

Laois Highlights

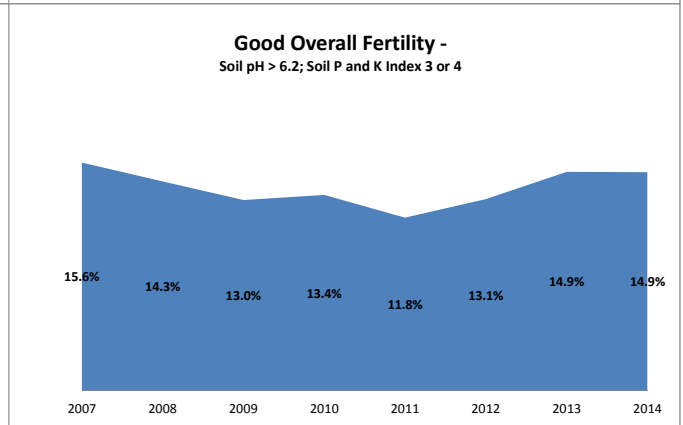
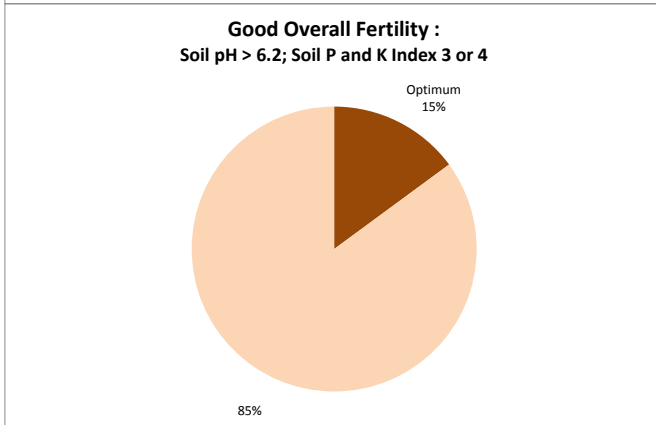
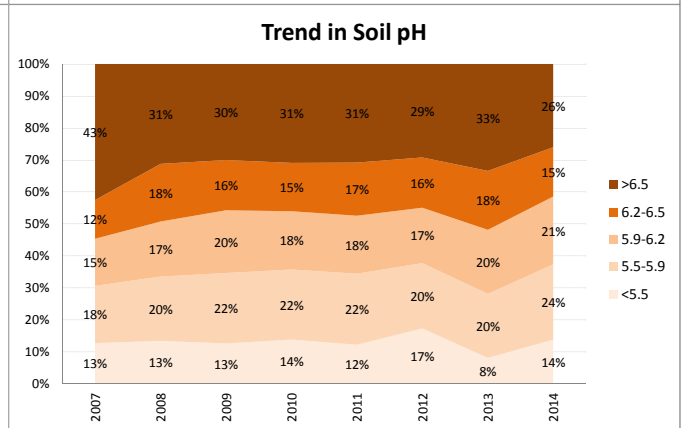
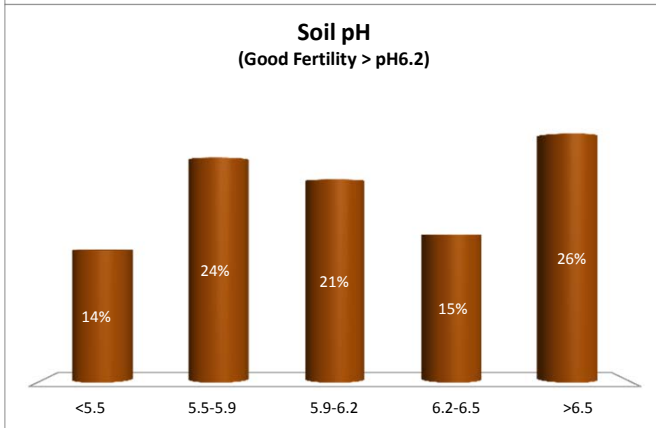
