

Cavan Highlights

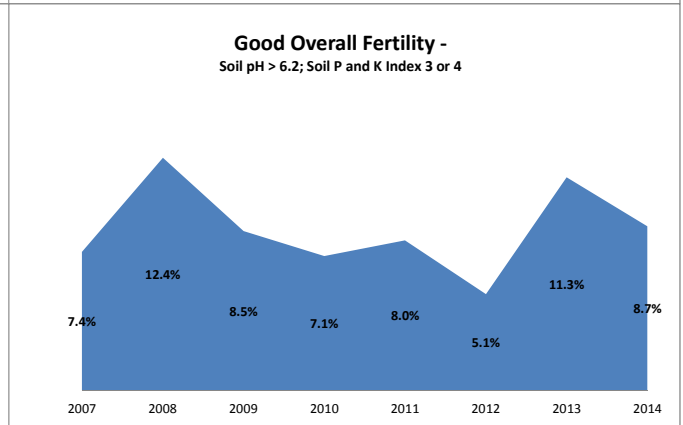
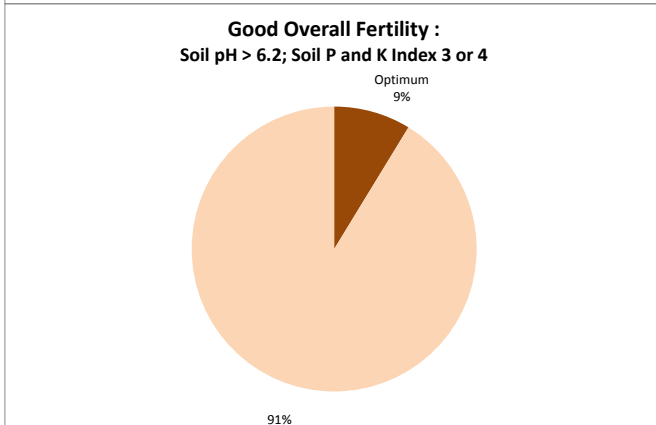
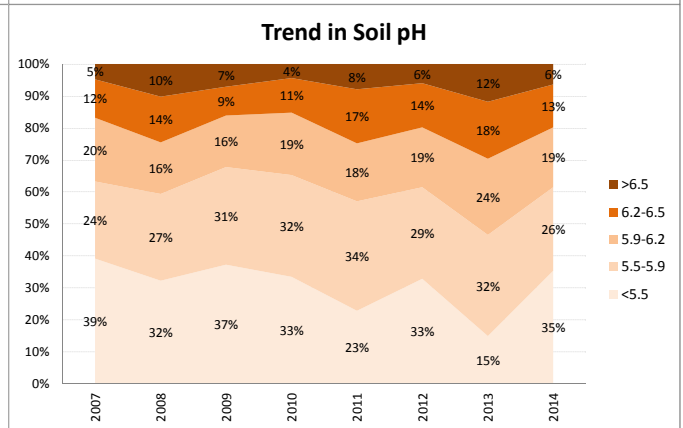
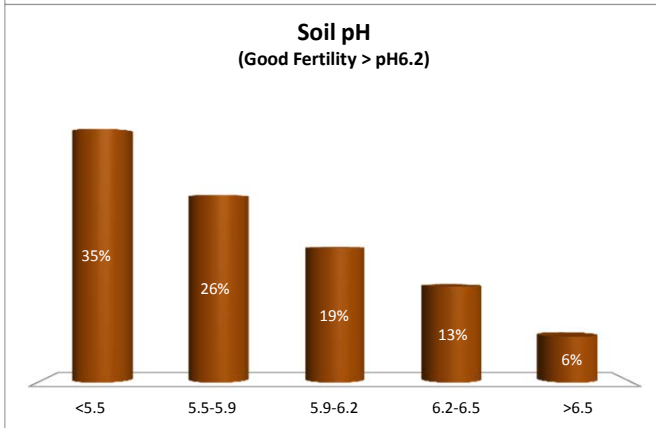
