

SESSION 4: PART 1

Fertiliser Solutions for the Future

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Outline

- Incitec Pivot Fertilisers
- Fertiliser solutions for the future
 - Nitrogen Inhibitors – reducing emissions, maintain yield
 - Bio Ferts – recycling nutrients from waste streams
 - Green solutions of the future

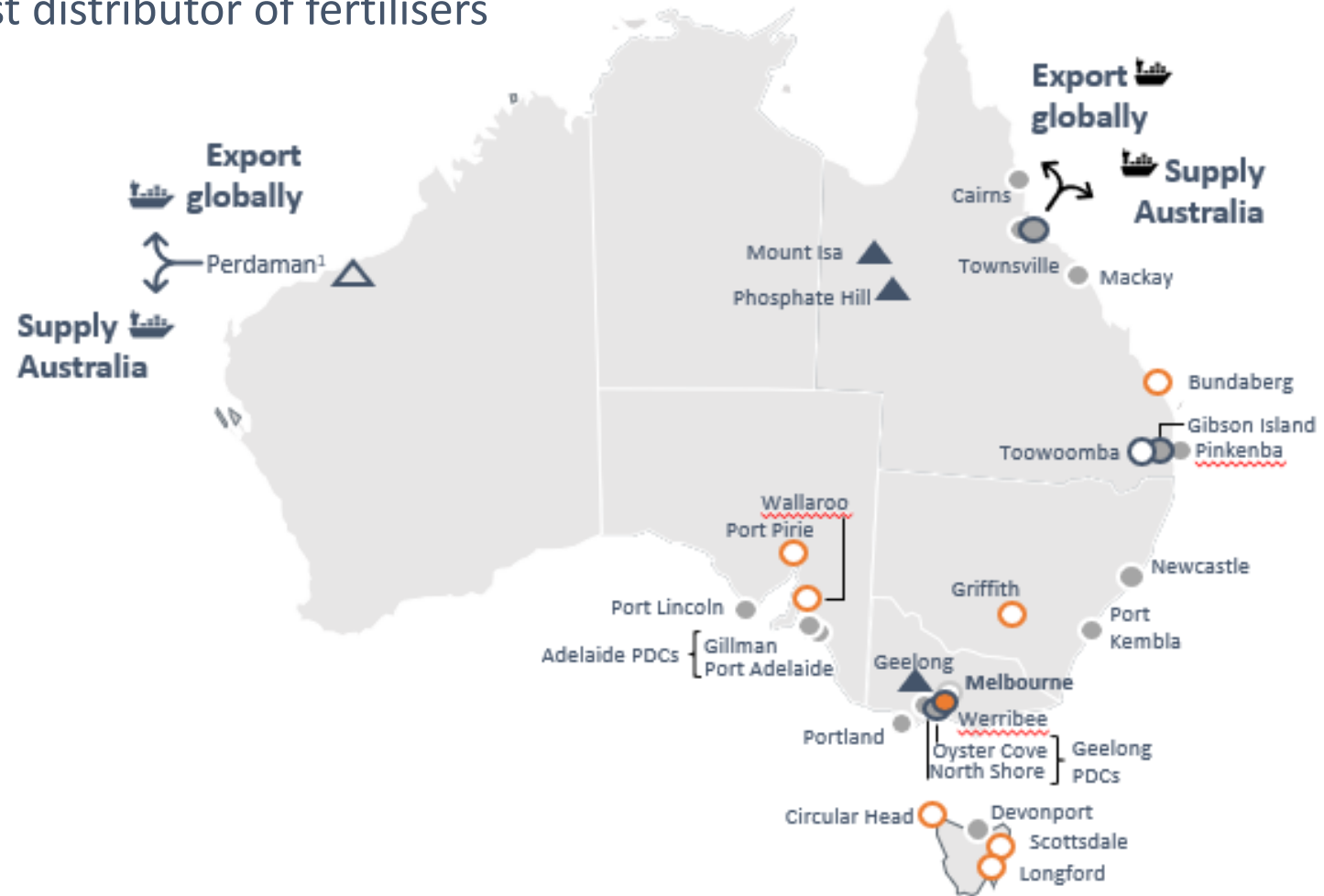




Incitec Pivot Fertilisers



IPF is Australia's largest distributor of fertilisers



- Primary Distribution Centres
- Regional Service Centres
- Regional offices
- Soil testing laboratory
- Headquarters
- ▲ Manufacturing site
- △ 3rd party manufacturing site

