

Wicklow Highlights

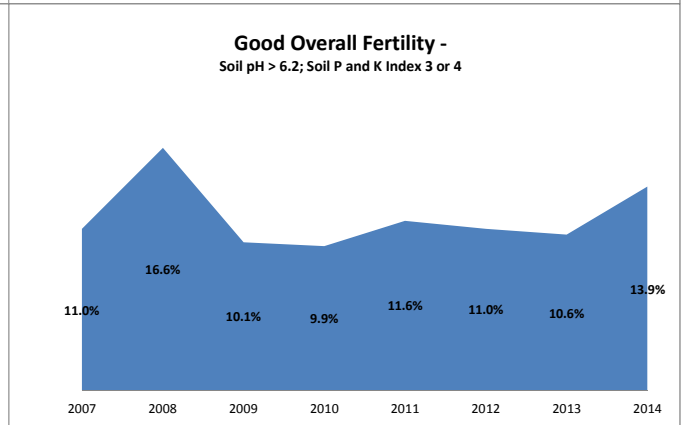
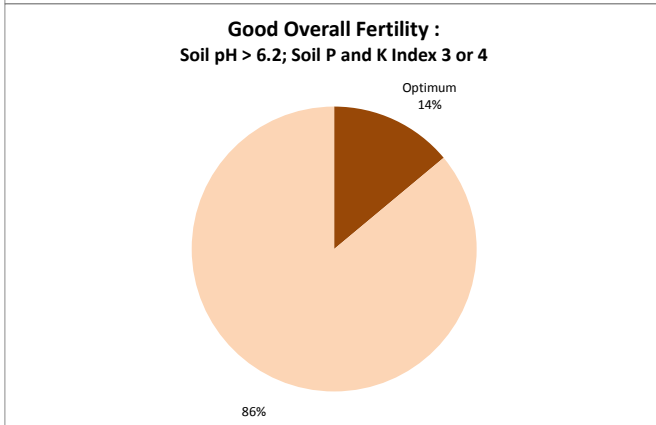
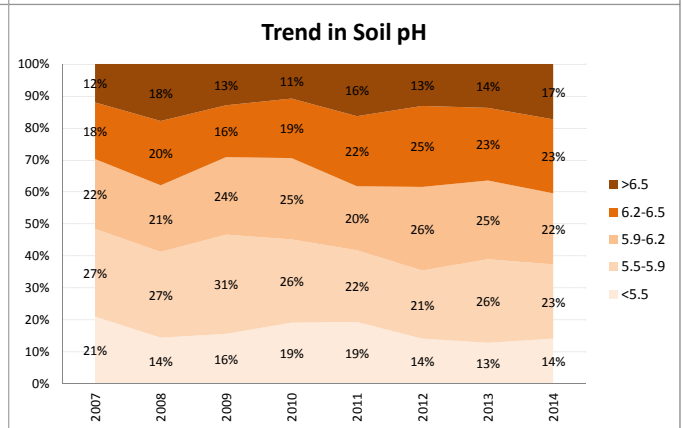
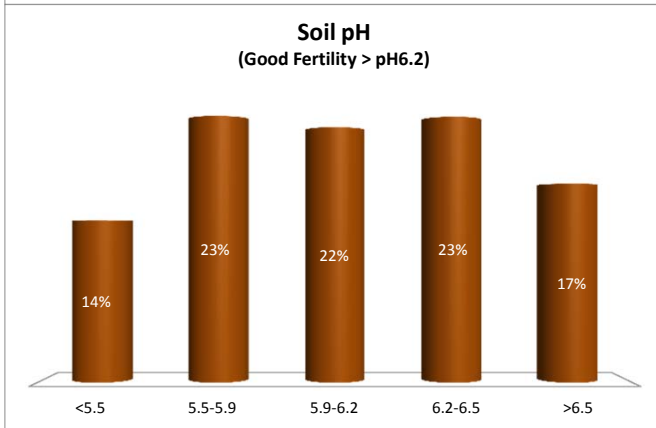
