

Kildare Highlights

Overall

- **14% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.**
- 60% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- Soil P and K have fallen steadily between 2008 and 2013 but seem to have stabilised in 2014
- 48% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).
- 22% of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (16% in 2008).
- 59% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. 20% of samples are at index 1. The national figures are 50% and 11% respectively.

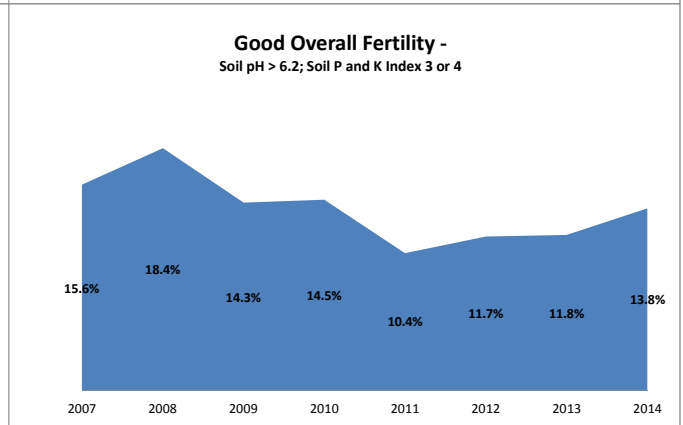
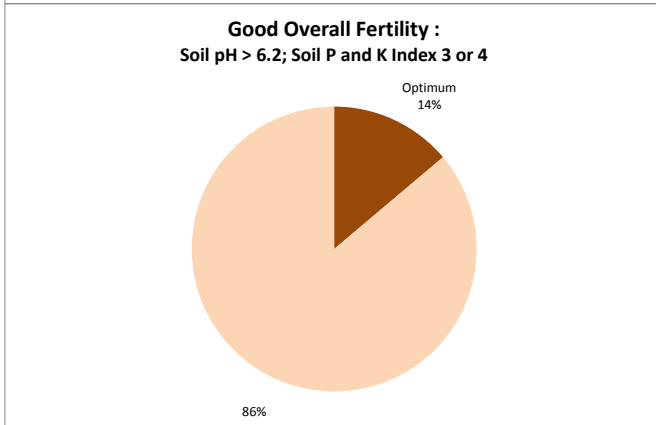
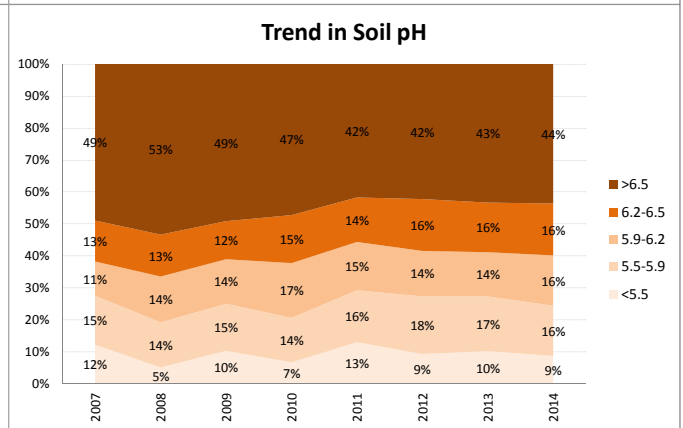