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Manufacturing facilities²

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Primary distribution centres (PDC)

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Soil and plant testing Lab

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Export regions

>800kt
Fertiliser Storage

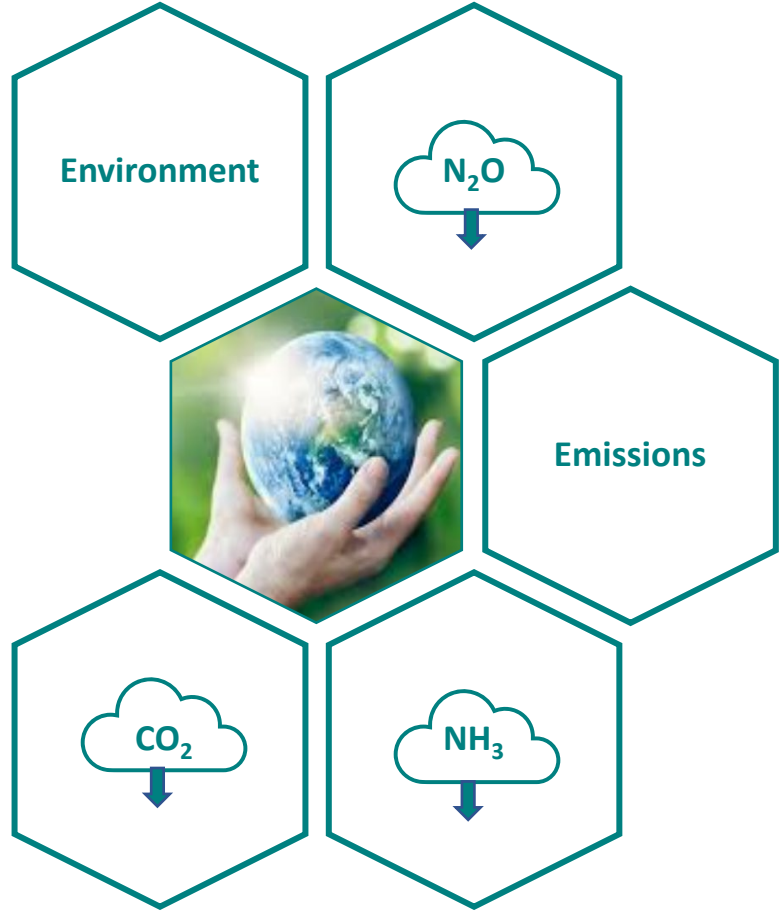
>1mt
Produced

>2mt
Distributed



Enhanced Efficiency Fertilisers Nitrogen Inhibitors

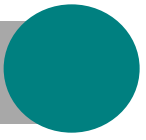
Minimise nutrient losses and GHG emissions – maximise yield



- ✓ Nitrification Inhibitor
- ✓ Reduces N₂O emissions –by up to 90%
- ✓ Slows conversion of ammonium to nitrate
- ✓ Increased Yield
- ✓ Reduced fertiliser rate for same yield



- ✓ Urease Inhibitor
- ✓ Reduces NH₃ emissions
- ✓ Slows conversion of urease to ammonium
- ✓ Increased Yield
- ✓ Reduced fertiliser rate for same yield