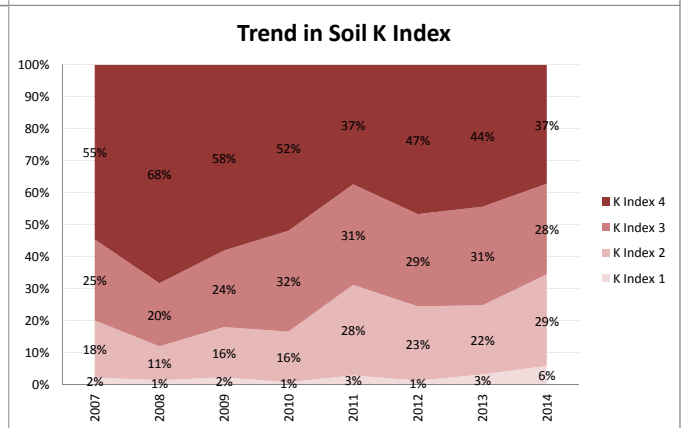
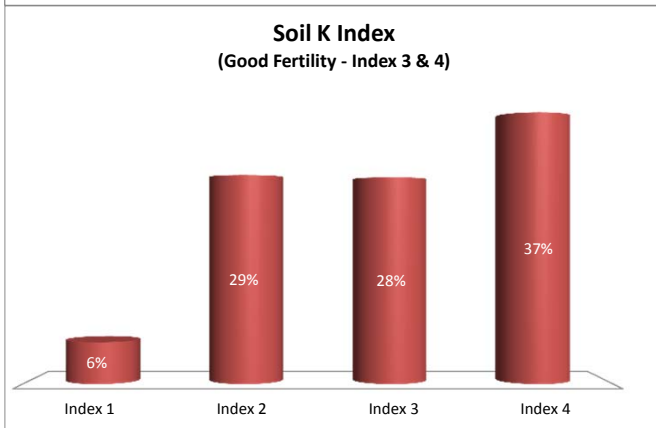
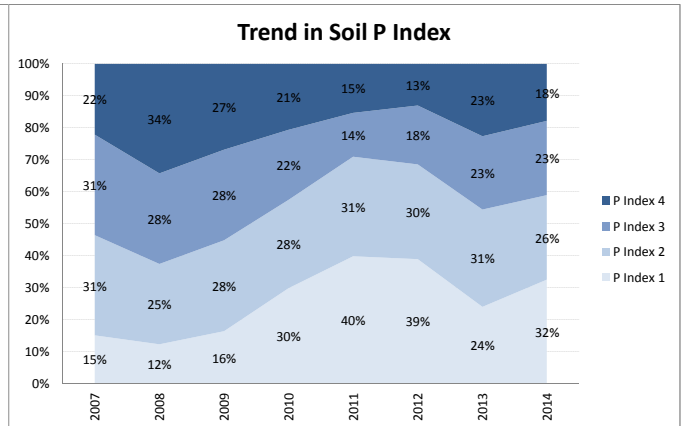
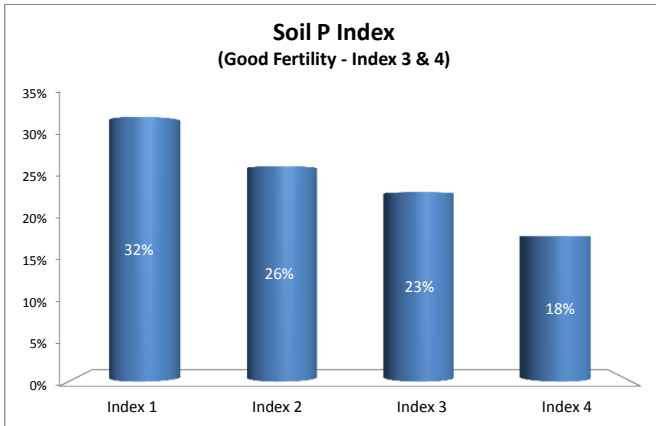
Overall

