

Glossary

AN	Ammonium nitrate.
AS	Ammonium sulphate.
Blended fertilisers	A physical mixture of nutrients in the desired proportions but with each granule containing only one of the constituent nutrients.
CAN	Calcium ammonium nitrate.
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy.
CO₂	Carbon dioxide.
Compound fertilisers	A chemical combination of two or all three of the main nutrients (N , P and K) in which the correct proportion of each nutrient is contained in every granule.
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry.
EC	European Community.
EFMA	The European Fertiliser Manufacturers' Association.
Fertiliser year	In the United Kingdom this runs from 1 July to 30 June and is the basis on which the market trends and statistics are compiled. (Prior to 1989, the fertiliser year ran from 1 June to 31 May.)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.
Fertecon Ltd	A United Kingdom-based research consultancy.
FMA	Fertiliser Manufacturers Association.
IFA	The International Fertiliser Association.
IBRD	The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (or 'World Bank')
K	Potassium or potash.
kt	Thousands of tonnes.
ktpa	Thousands of tonnes per annum.
ktN	Thousands of tonnes of nitrogen equivalent.
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
N	Nitrogen.
NFU	National Farmers Union.
Nitrex	An association of major fertiliser manufacturers based in Switzerland.
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

P	Phosphorus or phosphate.
Straight	A fertiliser containing only one nutrient, usually nitrogen, eg 'straight nitrogen fertiliser'.
t	Tonne (ie 1,000 kg).
TSP	Triple super phosphate; a source of P .
20:10:10	Designation of the percentages of the three nutrients (N , P and K) in a fertiliser (ie in this case 20 per cent N , 10 per cent P and 10 per cent K)