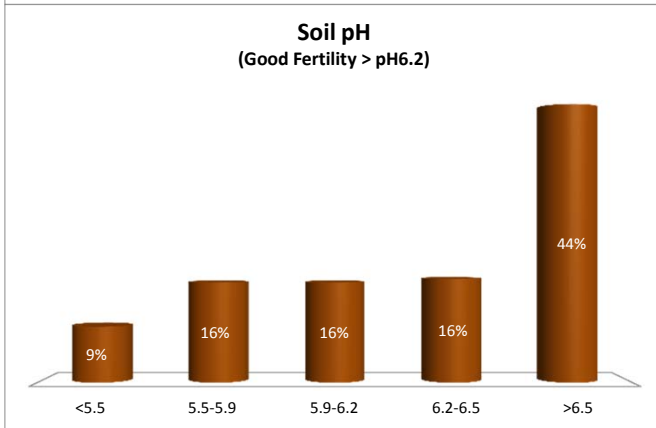
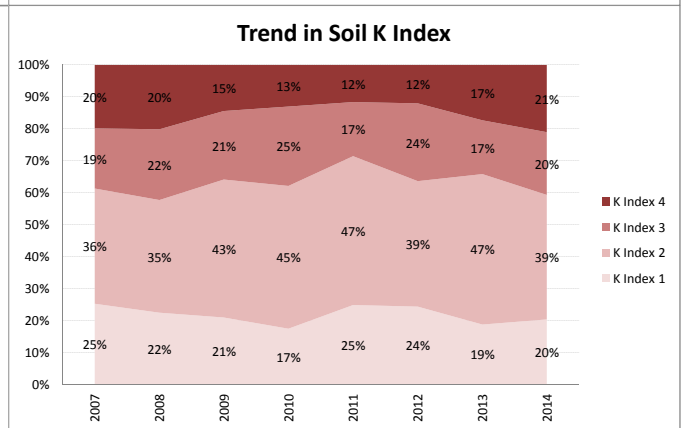
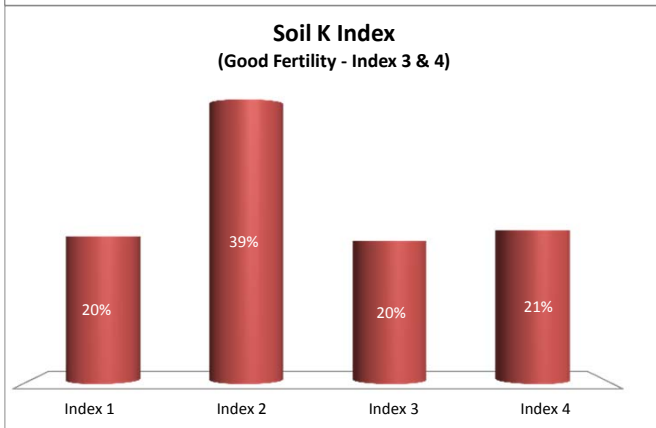
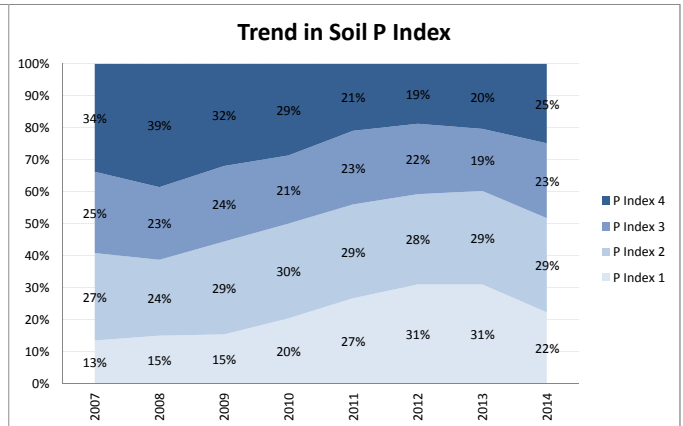
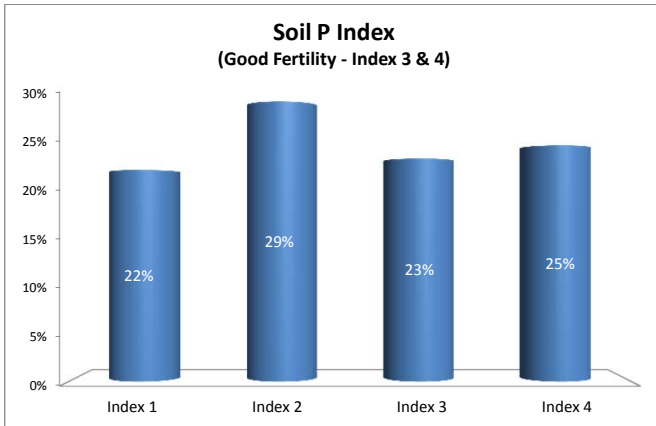
Enterprise

- 11% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 52% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P. There has been a very sharp decline in Soil P levels from a very high base. This seems to have stopped in 2014
- 59% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- 13% of drystock Samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 48% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P. This has been quite stable since 2009.
