## **Urea Phosphate**

## What is urea phosphate fertilizer?

This is a kind of water soluble crystal structured fertilizer  $(H_3PO_4CO(NH_2)_2)$  used for phosphorus deficiency in plants. It contains 17,5 % urea  $(NH_2)$  and 44% phosphorus  $(H_3PO_4)$ . As it is soluble in water it can easily be applied by a sprinkler. Physical and chemical properties of urea phosphate fertilizer are given below.

Urea Nitrogen (N-NH<sub>2</sub>) 17,5%

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Soluble phosphate (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) 44%
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Moisture at 25 centigrade < 0,2% pH 1,6 – 2,4
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Insoluble content < 0,1%
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Appearance: white crystals.

Urea phosphate may not be used together with calcium nitrate or magnesium sulfate fertilizers.

What are the advantages of urea phosphate fertilizer?

Urea phosphate fertilizer has advantages when compared with phosphorus containing fertilizers such as MAP or MKP because it contains urea nitrogen and phosphorus in the form of phosphate. pH of urea phosphate fertilizer is around 2,0; therefore it is an acidic fertilizer. This acidity both facilitates abruption of other nutrients by the plants and also has positive effects on the pH value of water used for watering.

It prevents blockages in watering pipes and nozzles and thereby helps cleaning of the watering system. Urea phosphate dissolves bicarbonate in water and helps to maintain cleanness of watering system. You do not need to use extra acidic formulations with urea phosphate.

	Features	Advantages	Benefits
	Dry crystal acidic form	Easy to handle	Safe to use
			Ensures a long lifetime for watering system
	Has strong acidic characteristics	Prevents blockages	Ensures homogenous distribution for fertilizers in watering system
			Extra buffering substance not needed
		Reduced pH values of soil and water	
PHOSPHATE		used for watering	Provides high productivity and quality
		Reduces sodium and lime in soil	Reduces saltiness risks of plants due to its low salt content
		Increases feasibility of elements	Increases absorption of nutrients by plants
	It is very soluble	Needs low volumes of water	Used efficiently
	It dissolves fast	Needs less time	Used efficiently

## **Application method:**

Urea phosphate may be given via soil or sprinkler systems. The below listed recommendation are given according to types of plantations when sprinkler systems shall be used:

PLANTATION	Via soil/sprinkler
	Shoots – Budding: 300 grams/1/10 hectare/days
FLOWERS	Budding – Initial harvest: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Harvest: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days

CITRUS	Flowering - Fruiting: 500 grams/1/10 hectare/days Fruiting - Color change: 800 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Color change - Harvest: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days
FRUIT TREES VINEYARDS	Flowering - Fruiting: 600 grams/1/10 hectare/days Fruiting - Color change: 400 grams/1/10 hectare/days
OLIVE	Color change - Harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Shoots: 300 grams/1/10 hectare/days
ΤΟΜΑΤΟ	Flowering - Fruiting: 400 grams/1/10 hectare/days
(GREENHOUSE)	Harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Fide - Fruiting: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days
ΤΟΜΑΤΟ	Fruiting - Initial harvest: 300 grams/1/10 hectare/days
(FIELD)	Initial harvest - End of Harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Shoots: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days
PEPPER-EGGPLANT (GREENHOUSE) MELON-WATERMELON	Flowering - Fruiting: 300 grams/1/10 hectare/days
(GREENHOUSE) PEPPER-EGGPLANT	Fruiting - Harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
(FIELD)) MELON-WATERMELON	Fide - Fruiting: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
(FIELD)	Fruiting - Initial harvest: 400 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	End of harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	March - April : 2 kg/1/10 hectare/months
	May – End of July: 3 kg/1/10 hectare/months
BANANAS	August-End of October: 1 kg/1/10 hectare/months
	November-December: 2 kg/1/10 hectare/months
	Monthly fertilizer/monthly water = Daily fertilizer amount
	Fide - 30. day: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days
CUCUMBER (GREENHOUSE)	31. day - 90. day: 300 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	91. day - End of Harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days

CUCUMBER (GHERKIN)	Shoots: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Harvest: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/days
	Shoots: 200 grams/1/10 hectare/weeks
STRAWBERRY	4 8. weeks : 400 grams/1/10 hectare/weeks
LAWNS	9. week – end of harvest: 100 grams/1/10 hectare/weeks In April-June-September 0,5 kg of fertilizer should be given to 100 m <sup>3</sup> and watered
	1-2 years: 100 grams/shoot
FRUIT SHOOTS	3-4 years: 200 grams/shoot
	Should be given before budding
FLOWERS IN POTS	400 grams of urea phosphate should be given to 1 m <sup>2</sup>