

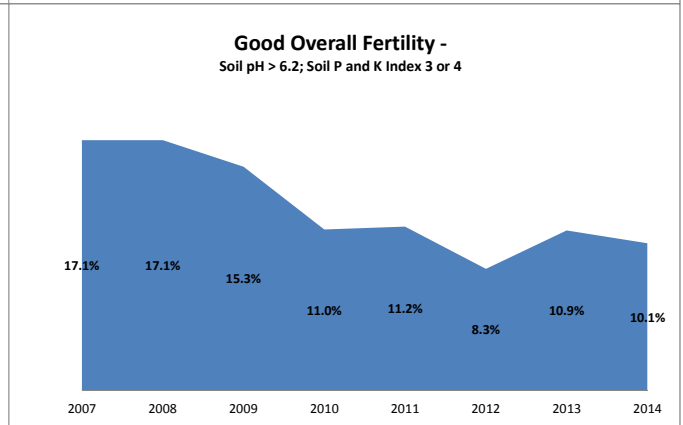
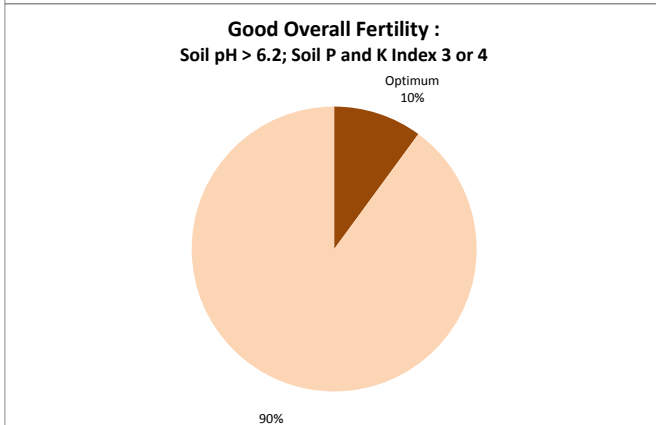
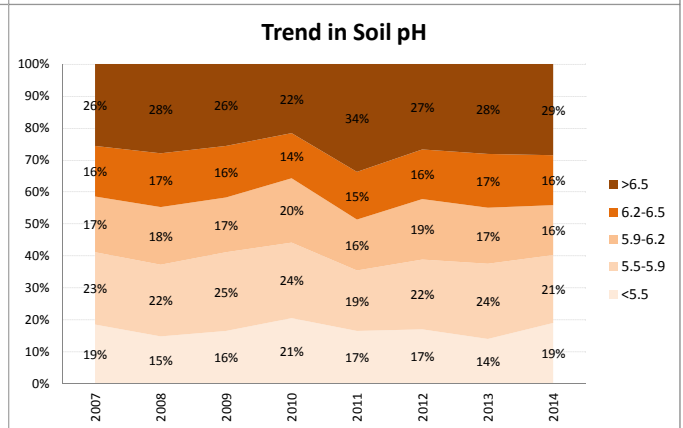
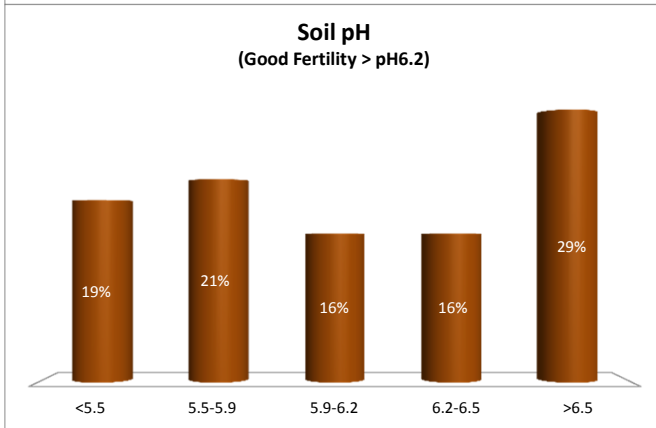
