

National Soil Fertility Status and Trends

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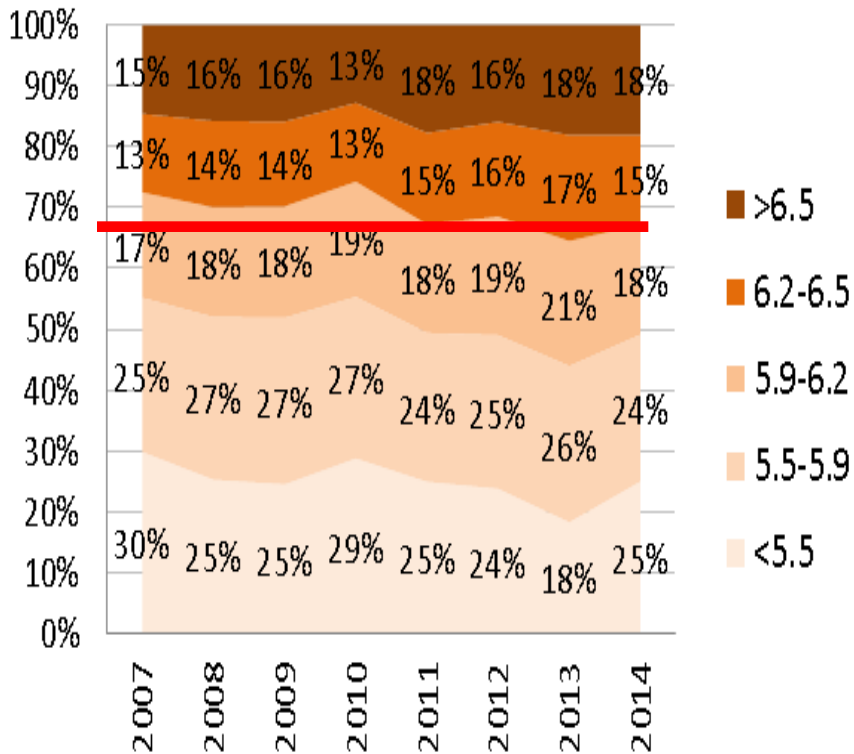
Teagasc Soil Sample Details

Sample ID	Location	N	P	K	Ca	Mg	S	Zn	Cu	Mn	B	Mo	Cl	Na	Fe	Co	Ni	Pb	Cd	Hg	As	Cr	Mt	Other	
ABC 10																									
ABC 104																									
ABC 105																									



Soil pH – Grassland Soils 2014

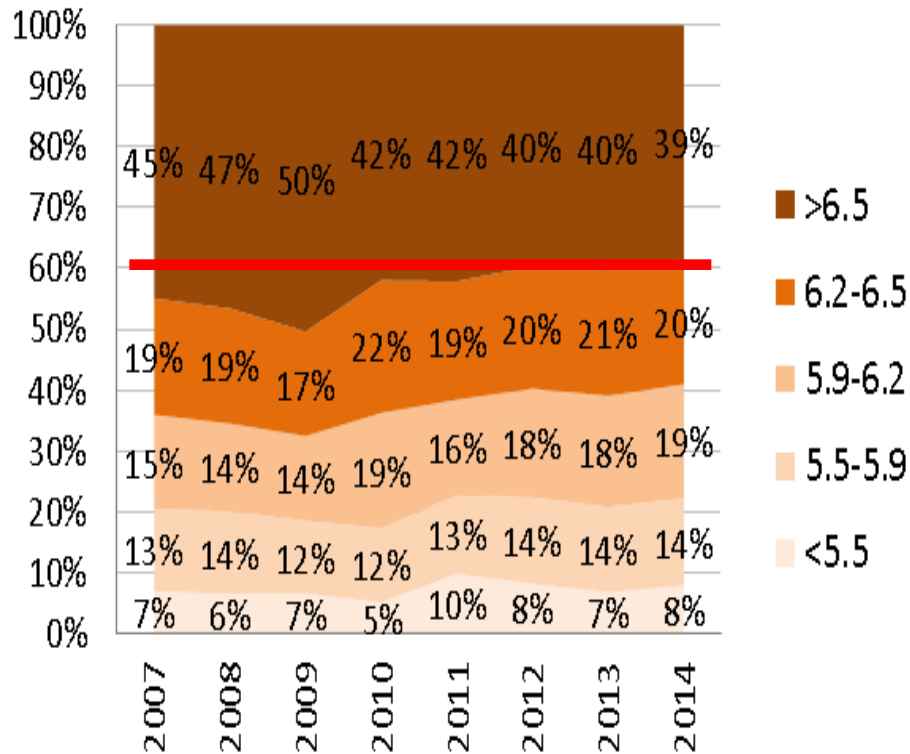
Trend in Soil pH



- 67% of soils pH <6.2
- Dairy - 64%
- Drystock – 69%
- Major Concern!!!
- **Target Soil pH 6.3**

