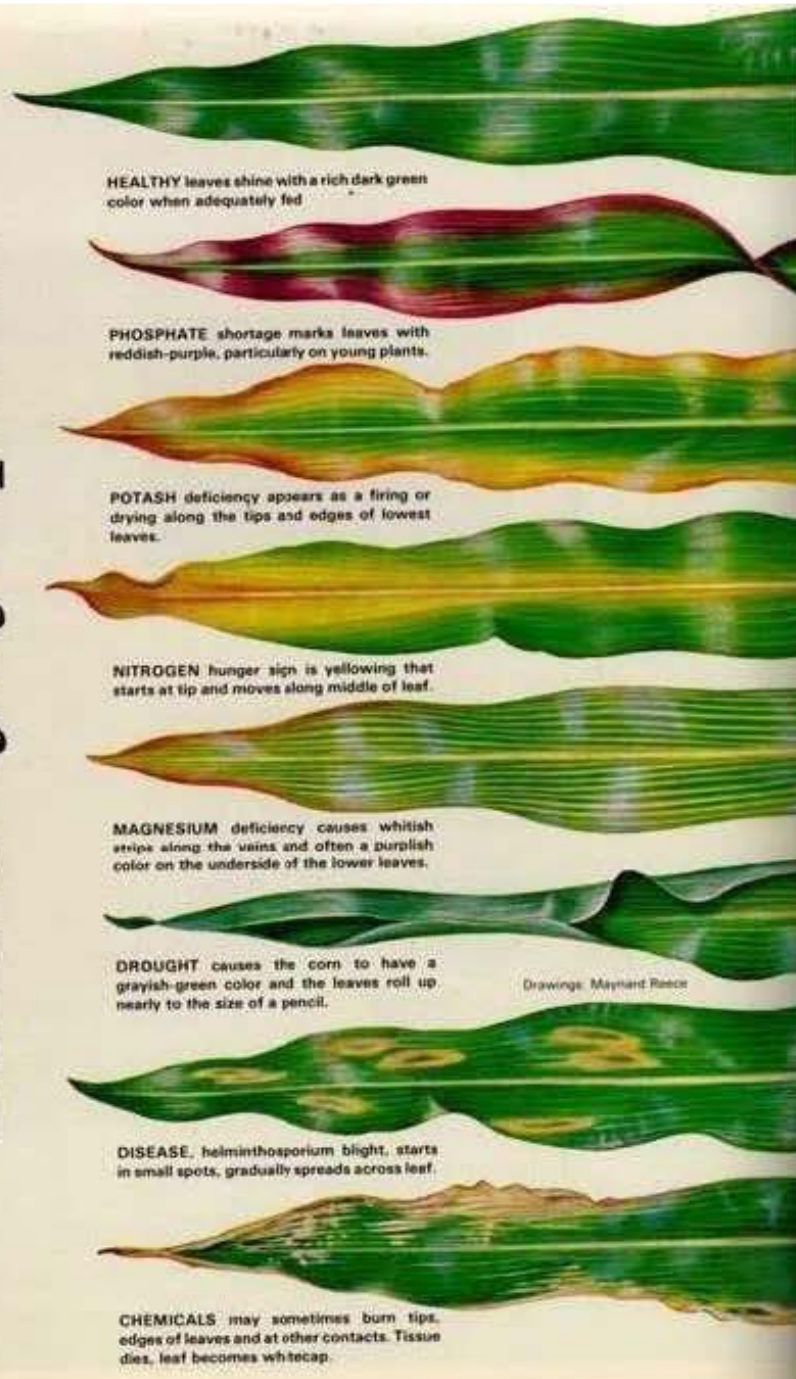


Guide to Nutrient Deficiency Symptoms



Healthy: Leaves shine with a rich dark green color when adequately fed.

Phosphate: Shortage marks leaves with reddish-purple, particularly on young plants.

Potash: deficiency appears as a firing or drying along the tips and edges of lowest leaves.

Nitrogen: hunger sign is yellowing that starts at the tip and moves along middle of leaf.

Magnesium: deficiency causes whitish strips along the veins and often a purplish color on the undersides of the lower leaves.