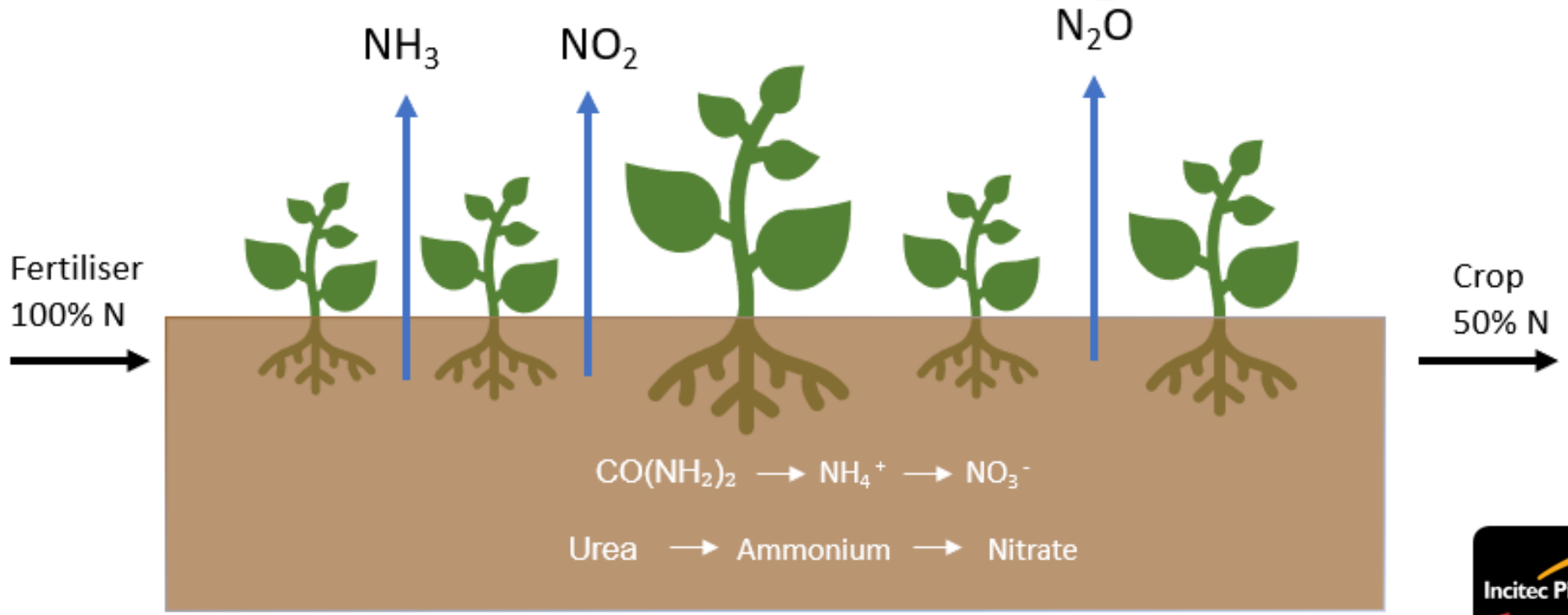
Nitrogen Cycle & loss pathways

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Air Pollution & Lost Nitrogen

- N₂O is a GHG, with GWP of ~273 times more than CO₂.
- N₂O is cause of Ozone layer depletion
- Accounts for 5-7 % of GHG emissions in Australia
- 80 % of IT from agricultural practices.



Nitrogen Cycle



Mitigation of nitrous oxide emissions from furrow-irrigated Vertosols by 3,4-dimethyl pyrazole tetra-methylene sulfone, an alternative nitrification inhibitor to nitrapyrin for direct injection with anhydrous ammonia

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Table 1. Measured plant properties from pre-desiccation sampling at the two experimental sites

T1, AA; T2, AA + DMPS; T3, AA + nitrapyrin; significant N treatment differences ($P < 0.05$) are indicated by different letters following treatment means

Measure	Emerald			Gunnedah		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Population (plants/ha)	52 200a	77 800b	63 300a	132 500	135 200	131 100
Boll number (bolls/plant)	26b	17a	20a	9	9	9
Dry matter* (kg/ha)	8847	9127	8690	7170	6950	7162
Lint yield (kg/ha)	3401	3631	3072	2470	2472	2180
Seed yield (kg/ha)	2757	2815	2372	2328	2330	2077
Dry matter* N (kg N/ha)	136	144	146	124	122	128
Lint N (kg N/ha)	9.2a	11.7b	9.0a	4.7	5.2	4.7
Seed N (kg N/ha)	122	123	105	104	102	94

*All aboveground plant material excluding lint and seed.