Soil pH – Tillage Soils 2014

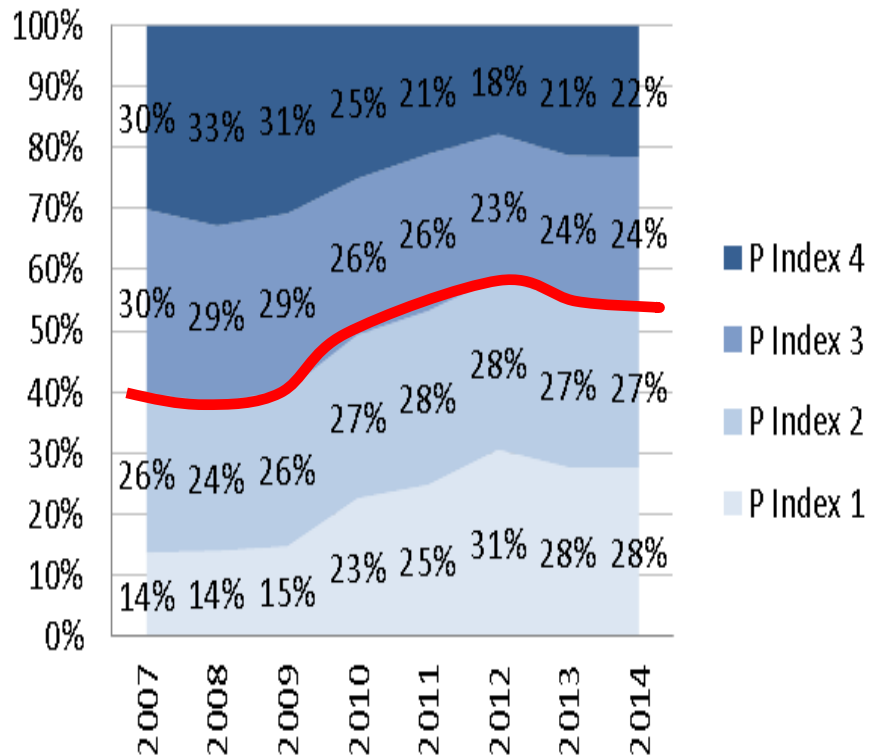
Trend in Soil pH



- 60% of soils pH <6.5
- Lime essential for tillage cropping
- Major benefits to liming
- **Target Soil pH 6.5**

Soil P – Grassland Soils 2014

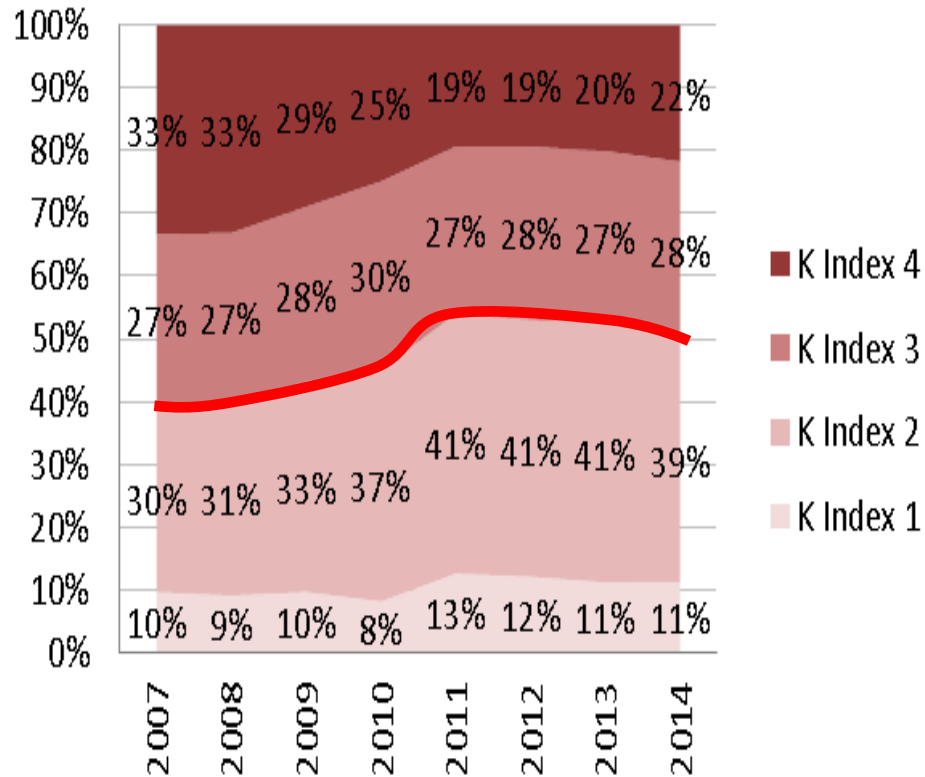
Trend in Soil P Index



- 55% of soils Index 1 & 2
- *Stabilised last 2 years*
- *Approx. 25% Index 3*
- *Downward trend in Index 4*
- **Target Index 3**