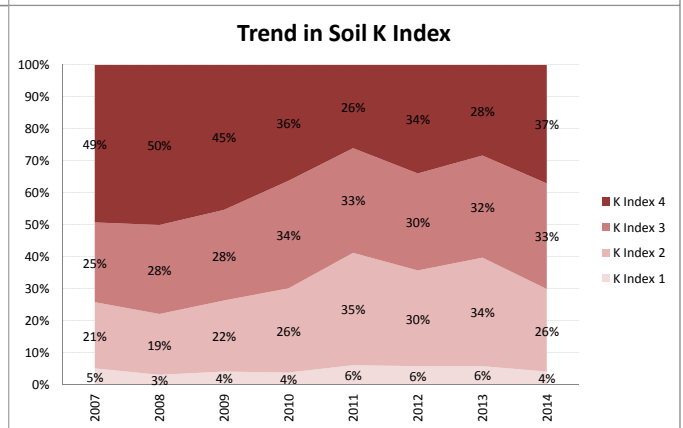
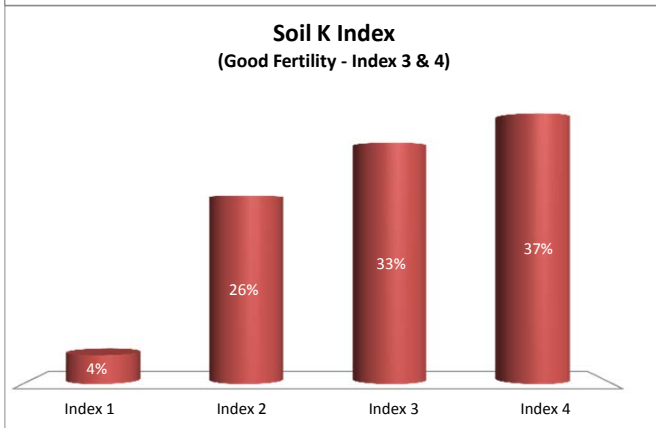
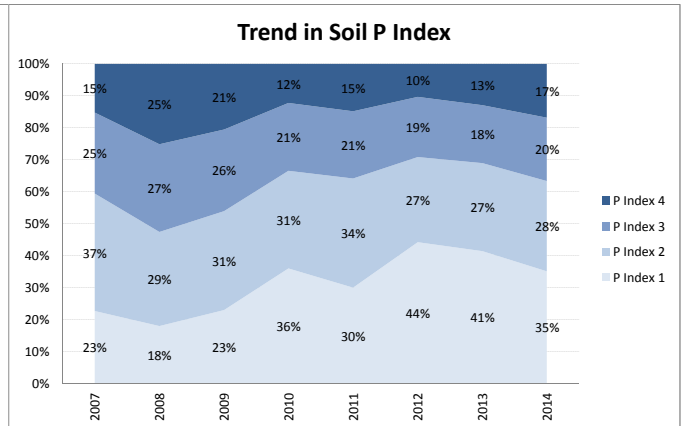
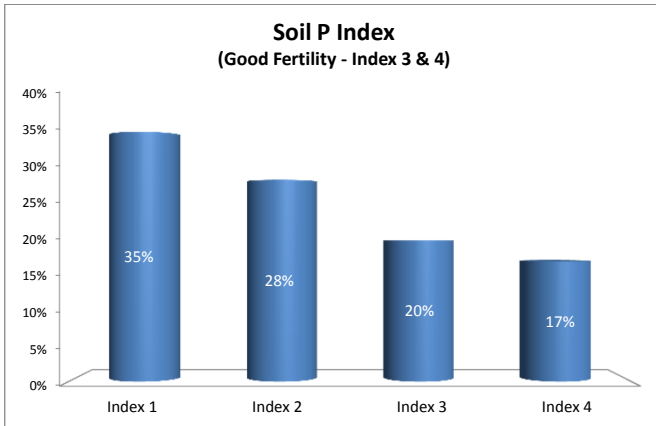
Overall