T1 = Anhydrous ammonia (AA), T2 = AA + eNpower &
T3 = AA + Nitrapyrin (alternative technology)



Equivalent yields



86% at Gunnedah and 77% at Emerald
Reduction emissions are superior performance
to alternative (Nitrapyrin) inhibitor

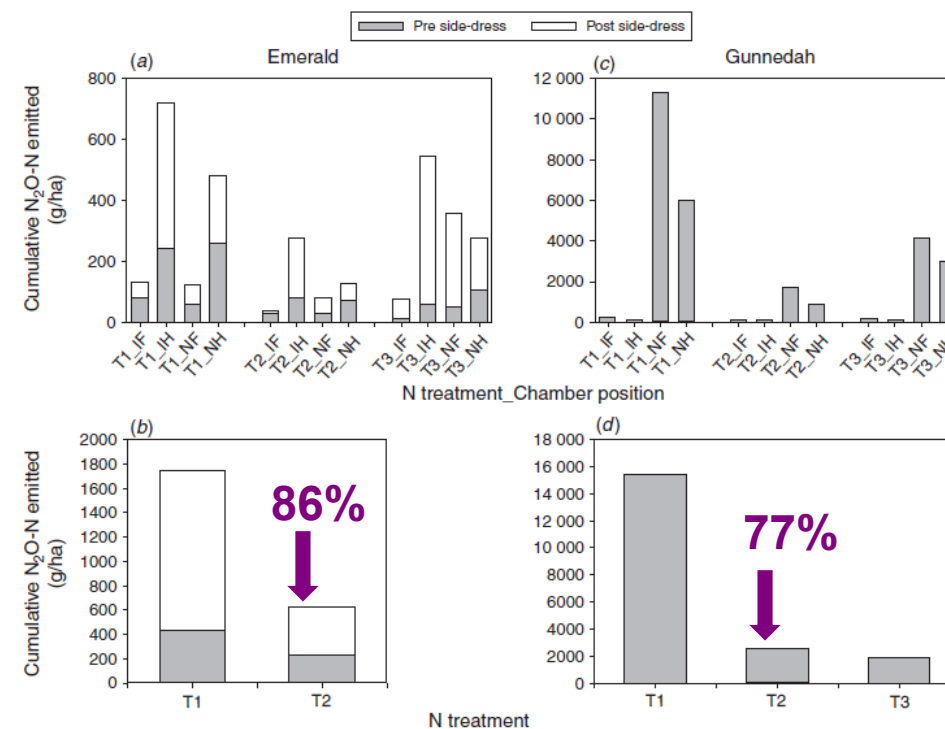


Fig. 3. Cumulative N_2O flux measured with manual chambers at (a) Emerald, and (c) Gunnedah, and semi-auto chambers at (b) Emerald and (d) Gunnedah. Data are back-transformed means from each chamber position within each N treatment. Significant treatment differences are described in the text. T1, AA; T2, AA + DMPS; T3, AA + nitrapyrin; IF, irrigated furrow; NF, non-irrigated furrow; IH, irrigated side of the plant bed; NH, non-irrigated side of the plant bed.