- **7% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014**
- Only 19% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- The dramatic falls in soil P which took place between 2008 and 2011 was halted and has reversed in the last two years.
- 58% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2). This figure was 27% in 2008
- Almost 1/3 of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (12% in 2008).
- 65% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. Only 6% at index 1.
- There has been a small decrease in K levels in the last 2 years. The rate of decline is lower than in the 2008 to 2011 period

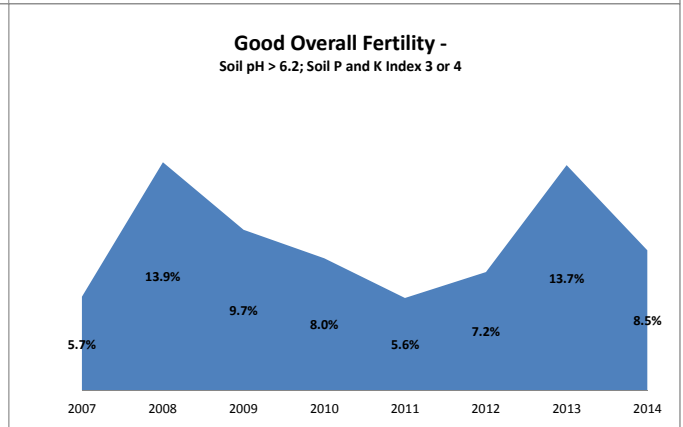
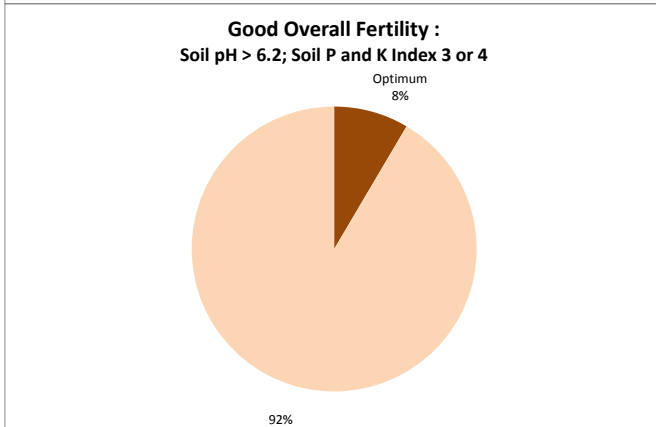
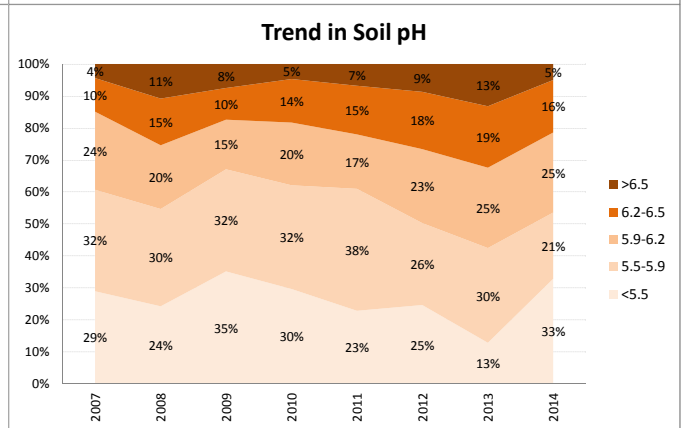
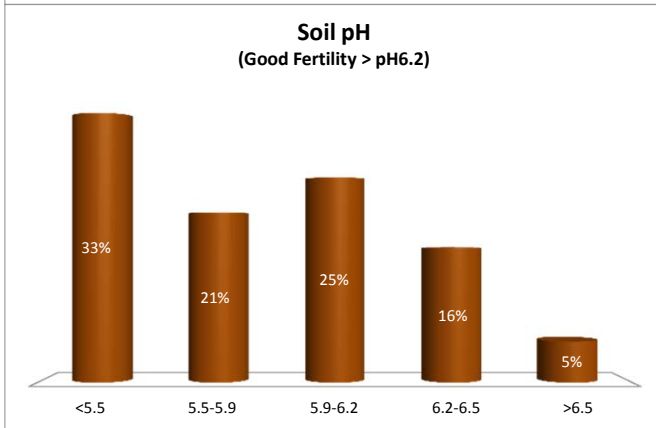
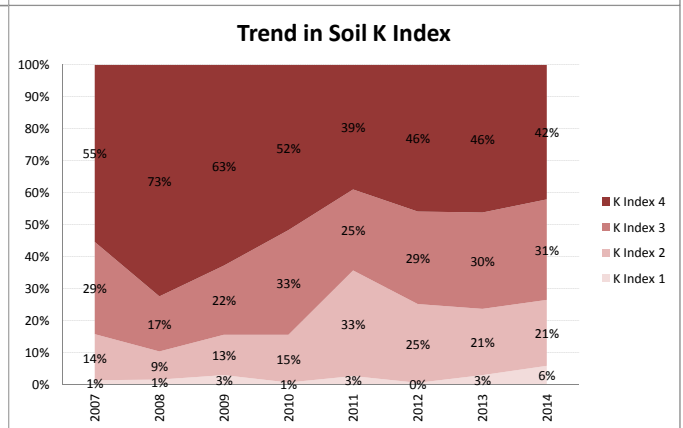
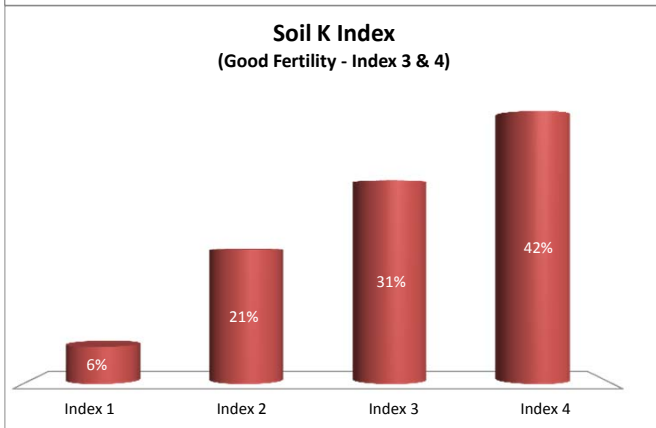
