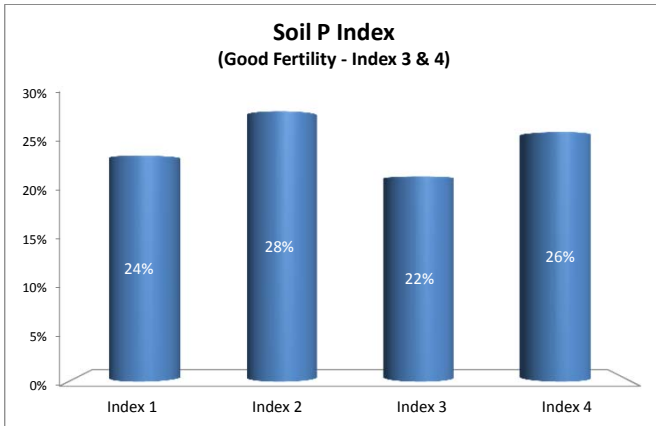
Enterprise

- 15% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 33% of dairy samples had a soil pH greater than 6.2.
- 47% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P. A very sharp decline in Soil P levels from 2009 to 2012 has been reversed with steady increases since 2012.
- 37% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- 16% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 62% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P. This has been quite stable since 2009.
- 34 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 46% of drystock sampled were above pH 6.2.
- 10% of tillage samples are at Good Overall Fertility
- P levels in tillage samples have been quite stable since 2007 with 50% either low or very low for P.
- 60% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2

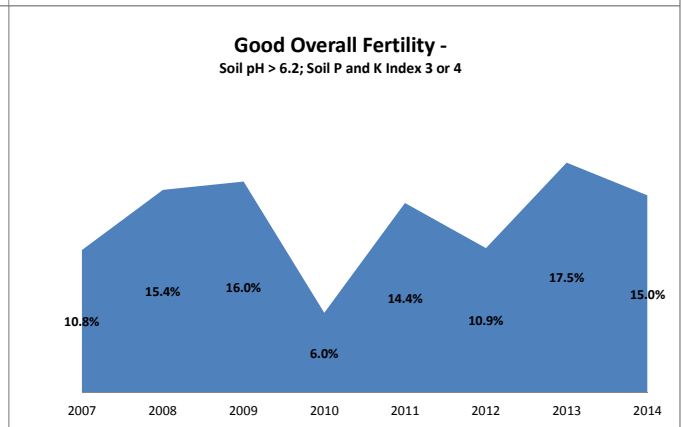
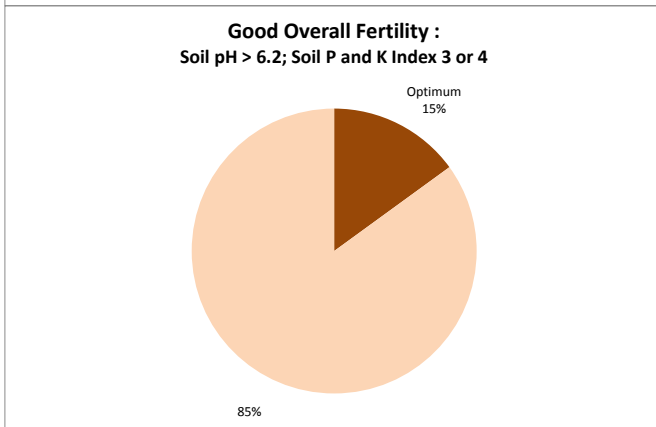