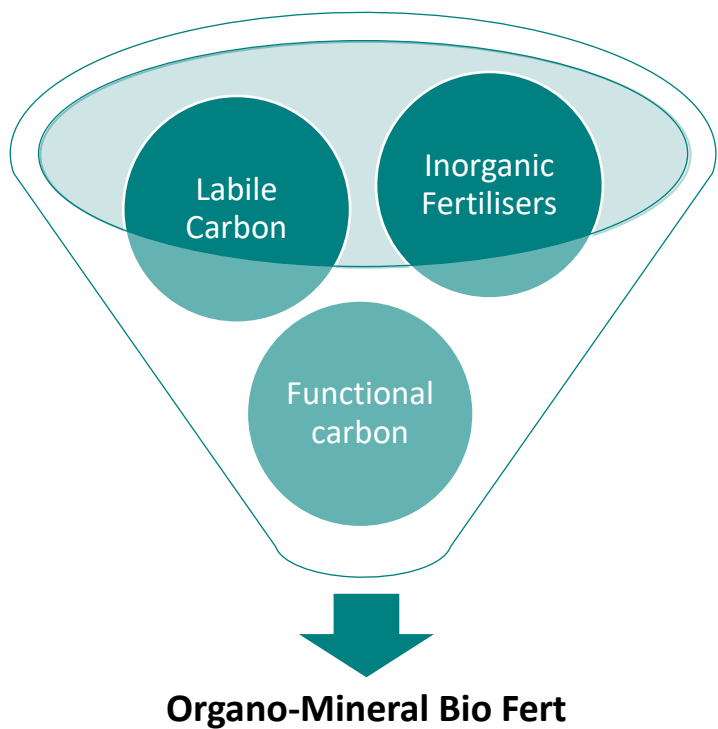


Bio fert

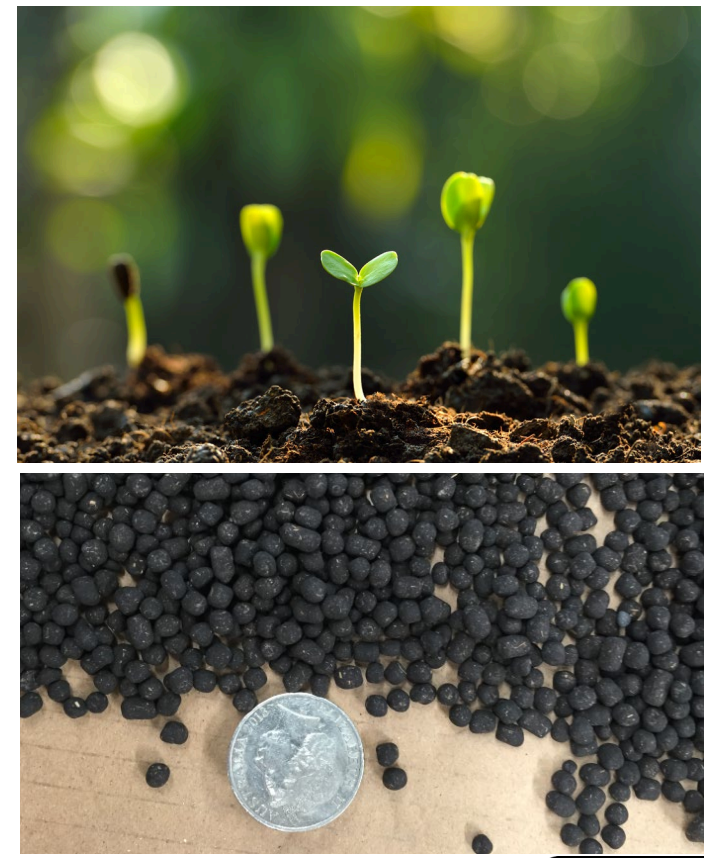


Recycling nutrients from waste streams into fertilisers

Australia Bio Fert is made from heat-treated, sterilised organic material mixed with balanced mineral nutrients and functional carbon. The mixture is granulated into high quality and easy to apply granules.



