

# **Designing a Fertility Program From a Soil Test Report**

In this tutorial, we will focus on crops whose nutritional requirements are expressed in units of amount/area. For example, kg/ha or lb/acre.

# 1. Selecting the calculation method

From the main menu of the program, select Mix Fertilizers -> Amount/Area -> Method 1

The calculation screen opens.

#### 2. Entering nutrient requirements/uptake

In order to calculate fertilizer rates, first we must know the nutrient requirements/uptake of the crop.

There are two options:

#### a. Entering nutrient requirements/uptake manually

In the Target Values row, enter the nutrient requirements/uptake.

Please refer to page 46 in the user manual of SMART! PRO, Step 1: Entering Target Values for Nutrient Application Rates.

#### b. Using nutrient requirements/uptake of crops from database

- From the menu bar of Method 1, select Target Values → Open.
- Select the crop, variety, soil/media type, yield goal and the growth stage.
- Click Open.

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		Application Method Crop Variety	By Amount/Area   Grapes  Thompson Seedless
- A 40		Yield Goal Stage	ton/ha v 25 v Total Nutrient Uptake v
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ove All			Post-harvest Leaf fall Total Nutrient Uptake Planting - flowering Flowering

The nutrient requirements of the crop will appear in the Target Values row.

# 3. Adjusting the nutrient requirements using a soil test

- Click the Adjust by Soil/Tissue Analysis button.
- Select Soil Analysis  $\rightarrow$  OK. The Soil Test Interpretation window opens.
- The nutrient requirements/uptake, as entered in the previous screen, will appear in the Crop Consumption row.
- From the **Interpretation** drop-down menu, select the set of extraction (analytical) methods that corresponds with the extraction methods used by the laboratory that issued the soil test report.
- In the **Extraction Methods** row select, for each element, the method used by the laboratory to determine this element.
- In the Results row, select the units and enter the soil test results from your soil analysis report, or select **Soil Test Results** from the menu bar to open previously saved results.

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Soil Test Results Crop Consumption	Current Application Clear										
	Interpretation Default							Nutrient Application Rules			
	Application Rules – Default										
	N-NO3 🔻	р 👻	К 🔫	Ca 🔹	Mg 👻	s –	В	Fe	Mn	Zn	Cu
Extraction Method	Kjeldhl	olsen	Ammonium Acetate	Ammonium Acetate	Ammonium Acetate	KCL 40	Hot Water	DTPA	DTPA	DTPA	DTPA
Interpretation	Low	Adequate	High	Adequate	Excessive	High	Low	Adequate	Adequate		
Results ppm -	12.00	22.50	400.00	1803.00	403.00	18.00	0.400	3.200	1.800	0.000	0.000
Extraction Method											
Crop Consumption Kg/Ha 👻	100.00	19.35	86.80	49.00	15.70	12.00	1.000	5.000	2.000	1.300	0.000
Current Application (Kg/Ha)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Target Values (Kg/Ha)	100.00	38.70	60.76	49.00	0.00	8.40	1.10	5.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
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Open as Target Values											

- Smart! Interprets the results and calculates a nutrient recommendation. This recommendation appears in the **Target Values** row in the interpretation window. Note that Smart! Calculates a recommendation only for nutrients that have **Crop Consumption** data.
- Saving the results (optional) from the menu bar of the interpretation window, select **Soil Test Results** → **Save**.
- Click the **Open as Target Values** button. The interpretation window closes and the new nutrient recommendations appear in the **Target Values** row of the calculation screen. If you wish to make any changes in the recommended target values, you can do them now.

(Grapes - Thompson Seedless Total Nutrient Uptake)														
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Kg/Ha	-	Total N	N-NO3 👻	N-NH4 👻	N-NH2 👻	Р 🔻	К –	Ca 👻	Mg 👻	S -	В	Fe	Mn	Zn
Kg/Ha		100.00			Î	38.70	60.76	49.00	0.00	8.40	1.100	5.000	2.000	
g/Ha g/plant		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0
ppm		•					III		·					
lb/acre	Ар	plication Ir	nterval (day	s) 36	5.00	Source	Water pH		НСС	)3 in Sourc	e Water	0.00	ppm	•
Adjust by Soil/Tissue Analysis														

#### 4. Calculating Fertilizer Dose

- Select the fertilizer sources you have available.
- Click the **Calculate** button.

Smart! selects the best combination of fertilizers to reach the target values, and their required doses.

Selected Fertilizers	Fertilizers Application	
🔲 Urea	55.43 lb/acre 🔺	
Mono Ammonium Phosphate(MAP12-61-0)	130.28 lb/acre	Calculate
Calcium Nitrate	230.06 lb/acre	View Result
Solubor	4.69 lb/acre	
FE-EDTA 13%	34.31 Ib/acre	Report
Mn-EDTA 13%	13.72 lb/acre 🕌	Cost/acre/application
Fill Tanks		

# Saving your fertilizer program

To save the fertilizer program, click the **Fill Tanks** button and select **Save** or **Save as** from the menu bar.

If the fertilizer application is by fertigation, you can proceed with the recipe design. Please refer to the user manual.

# Summary of steps:

- 1. Select Mix Fertilizers  $\rightarrow$  Amount/Area  $\rightarrow$  Method 1.
- 2. Enter/open target values.
- 3. Click the Adjust by Soil/Tissue Analysis button  $\rightarrow$  Soil Analysis  $\rightarrow$  OK.
- 4. Select the set of interpretation methods from the **Interpretation** drop-down menu.
- 5. Make sure that the extraction methods that are indicated coincide with the extraction methods used by your laboratory.
- 6. Enter soil test results in the **Results** row.
- 7. Click the **Open as Target Values** button.
- 8. Select fertilizers.
- 9. Click the **Calculate** button.
- 10. Check results and save program.