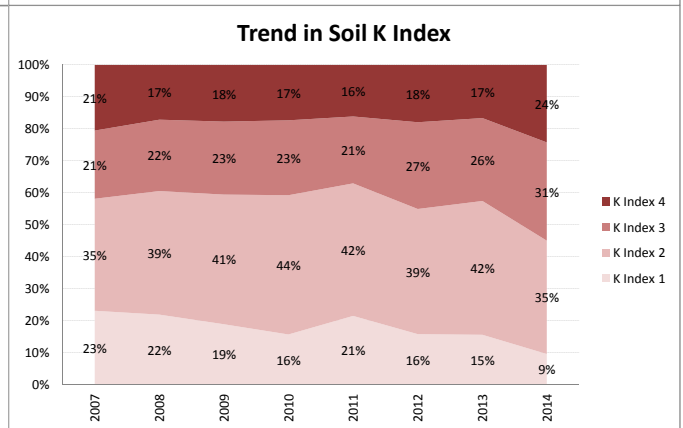
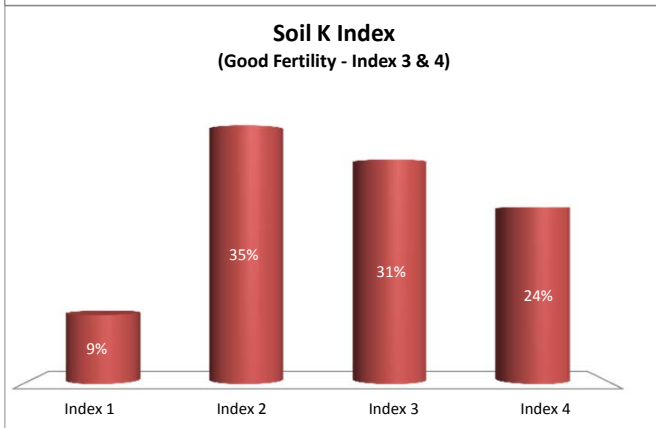
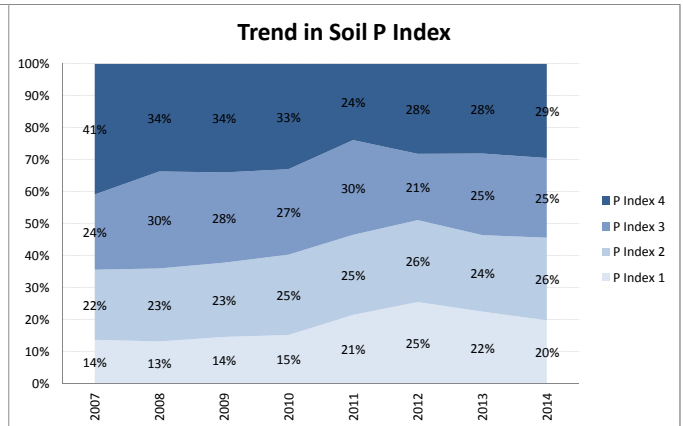
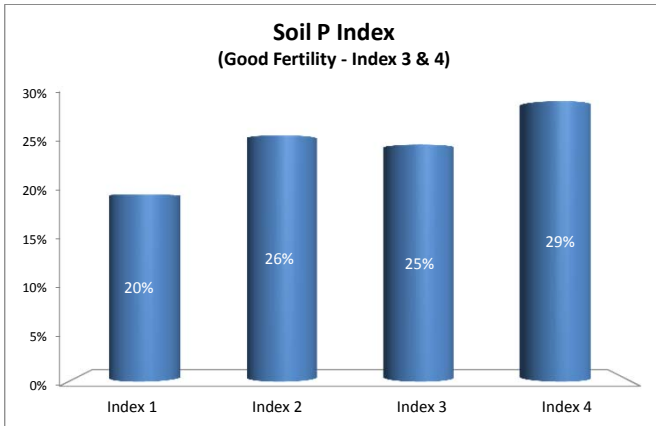
Overall