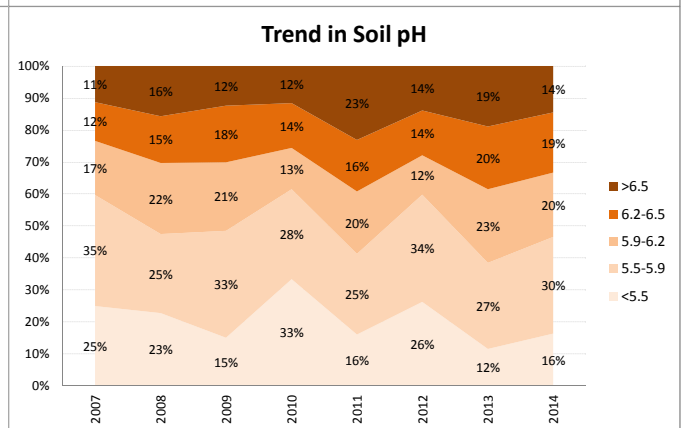
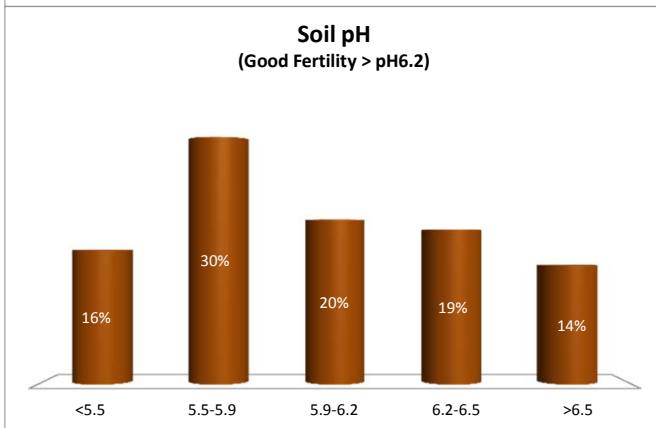
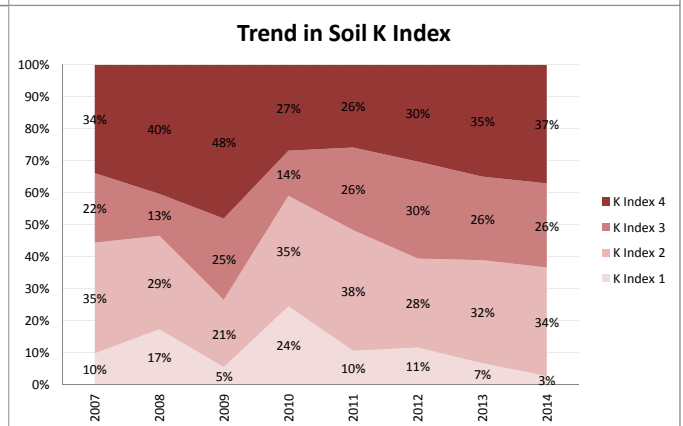
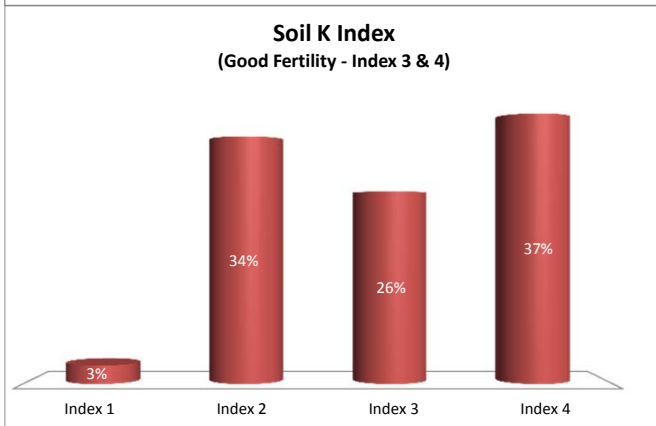
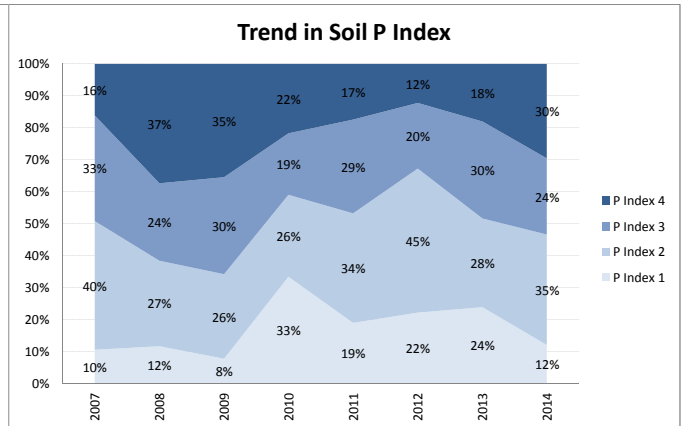
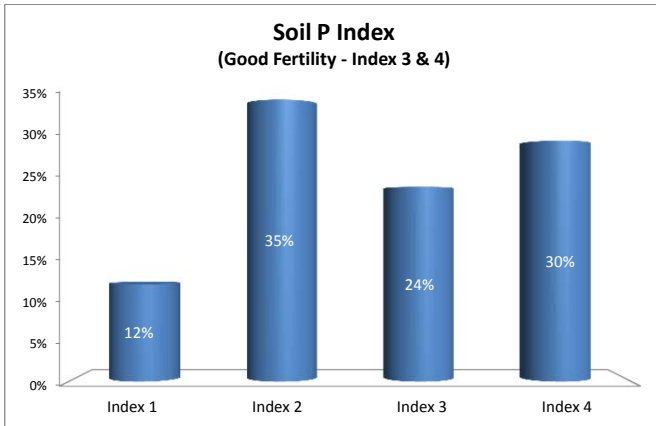


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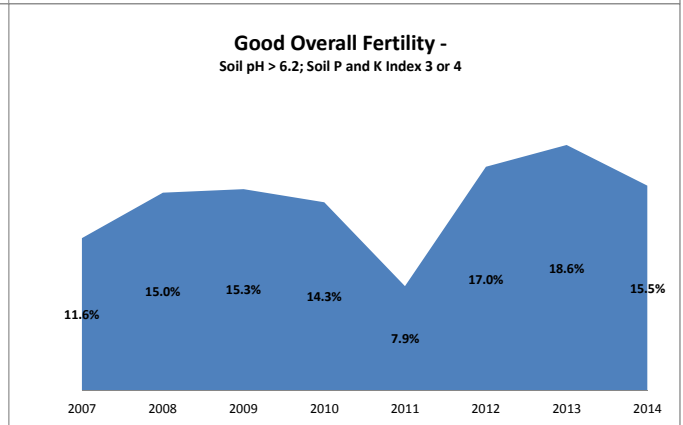
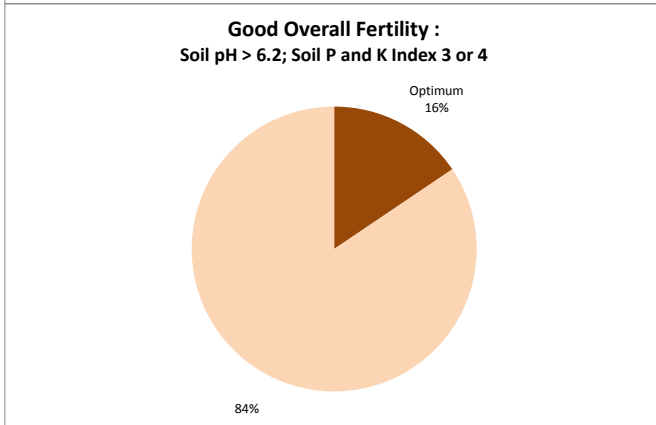
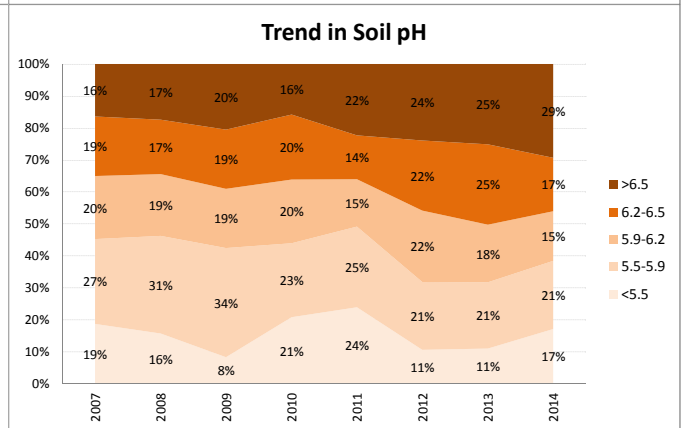
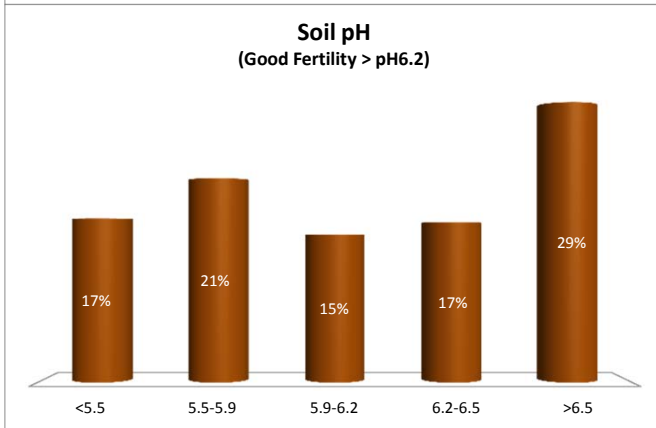
