

GROMOR JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

When I get told that something is either good or bad, I like to be given the evidence. Nowadays I'm regularly told that all GMO's are bad. But when I see the positive effect of "Round Up Ready Maize", which makes "No Till" practically possible, which in turn increases soil organic matter levels and healthy soil life, I cannot help questioning motives.

Maize Vectors such as stalk borer, can be controlled by spaying with insecticides, but more effectively by planting Bt-transformed maize, which reduces insect damage and secondary Fusarium infection, lowering fumonisin which is poisonous. (Bt-Biologically transformed = genetically altered)

LIMING - GARDENER

1. I remind you again that winter is the time to lime.
300g/m² GROMOR DOLOMITIC LIME dug as deeply into the ground as possible every 3 years. (Dolomitic Lime supplies calcium and magnesium)
2. If you have clay soil, which is "sticky" and does not drain well, apply GROMOR CLAY BUSTER at a rate of 1 x 10dm³ bag per 5m². (For big gardens, apply GROMOR GYPSUM at 300g/m²).

LIMING - FARMERS

1. Agriculturally, I don't believe that the use of GYPSUM has been fully exploited. Not only is it an excellent and cheap source of CALCIUM, it also supplies SULPHUR and counteracts the "stickyness" associated with clay soils. Apply at 3 tons per hectar.
Speak to Naren at Gromor for a landed price of gypsum in bulk, virtually anywhere in KZN.
2. Do remember that GYPSUM does not ameliorate soil acidity, so can therefore not replace LIME where acidity is the problem. DOLOMITIC LIME also supplies MAGNESIUM in addition to CALCIUM. Apply LIME at 3 tons/ha.
3. The advantage with GYPSUM is that it does move down the soil profile with time, whereas LIME does not, hence LIME does require deep incorporation, particularly where subsoil acidity is a problem.

LAWNS

1. The most important thing in the next 6 weeks, is not to forget about the lawnmower! Get it serviced before spring comes and the grass starts shooting!
2. If you have shady areas on the lawn, chances are it will be infested with the round leaf Hydrocotyl, especially if the ground is prone to staying wet.

Choose a windless, sunshine day and spray with 200ml BANWEED or TROOPER in 20ℓ water. If watergrass/nutgrass, with its “triangular” stem and “bunched” seedhead is also a problem, add 3g SERVIAN to the 20ℓ.

I think it was that brilliant man Einstein when he moved to the USA, who could never understand the fuss that Americans made of weeds in their lawn. After all, both weeds and grass were green.

CHLOROTIC LEAVES

Chlorotic (yellow) leaves are generally associated with a nitrogen deficiency. Yellow leaves are however also caused by a deficiency of oxygen (O₂), which one finds in poorly drained, “sticky” soils, low in organic matter.

Apply GROMOR Compost 1 x 30dm³ bag/5m²-10m² and dig in with GROMOR ACCELERATOR organic fertilizer pellets at 150g/m² together with GYPSUM at 300g/m²

GROMOR PRODUCT RANGE

GROMOR have expanded their product range and packaging sizes, both in the ORGANIC and INORGANIC ranges.

GROMOR 2.3.2(14), 2.3.4(30), 5.1.5(28), 4.1.1(21), LAN and Superphosphate 10.5% are now obtainable in colour coded 2kg, 5kg and 10kg packaging sizes. (The colour coding I’m told is specifically for wives whose husbands cannot remember numbers. Now it’s a simple instruction. Go and buy a PURPLE 5kg Bag of fertilizer!)

Two other products that have been relaunched are, GROMOR INDIGENOUS MIX and GROMOR CLAY BUSTER both in 10dm³ bags.

Regards,

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PS: A government official arrives at the Pearly Gates and is greeted by St. Peter, who checks in all new arrivals. Before St. Peter can ask the incumbent any questions, the new arrival, realising his plight, blurts out: “wait, there must be a mistake, I’m only 51 years old, whilst on my form I see it states 85 years! Where did you get that from?” To this St. Peter responded “as for all government officials, we calculate it from their time sheets submitted!”

PPS: Teacher to new boy in Grade R. “Where does God live?”

New boy; “In the toilet”

Teacher shocked; “Who on earth told you that?”

New boy; “Well every mornings my mother bangs on the toilet door and shouts “- “my God, how long are you going to be in there!!”

PPPS: Reminds me of when I was a young kid growing up on the West Rand and we only had one toilet in the house. I'd often run outside barefoot onto the frost covered lawn in the early morning to "relieve" myself and being fascinated by the steam rising from the "stream".