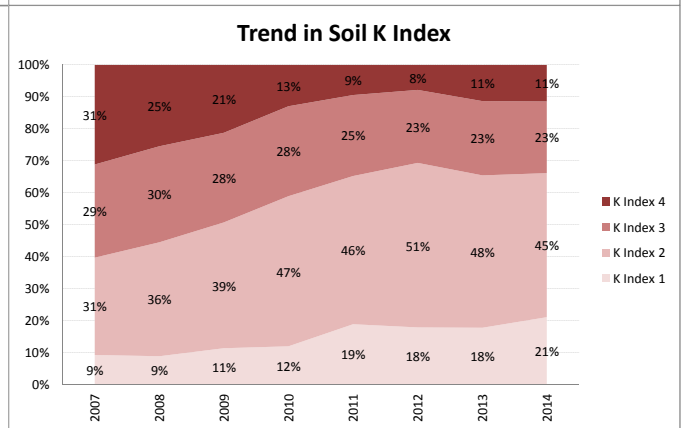
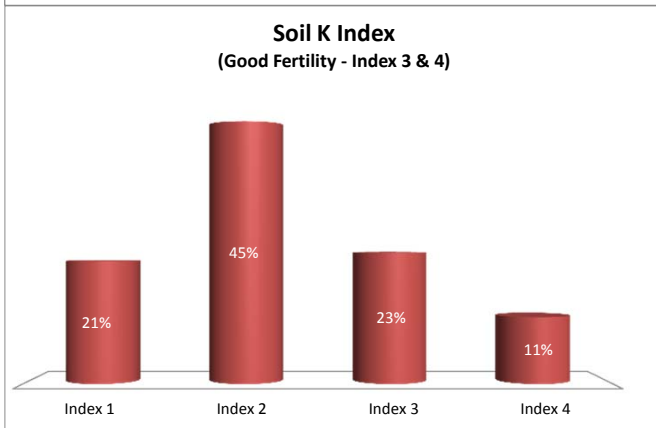
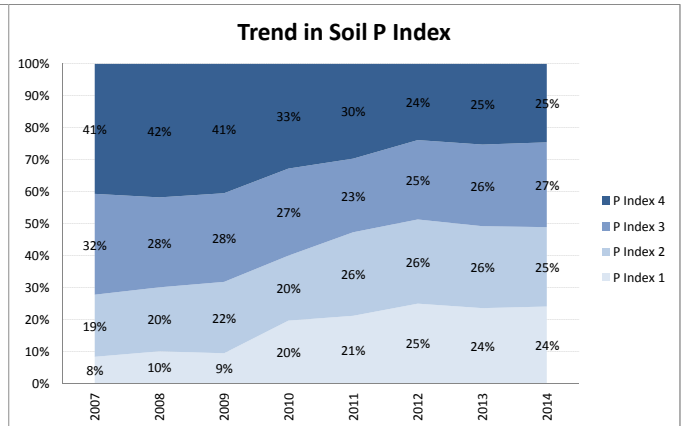
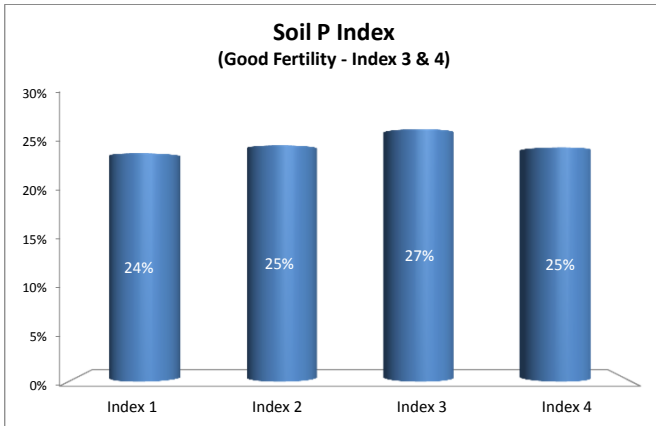
Galway Highlights