Drought: causes the corn to have a grayish-green color and the leaves roll up nearly to the size of a pencil.

Disease: helminthosporium blight, starts in small spots, gradually spreads across leaf.

Chemicals: may sometimes burn tips, edges of leaves and at other contacts. Tissue dies, becomes whitecap.



140 F

Soil bacteria die

130 F

100% moisture is lost through evaporation and transpiration

113 F

Some bacteria species start dying

100 F

**15% moisture is used for growth
85% moisture lost through evaporation and transpiration**

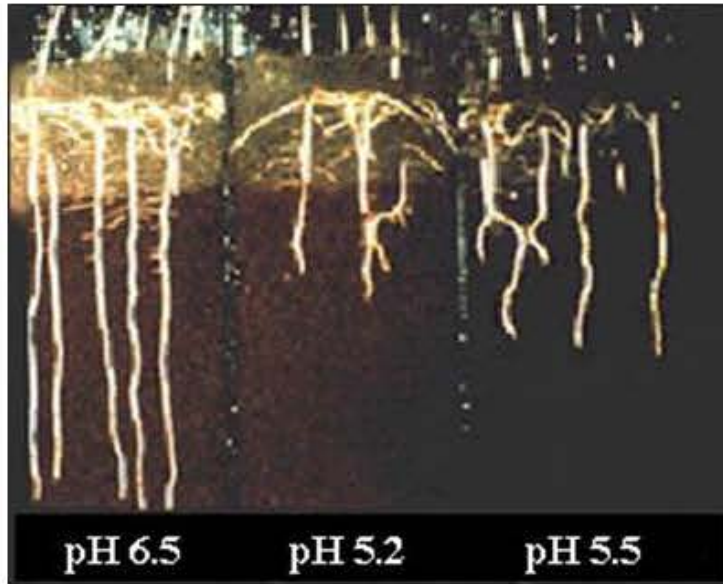
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70 F

