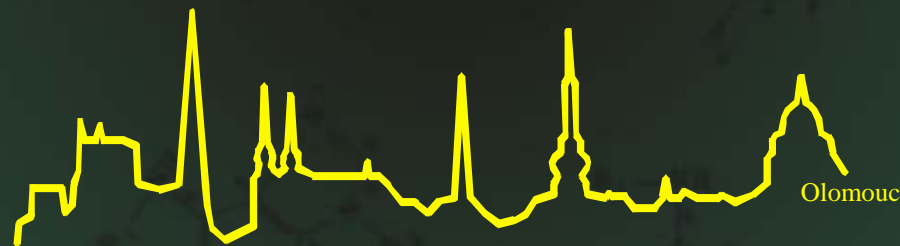


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Minerální výživa[kap 5]



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TABLE 5.1**Adequate tissue levels of elements that may be required by plants**

Element	Chemical symbol	Concentration in dry matter (% or ppm) ^a	Relative number of atoms with respect to molybdenum
Obtained from water or carbon dioxide			
Hydrogen	H	6	60,000,000
Carbon	C	45	40,000,000
Oxygen	O	45	30,000,000
Obtained from the soil			
Macronutrients			
Nitrogen	N	1.5	1,000,000
Potassium	K	1.0	250,000
Calcium	Ca	0.5	125,000
Magnesium	Mg	0.2	80,000
Phosphorus	P	0.2	60,000
Sulfur	S	0.1	30,000
Silicon	Si	0.1	30,000
Micronutrients			
Chlorine	Cl	100	3,000
Iron	Fe	100	2,000
Boron	B	20	2,000
Manganese	Mn	50	1,000
Sodium	Na	10	400
Zinc	Zn	20	300
Copper	Cu	6	100
Nickel	Ni	0.1	2
Molybdenum	Mo	0.1	1

Source: Epstein 1972, 1999.

^a The values for the nonmineral elements (H, C, O) and the macronutrients are percentages. The values for micronutrients are expressed in parts per million.

TABLE 5.2

Classification of plant mineral nutrients according to biochemical function

Mineral nutrient	Functions
Group 1	Nutrients that are part of carbon compounds
N	Constituent of amino acids, amides, proteins, nucleic acids, nucleotides, coenzymes, hexoamines, etc.
S	Component of cysteine, cystine, methionine, and proteins. Constituent of lipoic acid, coenzyme A, thiamine pyrophosphate, glutathione, biotin, adenosine-5'-phosphosulfate, and 3-phosphoadenosine.
Group 2	Nutrients that are important in energy storage or structural integrity
P	Component of sugar phosphates, nucleic acids, nucleotides, coenzymes, phospholipids, phytic acid, etc. Has a key role in reactions that involve ATP.
Si	Deposited as amorphous silica in cell walls. Contributes to cell wall mechanical properties, including rigidity and elasticity.
B	Complexes with mannitol, mannan, polymannuronic acid, and other constituents of cell walls. Involved in cell elongation and nucleic acid metabolism.
Group 3	Nutrients that remain in ionic form
K	Required as a cofactor for more than 40 enzymes. Principal cation in establishing cell turgor and maintaining cell electroneutrality.
Ca	Constituent of the middle lamella of cell walls. Required as a cofactor by some enzymes involved in the hydrolysis of ATP and phospholipids. Acts as a second messenger in metabolic regulation.
Mg	Required by many enzymes involved in phosphate transfer. Constituent of the chlorophyll molecule.
Cl	Required for the photosynthetic reactions involved in O ₂ evolution.
Mn	Required for activity of some dehydrogenases, decarboxylases, kinases, oxidases, and peroxidases. Involved with other cation-activated enzymes and photosynthetic O ₂ evolution.
Na	Involved with the regeneration of phosphoenolpyruvate in C ₄ and CAM plants. Substitutes for potassium in some functions.
Group 4	Nutrients that are involved in redox reactions
Fe	Constituent of cytochromes and nonheme iron proteins involved in photosynthesis, N ₂ fixation, and respiration.
Zn	Constituent of alcohol dehydrogenase, glutamic dehydrogenase, carbonic anhydrase, etc.
Cu	Component of ascorbic acid oxidase, tyrosinase, monoamine oxidase, uricase, cytochrome oxidase, phenolase, laccase, and plastocyanin.
Ni	Constituent of urease. In N ₂ -fixing bacteria, constituent of hydrogenases.
Mo	Constituent of nitrogenase, nitrate reductase, and xanthine dehydrogenase.