- A2** Organic horticulture and pasture
C19 N2 P4 K9 S4
- B5** Horticulture and Dairy
C14 N29 P9 K10 S1
- B7** Horticulture
C14 N10 P4 K10 S5
- C1** All
C32 N4 P2 K2 S1
- D1** All
C13 N29 P1 K1 S1
- D5** All
C13 N20 P1 K1 S1 NI
- E1** Grains
C11 N8 P14 K1 S6 Zn 0.6





The trials continue to validate the farmer value



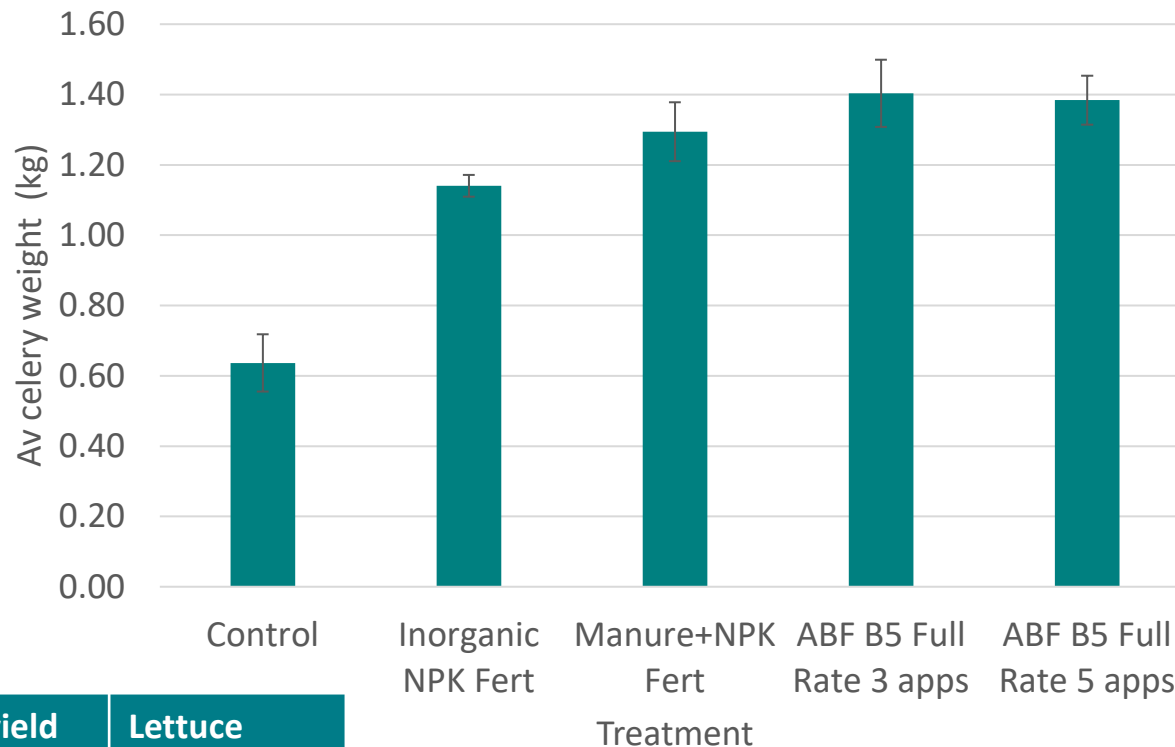
ABF B7 2.61kg

Control 1.74kg



Control 1.37kg ABF B7 1.59kg

Latrobe Uni commercial celery trial



Treatment	Broccoli yield (t/ha)	Lettuce yield (t/ha)
Nil Fertiliser	8.33	48.0
Farmer Practice	15.98	51.3
ABF B7	18.87	
ABF B5		56.5



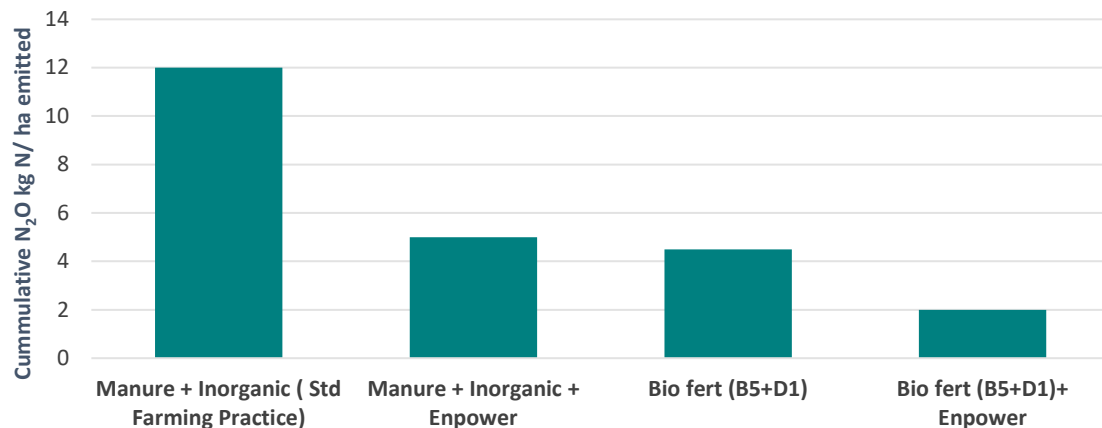
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Combining inhibitors with Bio fert technology