100% moisture is used for growth

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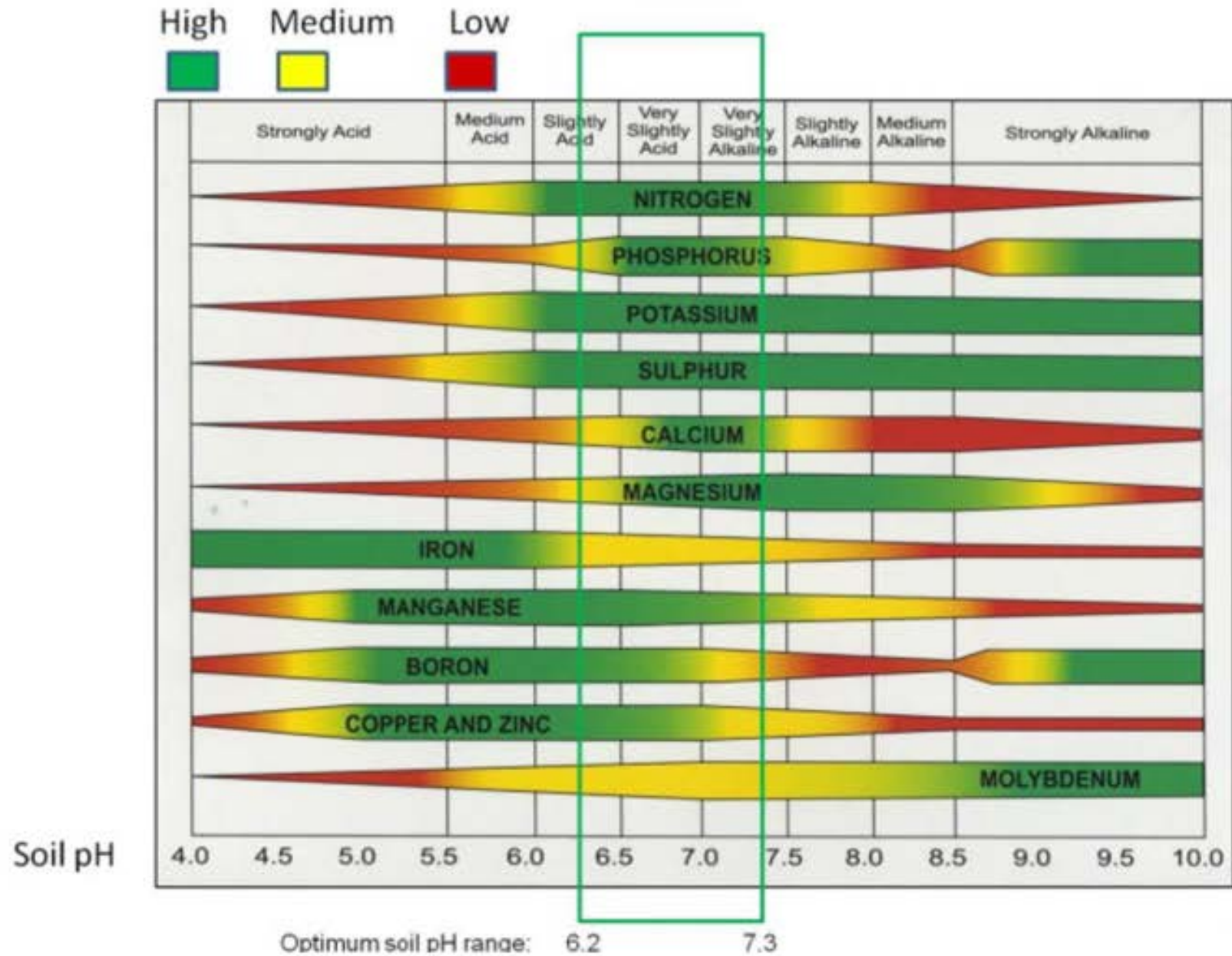
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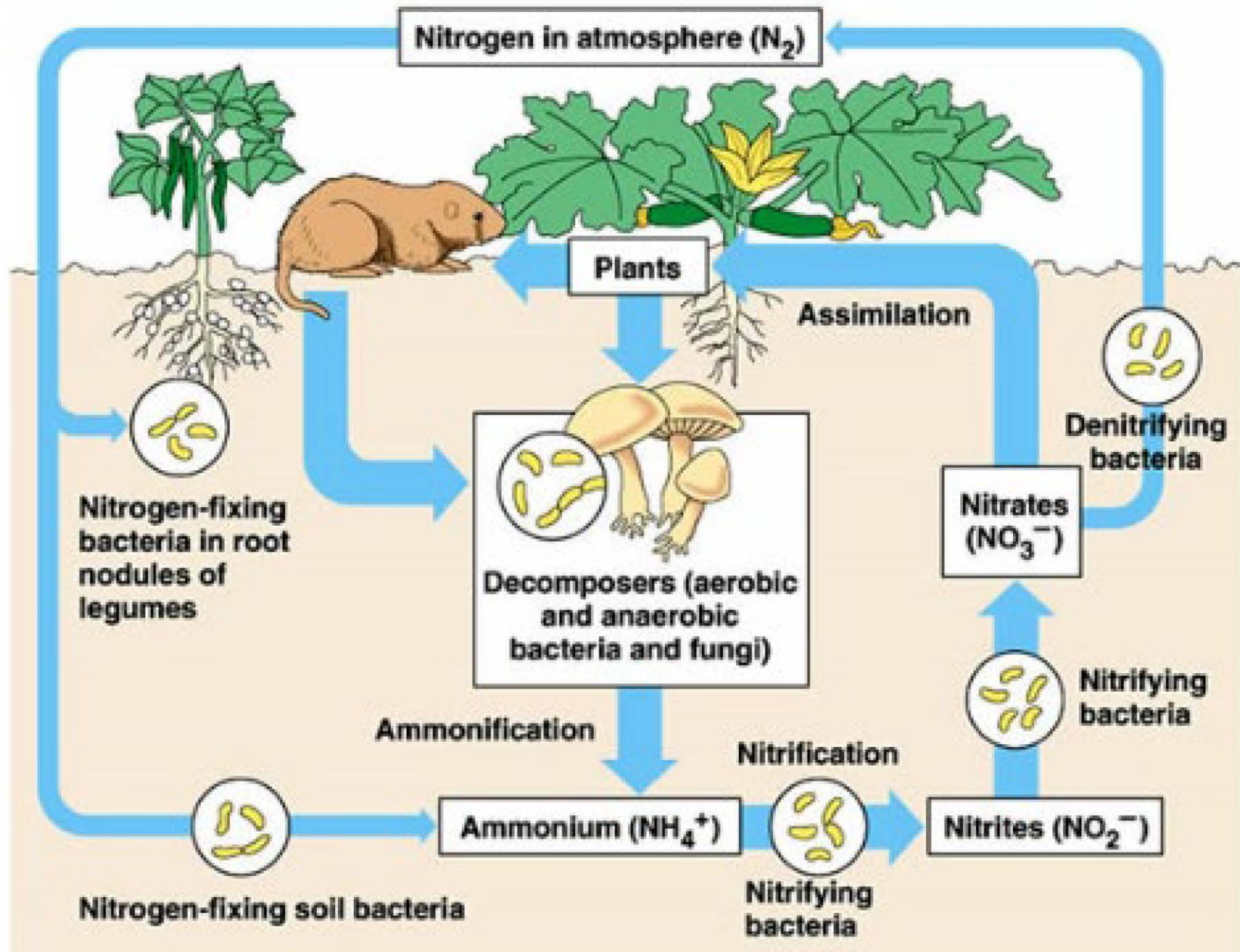