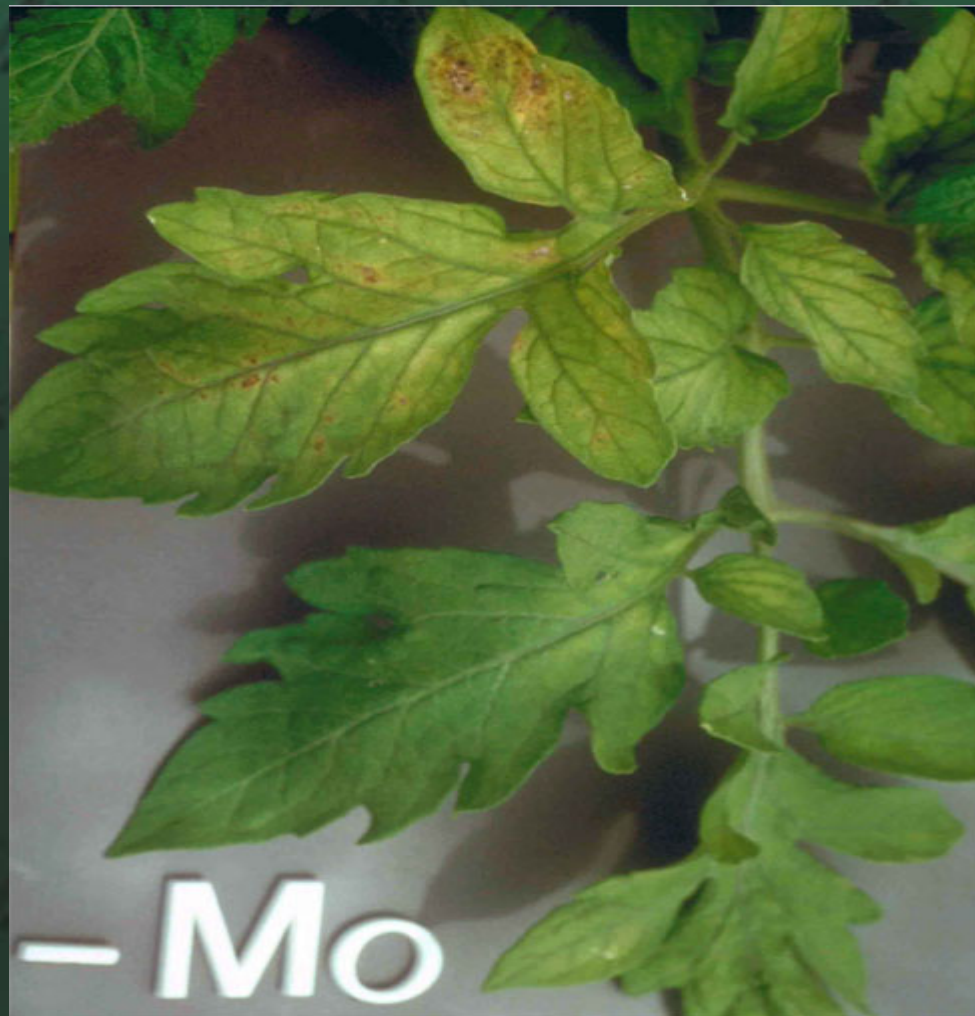
Source: After Evans and Sorger 1966 and Mengel and Kirkby 1987.