- **14% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.**
- 40% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- Soil P and K have fallen steadily between 2008 and 2012 but seem to have stabilised or improved slightly in 2013 and 2014
- **63% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).**
- 35% of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (18% in 2008).
- 70% of soils are at K index 3 or 4.

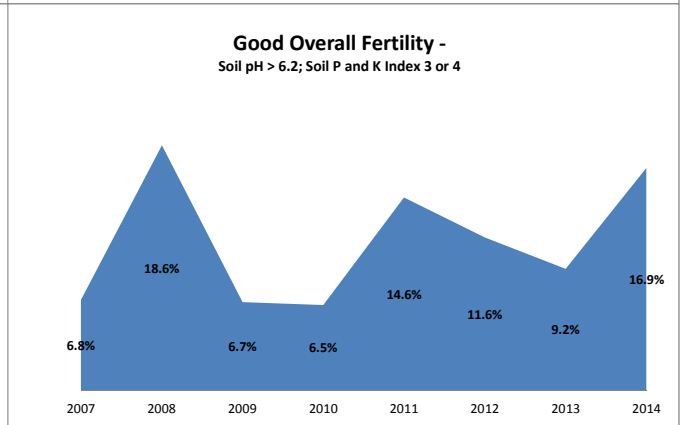
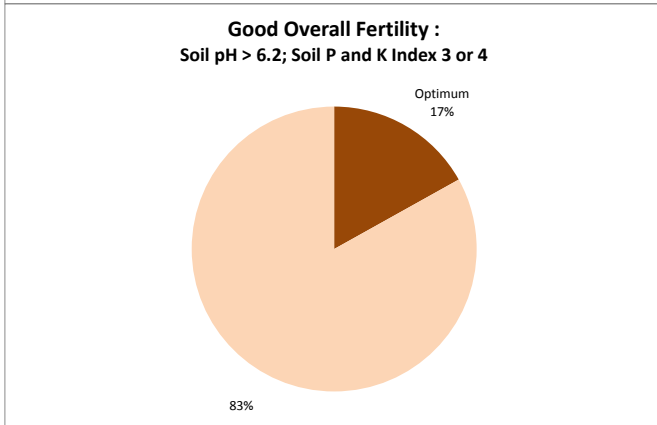
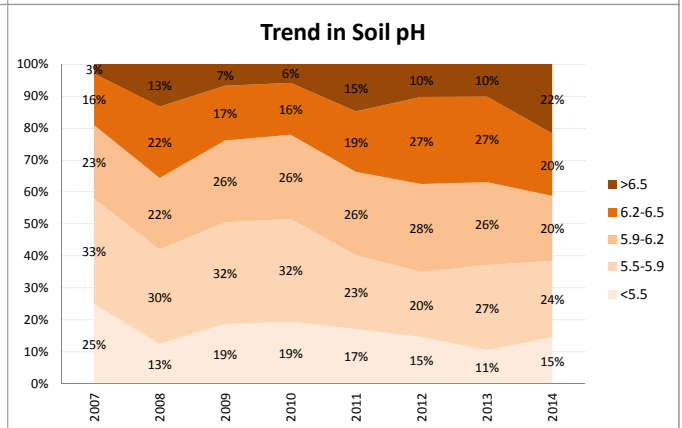
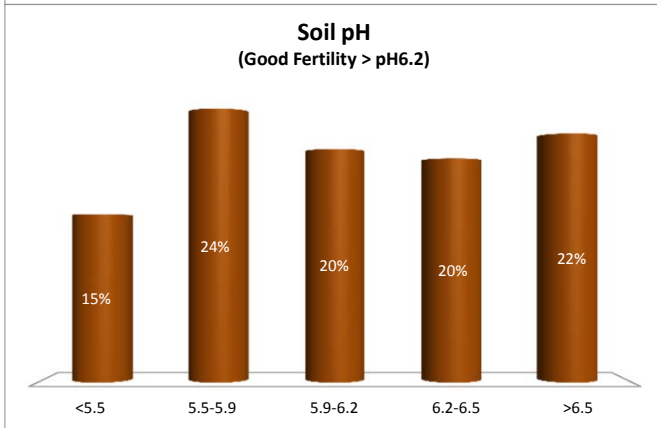
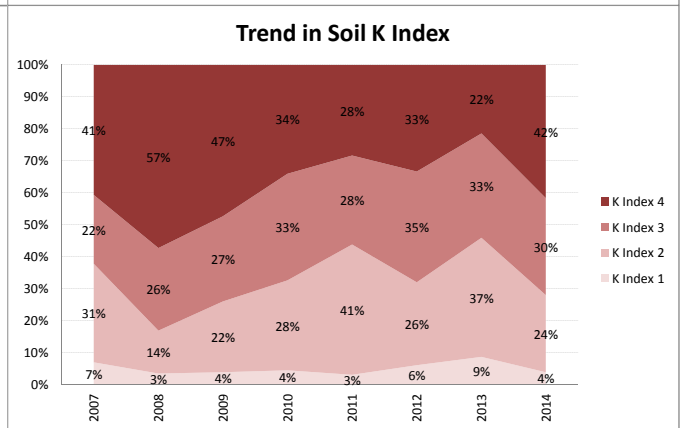
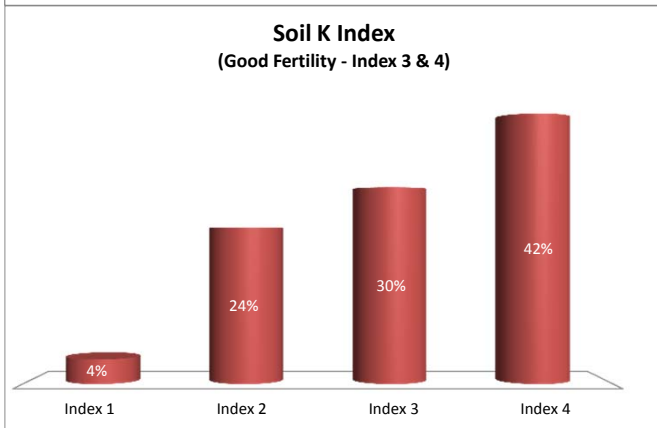
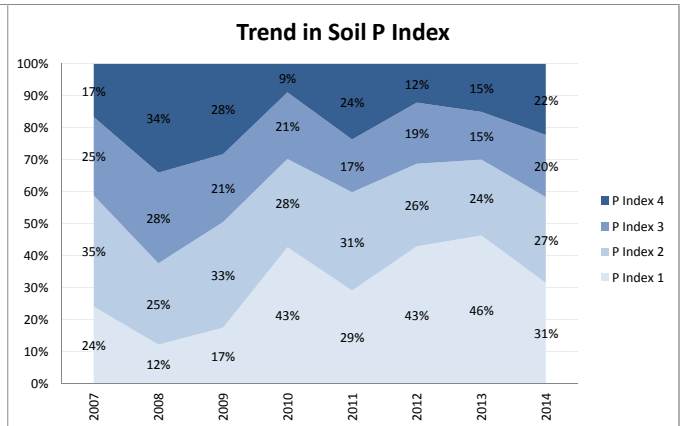
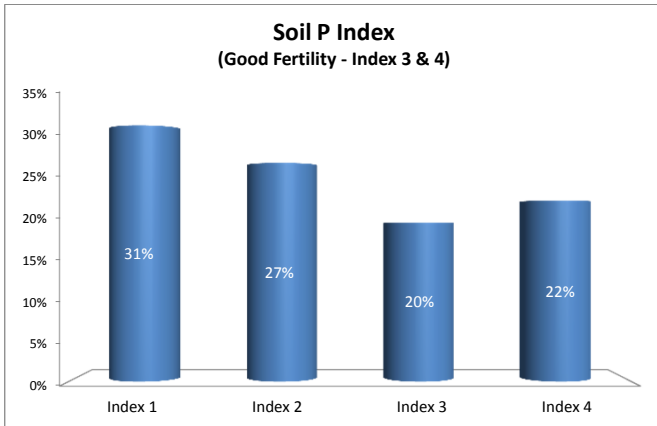
Enterprise

- 17% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 58% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P. There has been a very sharp decline in Soil P levels. This seems to have stopped in 2014
- 72% of dairy samples are at K index 3 or 4
- 12% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- **74% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P.** Levels dropped between 2008 and 2012 but have since stabilised.
- Only 28 % of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K.
- 42% and 39% of dairy and drystock sampled were above pH 6.2.
- Only 7% of Tillage samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- P levels in tillage samples fell gradually from a low base between 2008 and 2013 but have stabilised.
- K level in tillage samples declined between 2009 and 2011 but have stabilised. 58% are currently at index 3 or 4.
- 45% of tillage samples have a pH > 6.2

County	Wicklow
Year	2014
Enterprise	All Farms
Number of Samples	1,322



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Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	369



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Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	759