- 55 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 58% and 50% of dairy and drystock sampled were above pH 6.2.
- P levels in Tillage samples fell sharply between 2009 and 2012 but have increased sharply since then.
- K level in tillage samples have improved gradually from a low base with 38% currently at index 3 or 4.
- 73% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2

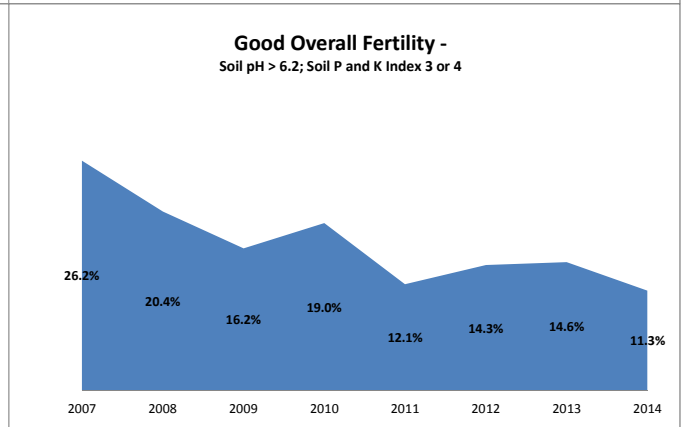
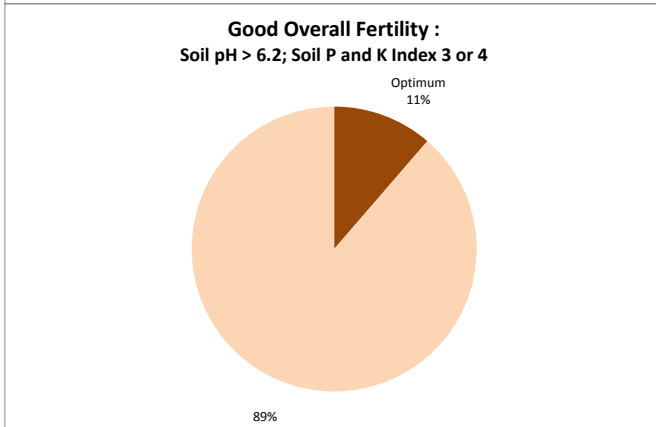
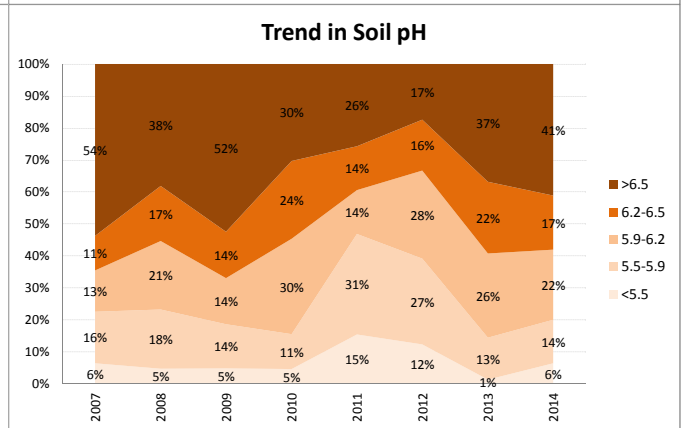
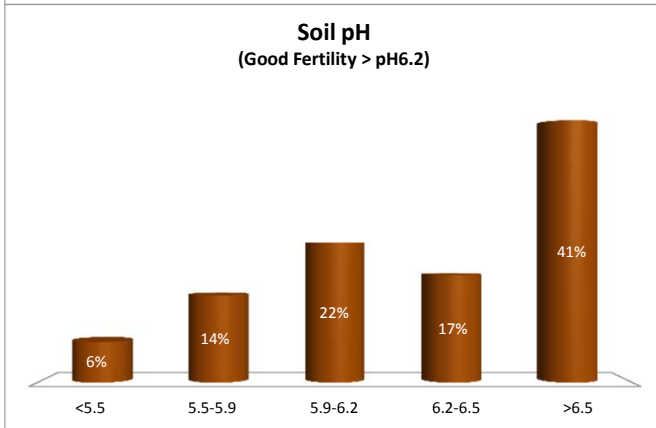
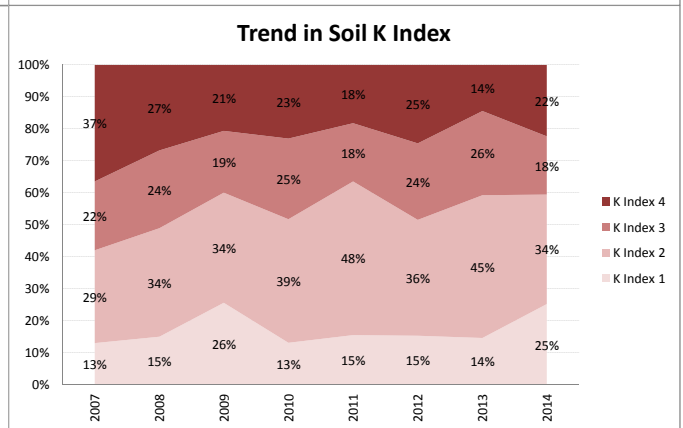
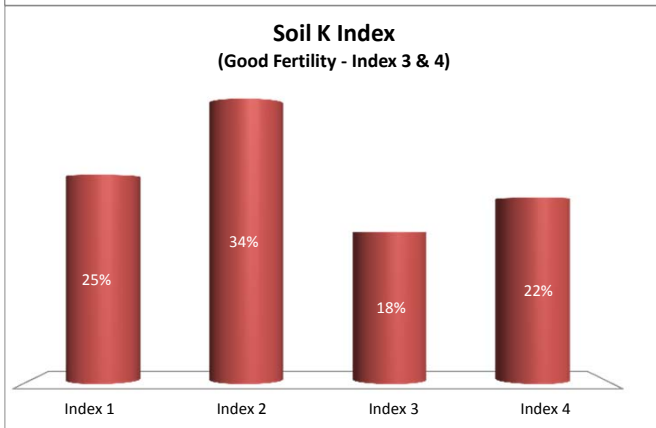
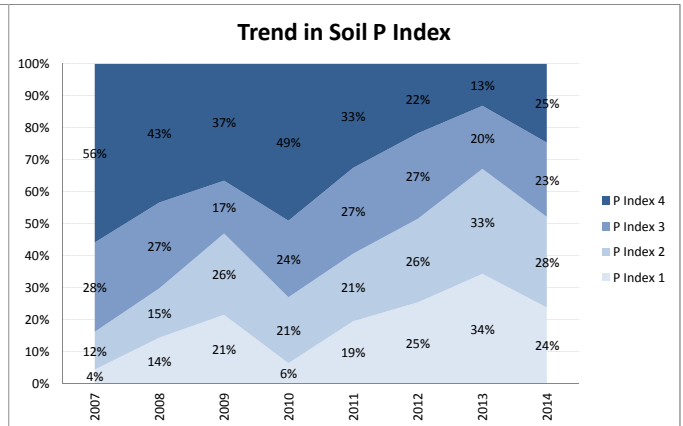
