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This leaflet, a product of the Soil-Vegetation Survey, is one of a series giving results of greenhouse pot tests and field fertilizer trials on soils primarily associated with range lands. The data indicate fertility status with regard to nitrogen, phosphorus, and sulfur. Field trials also give preliminary data on potential range forage production and species changes resulting from fertilizer treatments. Methods are detailed in: Powell, W. Robert. 1964. Procedures used in range land soil fertility studies. State Cooperative Soil-Vegetation Survey, Calif. Division of Forestry, Sacramento, 15 pp.

GREENHOUSE POT TESTS

Sample A (FA61-45-124)
Shasta County
Plot 8 of Quad 32A-2
Center of NW% Sec. 22, T30N, R3W, MDMB
North - 25%; 400 feet
Woodland-grass
Collected 18 April 1961
Tested 27 February - 17 April 1962

Sample B (FA57-52-3)
Tehama County, Quad 33D-3
SE½ SE½ Sec. 12, T26N, R2E, MDMB
West - 35%; 3500 feet
Brush
Collected 16 July 1957
Tested 12 Feb. - 15 April 1958

| Treatment | Yield | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| None S P PS N NS | 19.8 a 20.2 a 20.0 a 19.0 a 33.2 b 58.0 d 46.5 c | | | |
| NPS | 57.8 d | | | |

| Yield | | | | |
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| 22.3 a 27.0 a 26.7 a 25.3 a 47.7 b 57.3 c | | | | |
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(N = 200, P = 88, S = 100 lb/A)(Yield, decigrams per pot, oven-dry) Sample C (FA57-52-4)
Tehama County
Plot 11 of Quad 33B-4
NW¼ SE½ Sec. 23, T29N, R1E, MDMB
South - 4%; 2500 feet
Brush-grass
Collected 16 July 1957
Tested 12 Feb. - 15 April 1958

| Treatment | Yield | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| None | 14.0 a | | | |
| P | 15.2 a | | | |
| N | 25.0 b | | | |
| NS | 31.5 b | | | |
| NP | 44.8 c | | | |
| NPS | 6 0. 8 d | | | |
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Sample D (FA57-52-5)
Tehama County
Plot 2 of Quad 33B-3
SW½ SE½ Sec. 5, T28N, R1E, MDMB
Southwest - 17%; 2640 feet
Woodland-brush
Collected 16 July 1957
Tested 12 Feb. - 15 April 1958

| 8.2 a 12.2 ab 14.2 bc 18.2 c 29.8 d 48.5 e |
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Sample E (FA57-52-6)
Tehama County
Plot 3 of Quad 33B-3
SE corner Sec. 18, T28N, R1E
Northwest - 4%; 2520 feet
Grassland
Collected 16 July 1957
Tested 12 Feb. - 15 April 1958

| Treatment | Yield | | | |
|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
| None | 15.7 a | | | |
| P | 23.0 a | | | |
| N | 42.7 b | | | |
| NS | 51.0 b | | | |
| NP | 44.0 b | | | |
| NPS | 67.0 c | | | |

COMMENTS:

- Sample A: A strong primary response to nitrogen; good secondary responses to sulfur and phosphorus; no apparent complementary response to phosphorus and sulfur with nitrogen.
- Sample B: A strong interaction response to nitrogen and phosphorus; a good third order response to sulfur.
- Sample C: A strong primary response to nitrogen; a good secondary response to phosphorus; a good third order response to sulfur.
- Sample D: A mild primary response to nitrogen; a good secondary response to phosphorus; a good third order response to sulfur.
- Sample E: A strong primary response to nitrogen; a good complementary secondary response to phosphorus and sulfur; possibly greater response to sulfur than to phosphorus.
- Summary: All samples indicated responses to all three nutrients used in these experiments.

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