

# Westmeath Highlights

## Overall

- **10% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.** Fertility levels have fallen gradually from a relatively low base.
- 41% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- Soil P and K fell gradually from 2009 to 2012 but have stabilized or increased slightly since then.
- 57% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).
- 60% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. K levels have increased since 2011.

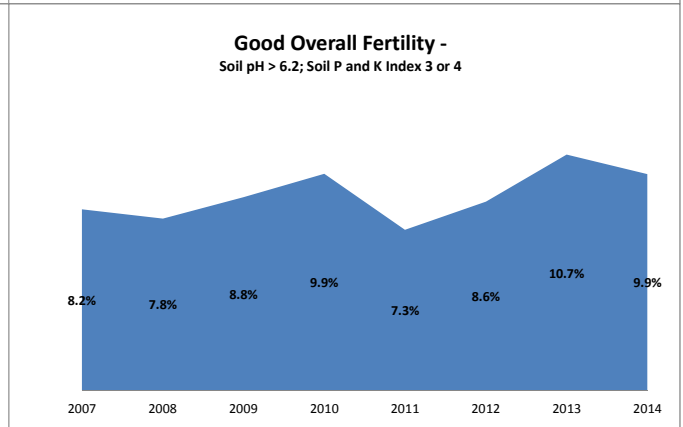
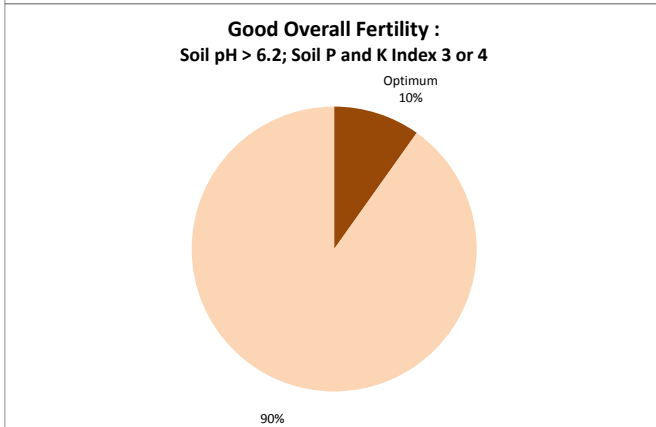
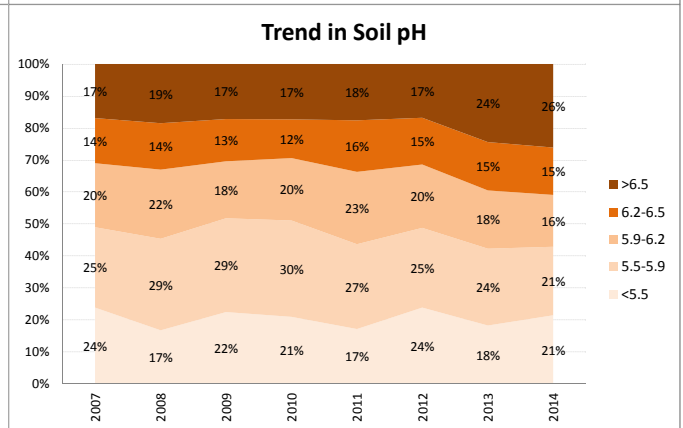
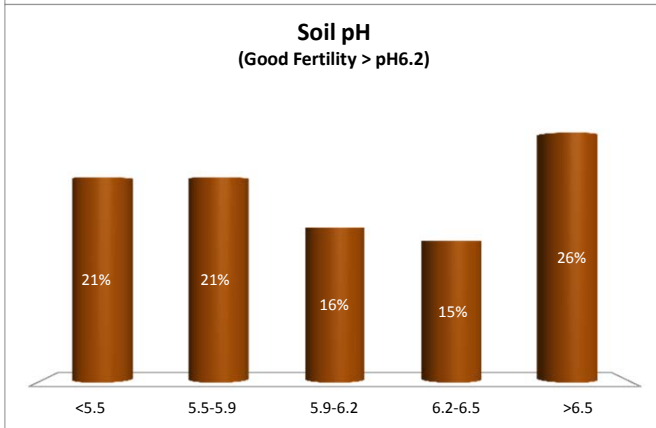
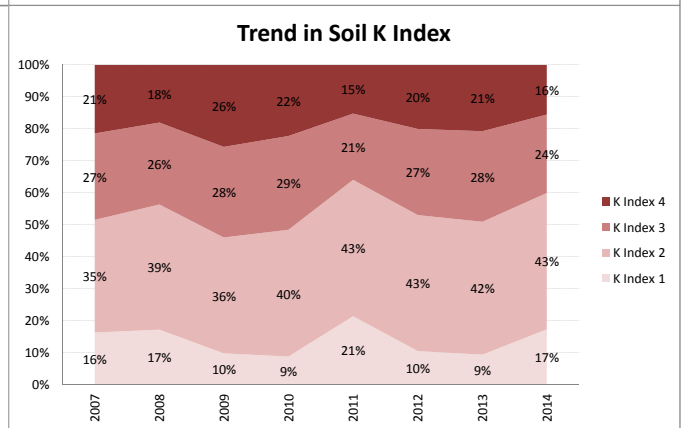
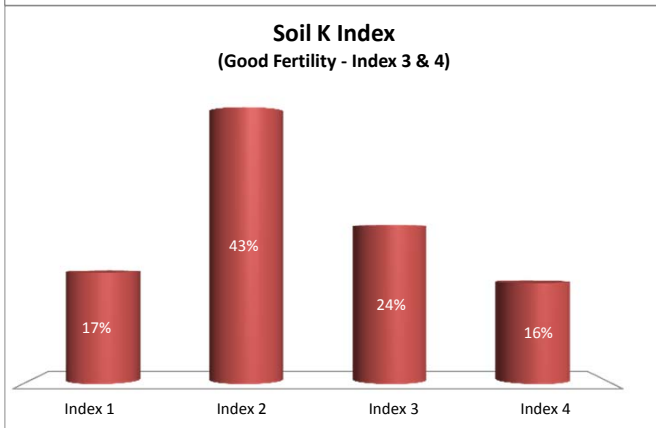
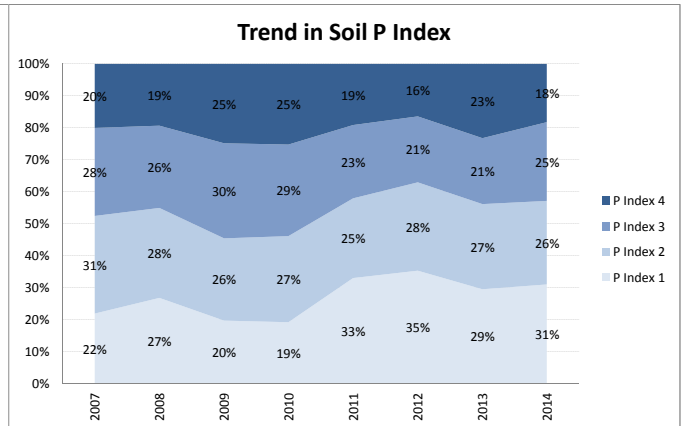
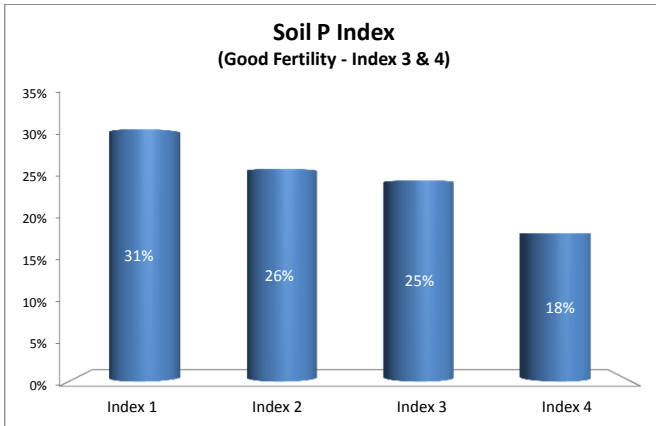
## Enterprise

- 13% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- pH in dairy samples has consistently improved. 50% of dairy samples were above pH 6.2.
- 51% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P.
- 60% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- **Only 7% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility**
- **65% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P.** Levels have continued to fall since 2009.
- 59% of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 32% of drystock samples were above pH 6.2.



# Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Westmeath
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	494





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County	Westmeath
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	165