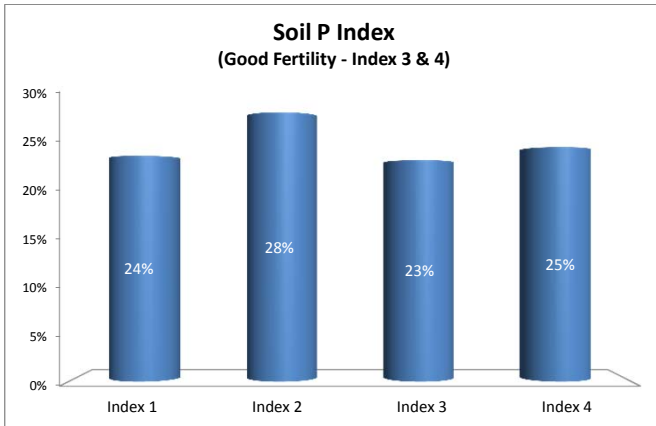


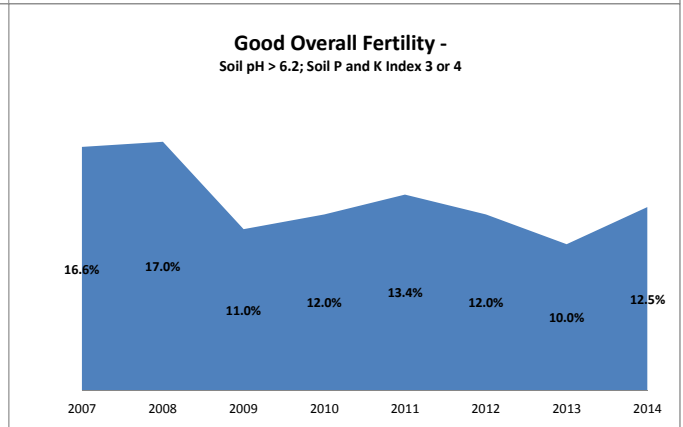
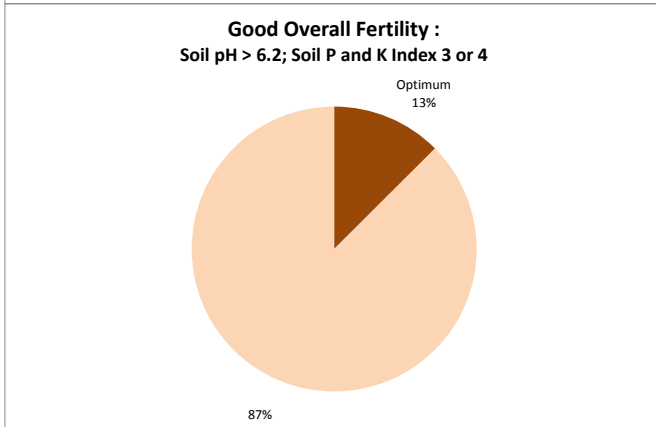
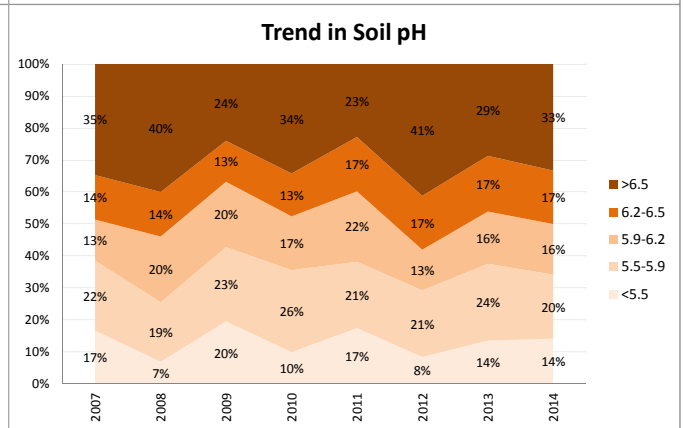
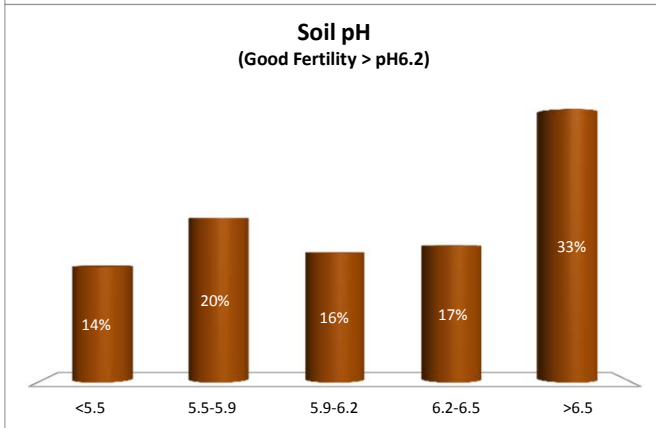
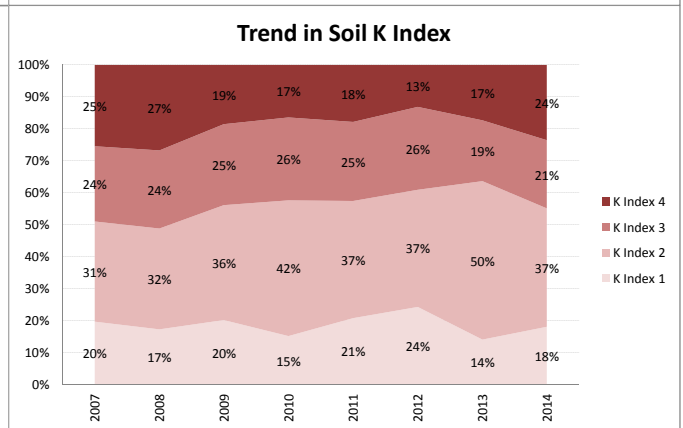
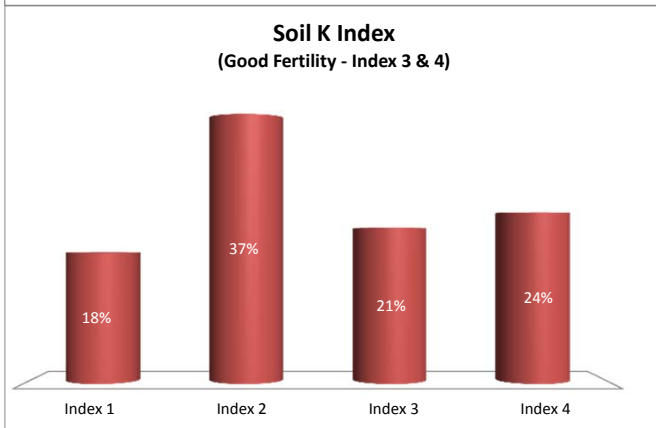
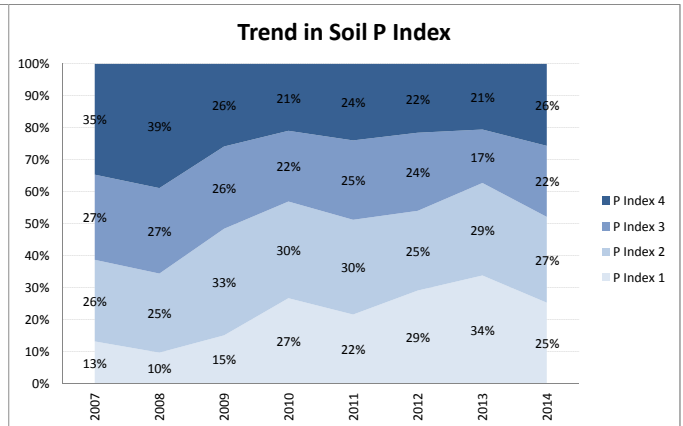
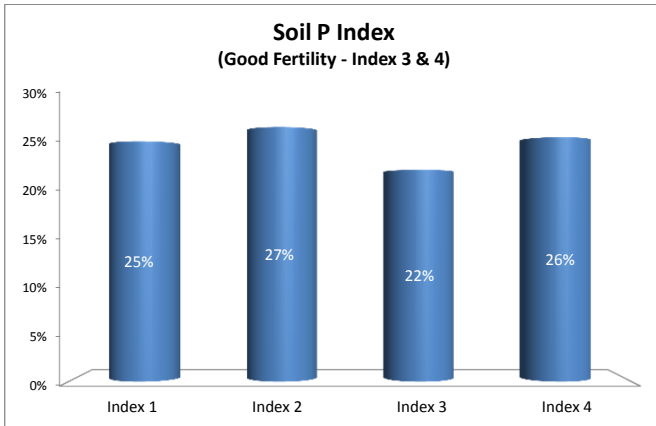
Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Kildare
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	1,083



County	Kildare
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	219







Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Kildare
Year	2014
Enterprise	Tillage
Number of Samples	368