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N₂O Emissions over 6 months, growing Celery at Baxter Victoria



CO₂ Emissions over 6 months, growing Celery at Baxter Victoria

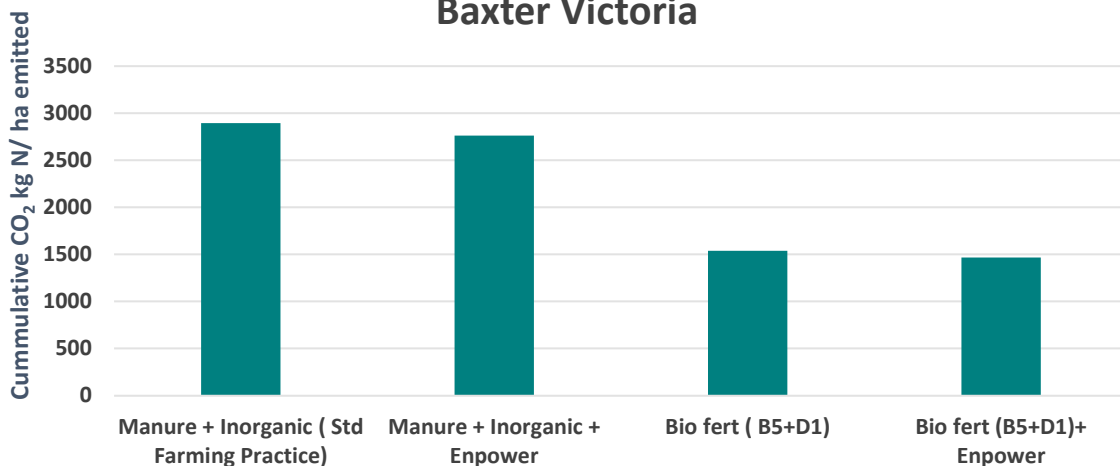


Table 3. Effect of Base (Pre-plant/planting) fertilizer application on celery yield and biomass at harvest

Base Fertilizer	Yield (g/bunch)	Biomass (FW) (g/plant)	Biomass (DW) (g/plant)
Nil	968 a	1341 a	75.7 a
B5 (45 kg N/ha)	1051 ab	1759 b	87.2 b
B7 (50 kg/N ha)	1166 bc	1922 b	98.3 c
Manure+PB	1238 c	1886 b	97.7 c
LSD (P=0.05)	150.6	216.4	10.29

Table 4. Effect of side-dress fertilizers on celery yield and biomass at harvest.

Side-Dress	Yield (g/bunch)	Biomass (FW) (g/plant)	Biomass (DW) (g/plant)
Nil	694 a	992 a	67.5 a
5x D5 (50 kg N/ha)	1308 b	2036 b	96.3 b
5x D1 (50 kg N/ha)	1315 b	2153 b	105.4 c
5x SDB (50 kg N/ha)*	1350	2343	93.7
LSD (P=0.05)	130.4	187.4	8.92

*Not in factorial analysis, included for comparison purposes only



Reduced GHG emissions, both nitrous oxide and carbon dioxide when Bio ferts and inhibitors are combined

Similar yield compared to standard farming practice



Future Fertilisers

Several key projects identified to deliver future sustainable fertilisers