- **15% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.**
- 41% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%).
- Soil P and K fell gradually from 2007 to 2011 but have stabilized or increased slightly since then.
- 46% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).
- 44% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. K levels have increased since 2011.

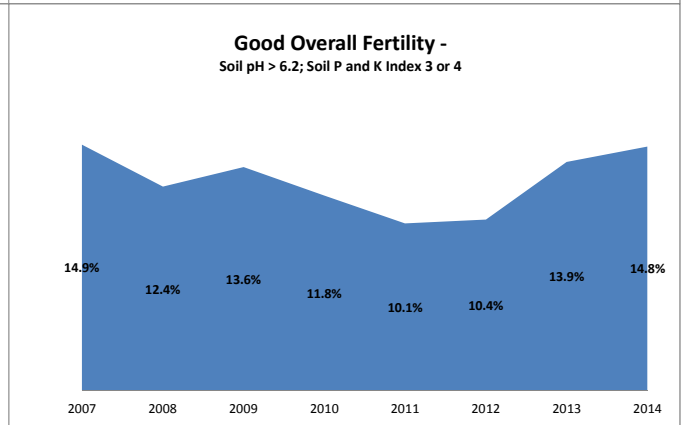
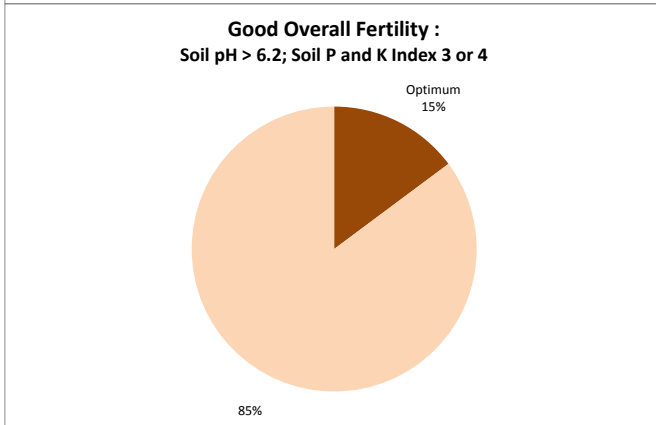
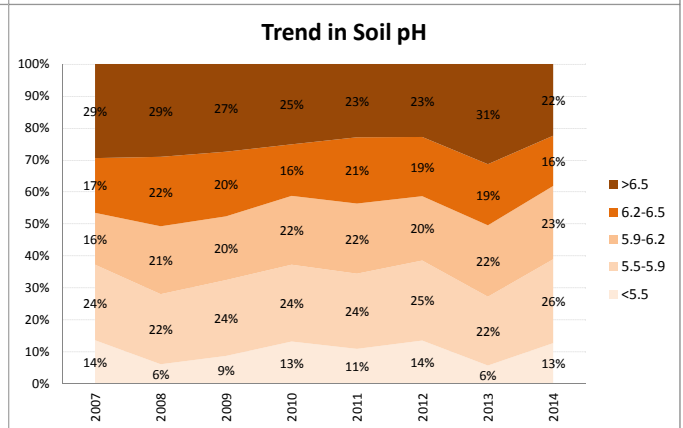
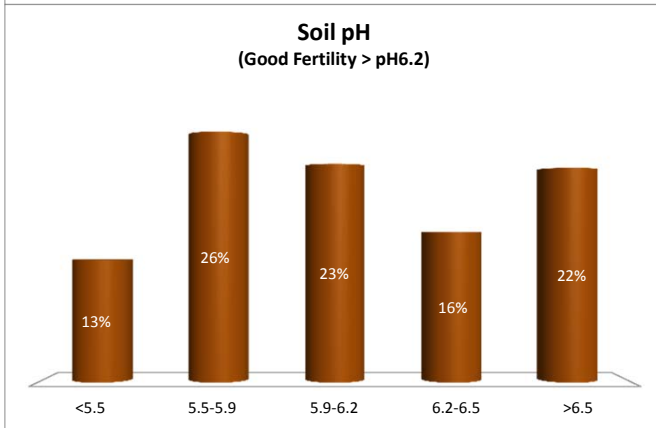
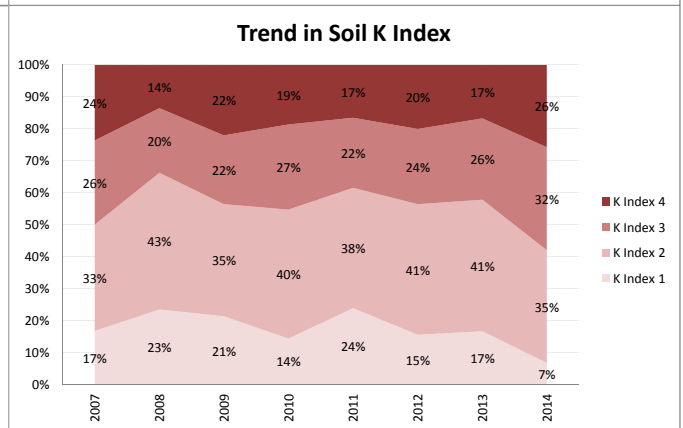
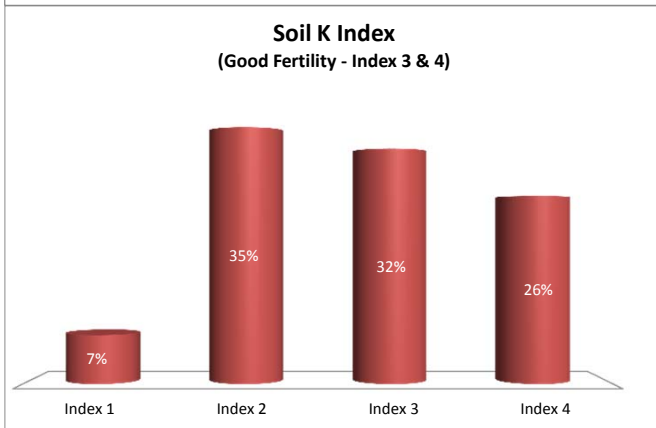
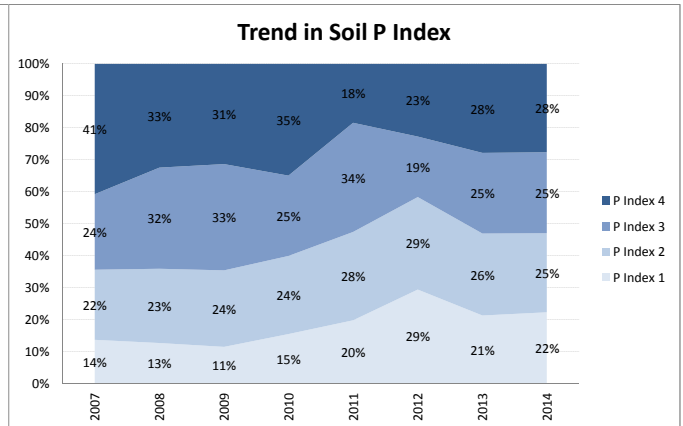
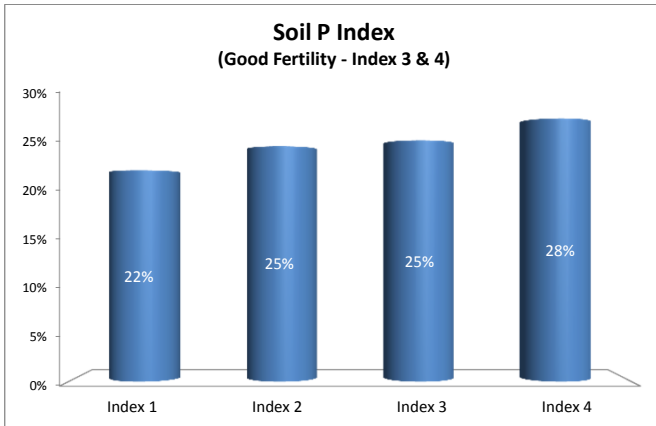
Enterprise

- 15% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 47% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P.
- 42% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- 15% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 42% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P. This has been quite stable since 2009.
- 47 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 38% and 42% of dairy and drystock samples were above pH 6.2.
- P levels in Tillage samples fell steadily between 2009 and 2014.
- K level in tillage samples have improved since 2011 with 50% currently at index 3 or 4.
- 52% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2

County	Laois
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	919



County	Laois
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	477





Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Laois
Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	321