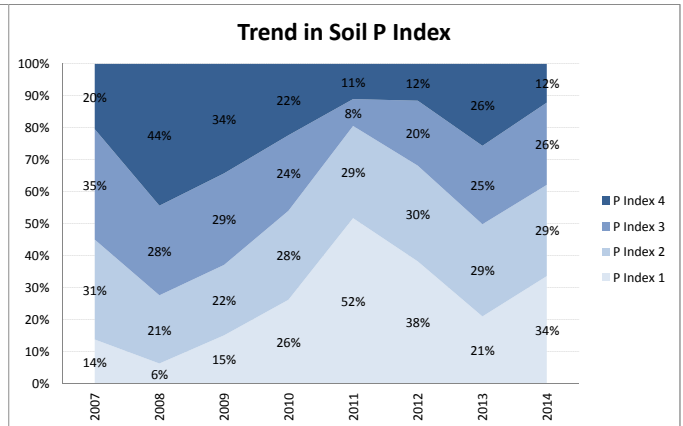
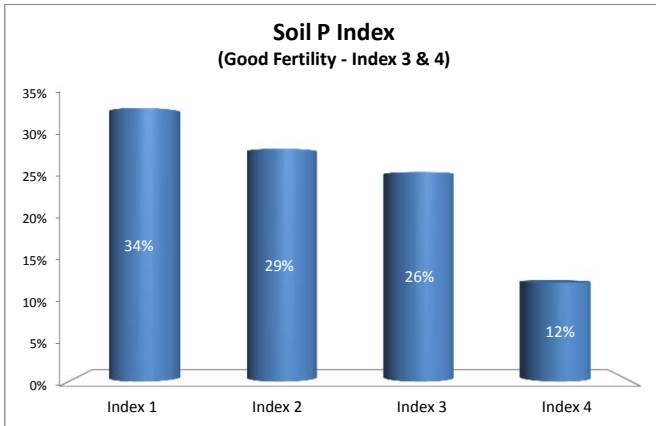
Enterprise (NB Soil Sample Numbers Low)

- Only 8% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- Soil P levels on dairy and drystock farms have been on an improving trend since 2011 having dropped rapidly from 2008 to 2011, particularly on dairy farms.
- On drystock farms P levels are lower than on dairy farms
- On drystock farms K levels are higher than on dairy farms
- Only 9% of drystock samples are at good overall fertility status.
- Low pH was evident for all enterprises. pH has improved gradually on dairy farms from a very low base. On drystock farms there has been no improvement

County	Cavan
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	314



County	Cavan
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	140



County	Cavan
Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	166