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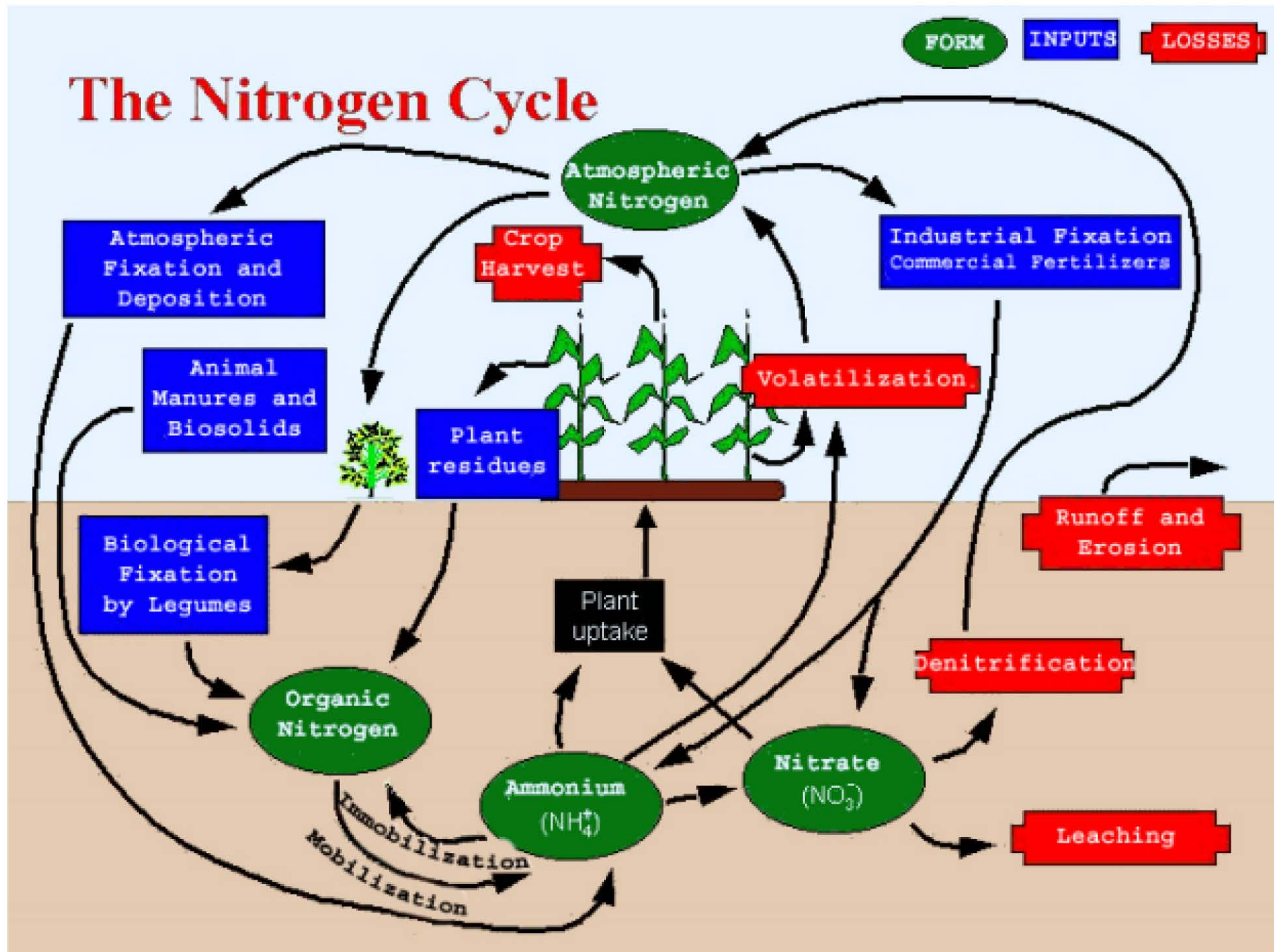