Overall

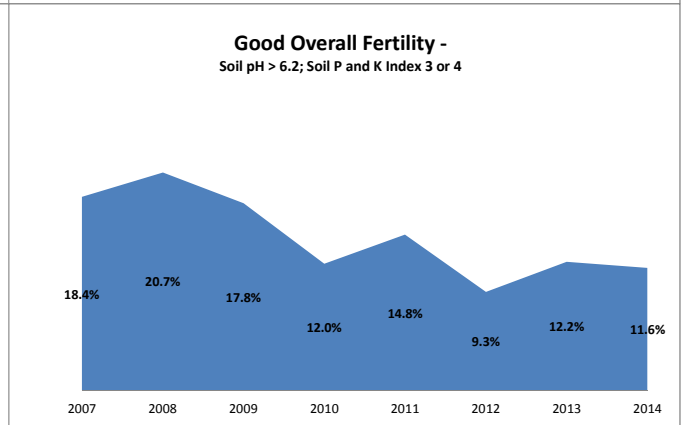
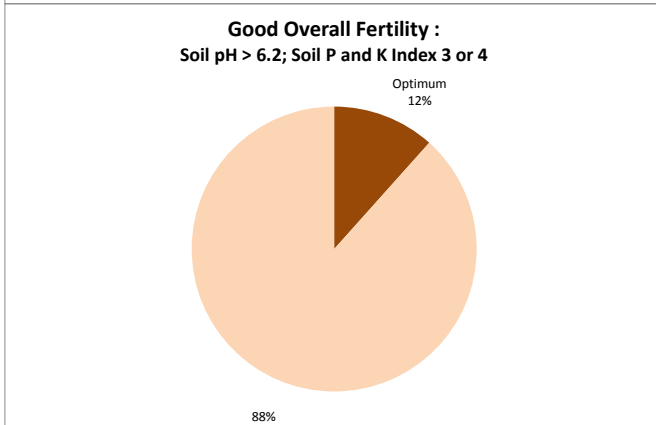
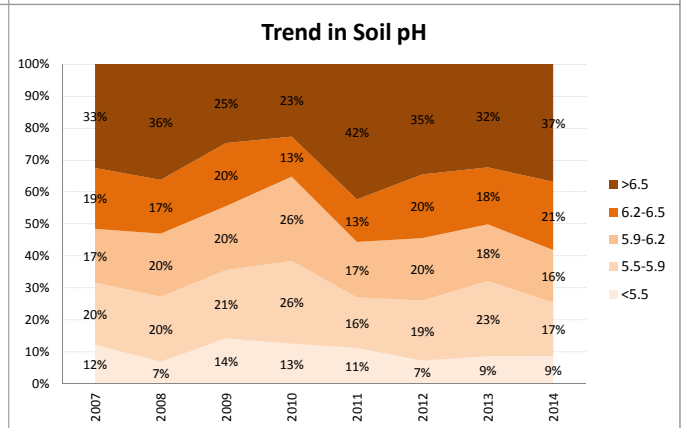
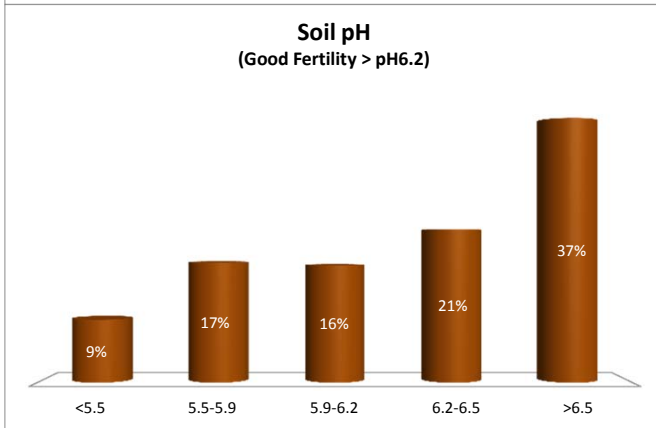
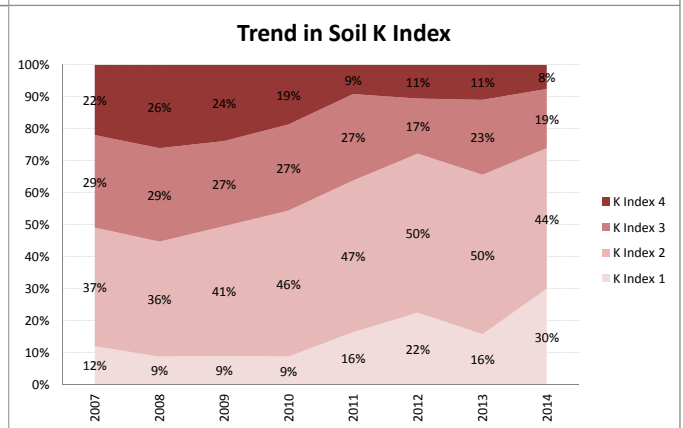
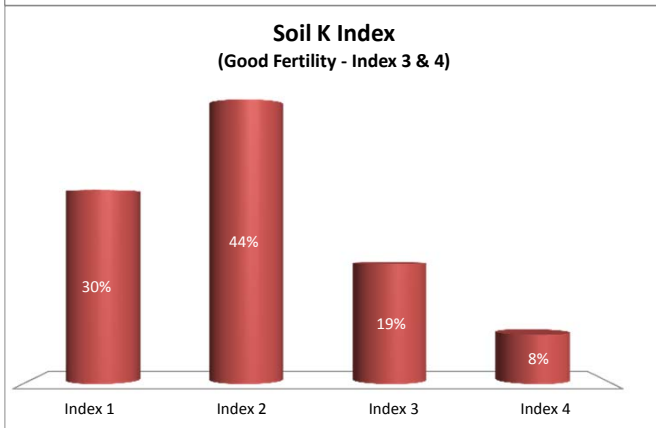
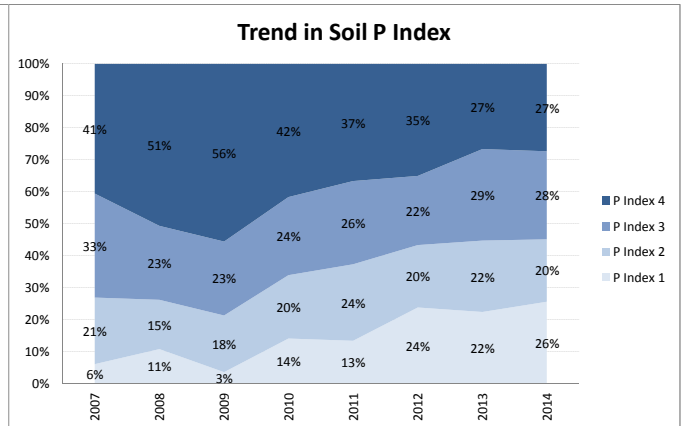
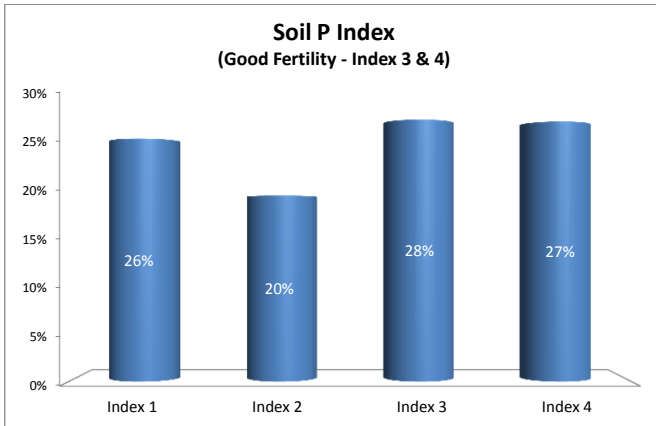
- **10% of soils tested achieved good overall fertility in 2014.**
- 45% of soils have a pH of greater than 6.2 (National 35%)
- Soil P and K have fallen steadily between 2007 and 2012 but have stabilised in 2013 and 2014
- 49% of samples were below optimum Soil P (Index 1 or 2).
- 24% of soils are at Very Low P levels (Index 1) in (16% in 2008).
- 66% of soils are at K index 1 or 2. 21% of samples are at index 1. The national figures are 50% and 11% respectively.

Enterprise

- 12% of dairy samples achieved good overall status
- 46% of dairy samples are either low or very low for P. In particular there has been a very steep increase in the % of Index 1 soils going from 7% in the 2007-2009 period to 26% in 2014. Declines are continuing albeit at a slow pace.
- **73% of dairy samples are either low or very low for K**
- 9% of drystock samples reach Good Overall Fertility
- 49% of drystock samples are either low or very low for P, which is similar to dairy.
- 64% of drystock are at index 1 or 2 for K
- Soil pH is lower for drystock samples with 40% exceeding pH 6.2 as opposed to 58% of dairy samples.
- Declines in soil P & K between 2008 and 2012 have stabilised on drystock farms



County	Galway
Year	2014
Enterprise	Dairy
Number of Samples	501





Soil Analysis Status and Trends

County	Galway
Year	2014
Enterprise	Drystock
Number of Samples	1,843