Soil K – Grassland Soils 2014

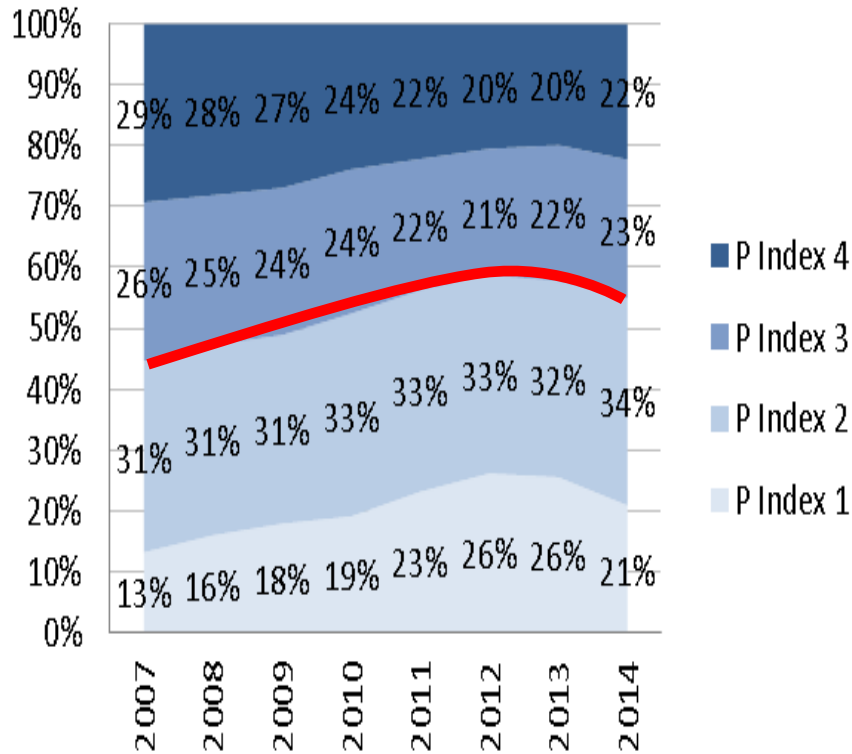
Trend in Soil K Index



- 50% of soils Index 1 & 2
- *Relatively stable over last number of years*
- *Approx. 28% Index 3*
- *21% of soils Index 4*
- **Target Index 3**

Soil P – Tillage Soils 2014

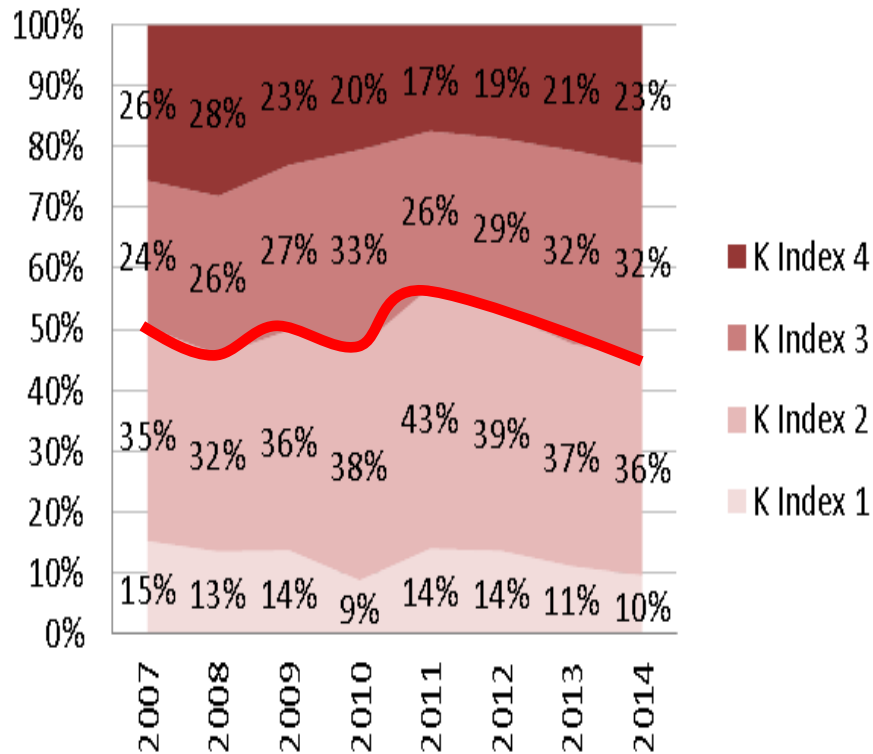
Trend in Soil P Index



- 55% of soils Index 1 & 2
- *Improvement since 2012*
- *Approx. 22% Index 3*
- *Downward trend Index 4 soils*
- **Target Index 3**