How soil pH affects availability of plant nutrients





The Nitrogen Cycle



Plants and grass need nutrients:

N-Nitrogen

Good for:

- Growth
- Color
- Density
- Chlorophyll formation

Deficiency symptoms:

- Pale color, yellowing
- Stunted growth

P-Phosphorus

Good for:

- Growth of new roots & shoots
- Seedling root growth
- Seedling plant vigor

Deficiency symptoms:

- Rarely seen
- Yellowing or purple cast to leaves

KPotassium

Good for:

- Overall plant health
- Stress resistance
- Cold hardiness
- Disease resistance

Deficiency symptoms:

- Rarely visible
- Pale color or no symptoms

Fe-Iron

Good for:

- Chlorophyll formation

Deficiency symptoms:

- Yellowing

Simple PLANT DEFICIENCY Guide

Calcium

New leaves misshapen or stunted.
Existing leaves remain green.

NEW GROWTH

Iron

Young leaves are yellow and white
with green veins. Mature leaves are
normal.

OLD GROWTH

Nitrogen

Upper leaves are light green
where lower leaves are yellow.
Bottom or older leaves are yellow
and shrivelled.

Potassium

Yellowing at the tips and edges,
usually in younger leaves. Dead or
yellow patches develop on leaves.

Carbon Dioxide

White deposits on leaves.
Stunted growth, and plant die
back.

Manganese

Yellow spots and or elongated
holes between veins.

Phosphate

Leaves are darker than
normal and loss of leaves.

Magnesium

Lower leaves turn
yellow from outside
going in, veins remain
green.

Deficiency Chart of Micronutrients

Boron: Discoloration of leaf buds. Breaking and dropping of buds

Sulphur: Leaves light green. Veins pale green. No spots.

Manganese: Leaves pale in color. Veins and venules dark green and reticulated

Zinc: Leaves pale, narrow and short. Veins dark green. Dark spots on leaves and edges.

Magnesium: Paleness from leaf edges. No spots. Edges have cup shaped folds. Leaves die and drop in extreme deficiency.

Phosphorus: Plant short and dark green. In extreme deficiencies turn brown or black. Bronze colour under the leaf.

Calcium: Plant dark green. Tender leaves pale. Drying starts from the tips. Eventually leaf buds die.

Iron: Leaves pale. No spots. Major veins green.

Copper: Pale pink between the veins. Wilt and drop.

Molybdenum: Leaves light green/ lemon yellow/orange. Spots on whole leaf except veins. Sticky secretions from under the leaf.

Potassium: Small spots on the tips, edges of pale leaves. Spots turn rusty. Folds at tips.

Nitrogen: Stunted growth. Extremely pale color. Upright leaves with light green/yellowish. Appear burnt in extreme deficiency.



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THEY MAY VARY FROM PLANT TO PLANT**