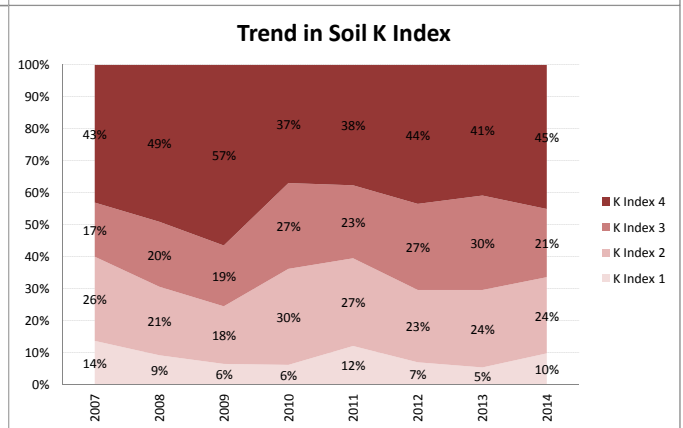
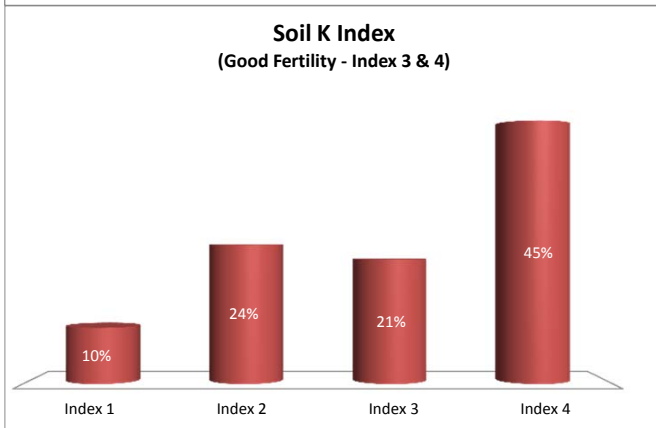
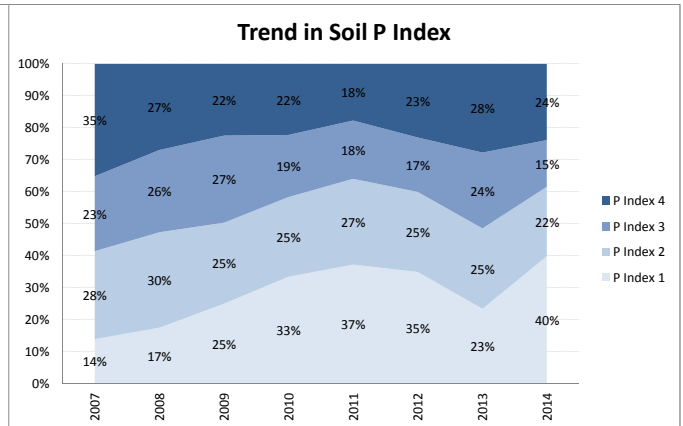
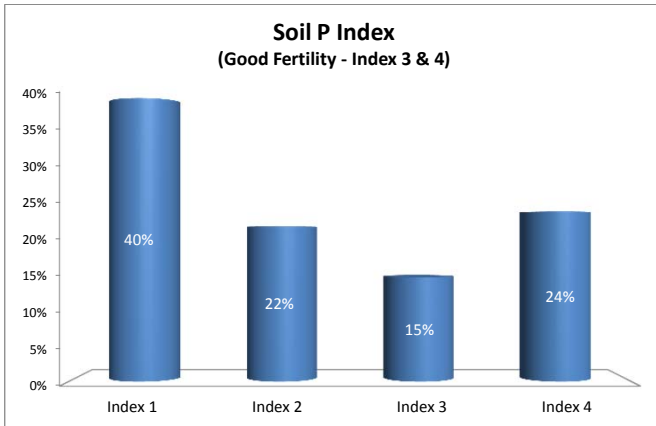
County	Louth
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	686



County	Louth
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	159



County	Louth
Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	239





Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Louth
Year	2014
Enterprise	Tillage
Number of Samples	227