Soil K – Tillage Soils 2014

Trend in Soil K Index

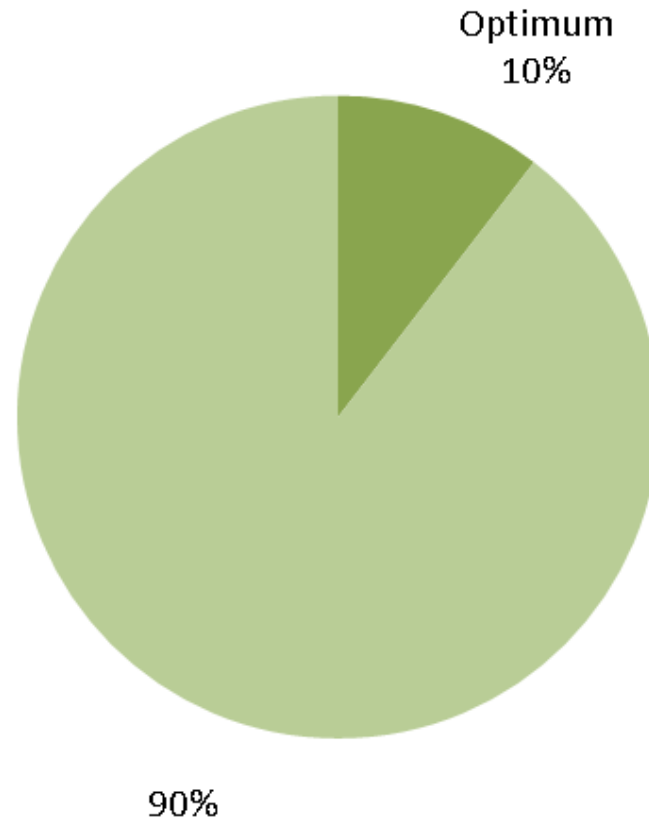


- 45% of soils Index 1 & 2
- *Improvement since 2011*
- *Approx. 30% Index 3*
- *Approx. 20% Index 4*
- **Target Index 3**

Grassland Soils With Optimum Soil Fertility

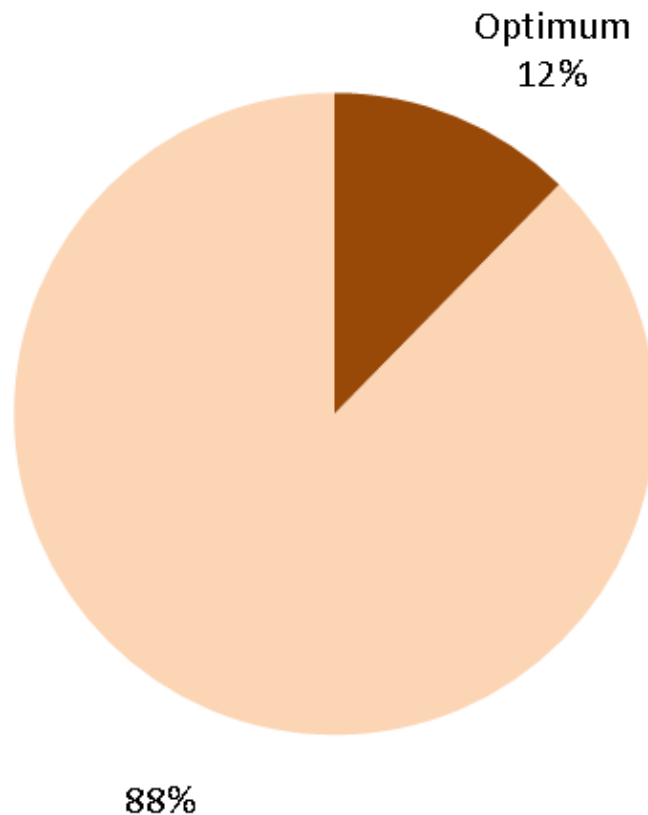
Good Overall Fertility - All Grass:

Soil pH > 6.2; Soil P and K Index 3 or 4



Tillage Soils With Optimum Soil Fertility

**Good Overall Fertility - Tillage:
Soil pH > 6.5; Soil P and K Index 3 or 4**



In Summary

- 11% of soils tested have good overall fertility
- 35% of Grassland soils / 40% Tillage soils have soil pH at or above target
- Soil P has stabilised in last 2 years
 - 55% of soils very low to low P status
- Soil K trends some what follow P trends
 - 45 to 55% of soils very low to low K status

Further information on soil fertility data on a county by enterprise basis @ www.teagasc.ie

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