

Getting to Know Your Soils

Finding Out What You've Got, Understanding pH, and Testing Made Easy

OnPasture.com

Kathy Voth

2018 - Handout 3

The foundation of your success is the soil you're building your operation on. So it pays to know a little something about it.

We know you're busy, so we've put together three short articles that give you a short cut to knowing just what you need to know. Click here to get started:

bit.ly/knowyoursoils

Want an even shorter short cut? Head over to your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office. They have the know how and resources to help. Here's a link to find the one nearest you:

bit.ly/mynrcsoffice



Here's What You'll Find....

What's My Soil Type and How Much Can It Produce?

The Web Soil Survey is the world's largest soil database, and it is literally at your fingertips. Just sit down at your computer, open up the website, type in your address and you're on your way to all kinds of information about what's underground and what it can do for you. Beyond feeding your livestock, it can tell you which areas of your property are stable building sites, where you can set up livestock mortality composting, and more.

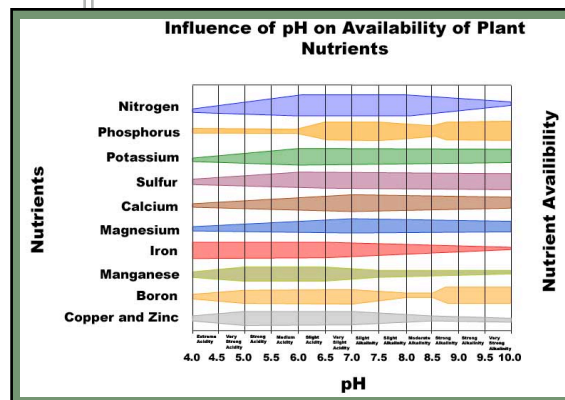
You can find the article with all the instructions you need to get started here: bit.ly/knowyoursoils

pH - Two Letters That Can Change Productivity

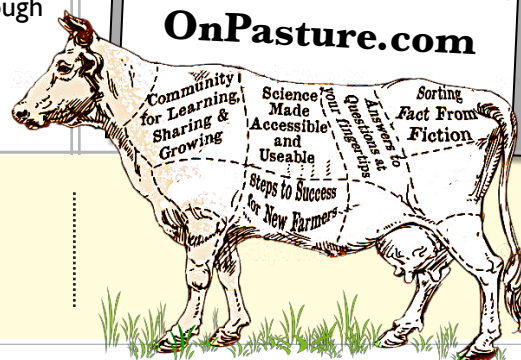
What the graph to the right is telling you is how many of the nutrients your plants need are available to them when your soil pH is in the right range. This is why it's included in your soil test, and why you want to do something about it when you can.

Speaking of Soil Tests...

A lot of us grew up hating tests, so this collection of articles includes two articles on how you can take the drudgery out of soil testing. What's better than a walk through your pasture, your favorite beverage and a mud pie?



Find more great grazing resources at OnPasture.com



On Pasture

Translating research and experience into practices graziers can use right NOW!

Have questions?
Visit us at OnPasture.com
or send an email to info@onpasture.com