

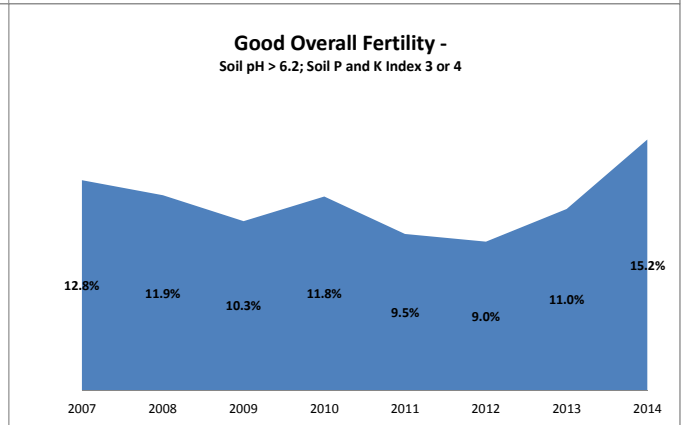
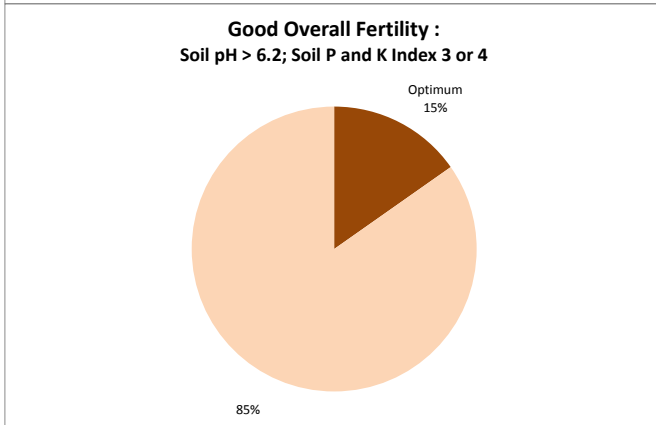
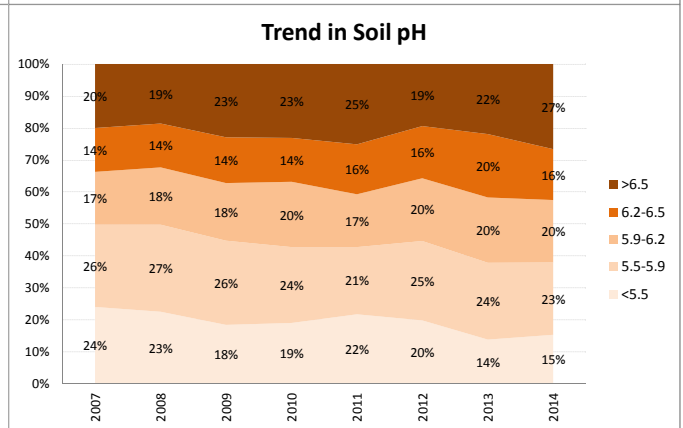
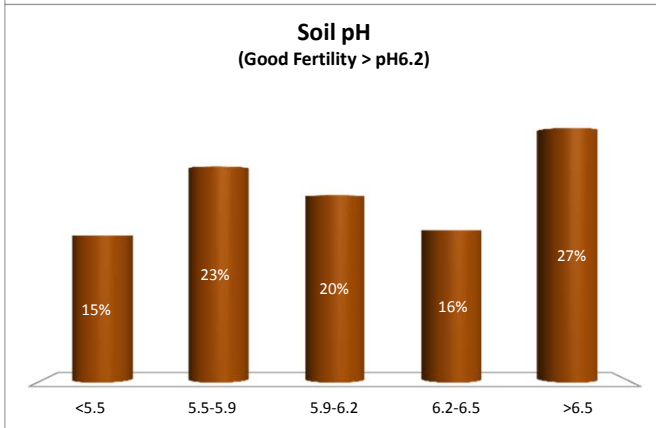
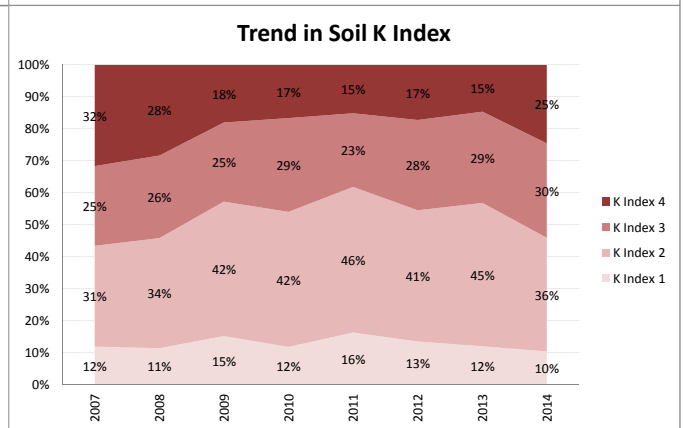
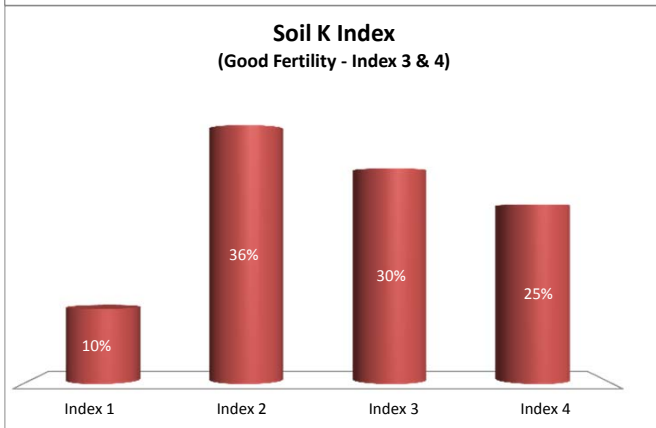
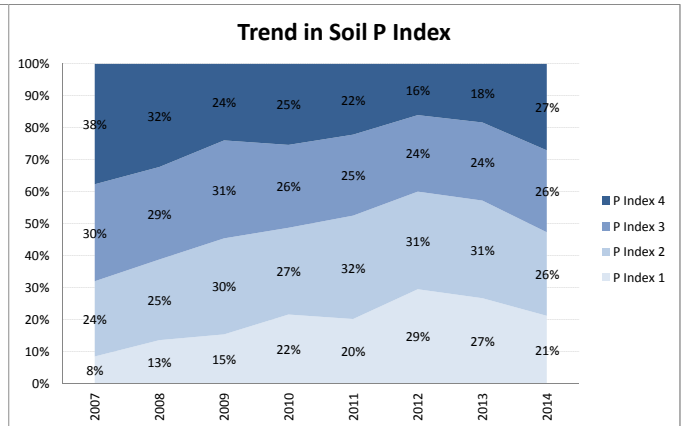
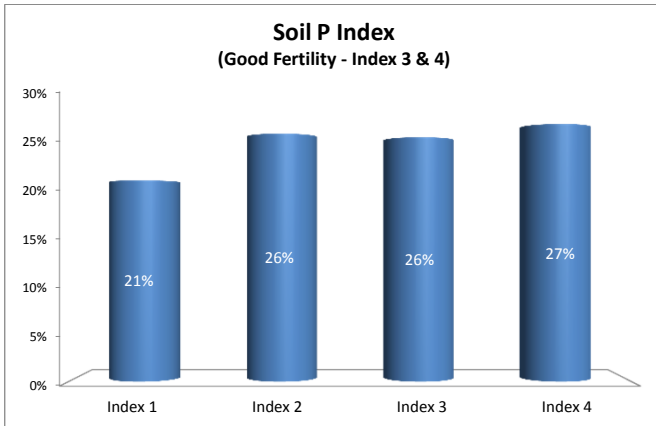
Tipperary Highlights

Overall

- **15% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.** This figure has been rising steadily since 2012
- 43% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%). There has been a gradual improvement since 2008
- Soil P levels decreased steadily in samples between 2007 and 2012 but have increased since then. A sharp increase has been noted in Index 4 samples
- 47% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).
- 21% of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (16% in 2008).
- 46% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. Falls in K in samples between 2007 and 2011 have reversed.

Enterprise

- 13% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 40% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2, a gradual improvement since 2007 on both dairy and drystock farms.
- 45% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P. The steady decline to 2012 has reversed.
- 45% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K
- 13% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 51% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P. The falls have been more gradual than on dairy farms.
- 50 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- P levels in Tillage samples declined between 2007 and 2012 but have improved since then.
- K levels in tillage samples have improved gradually from a low base with 58% currently at index 3 or 4.
- 61% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2





Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Tipperary
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	1,814