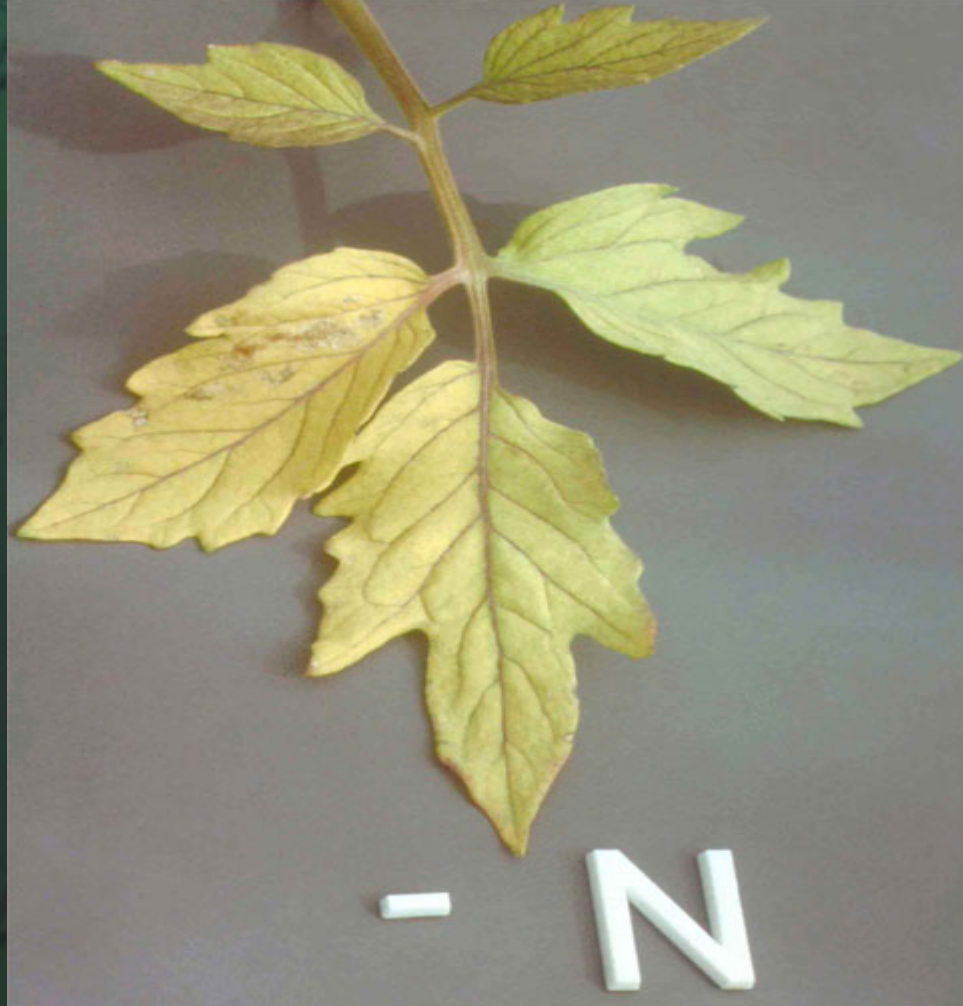
Magnesium. The Mg-deficient leaves (see Web Figure 5.1.A) show advanced interveinal chlorosis, with necrosis developing in the highly chlorotic tissue. In its advanced form, magnesium deficiency may superficially resemble potassium deficiency. In the case of magnesium deficiency the symptoms generally start with mottled chlorotic areas developing in the interveinal tissue. The interveinal laminae tissue tends to expand proportionately more than the other leaf tissues, producing a raised puckered surface, with the top of the puckers progressively going from chlorotic to necrotic tissue. In some plants such as the Brassica (The mustard family, which includes vegetables such as broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, rape, rutabaga and turnip.), tints of orange, yellow, and purple may also develop.



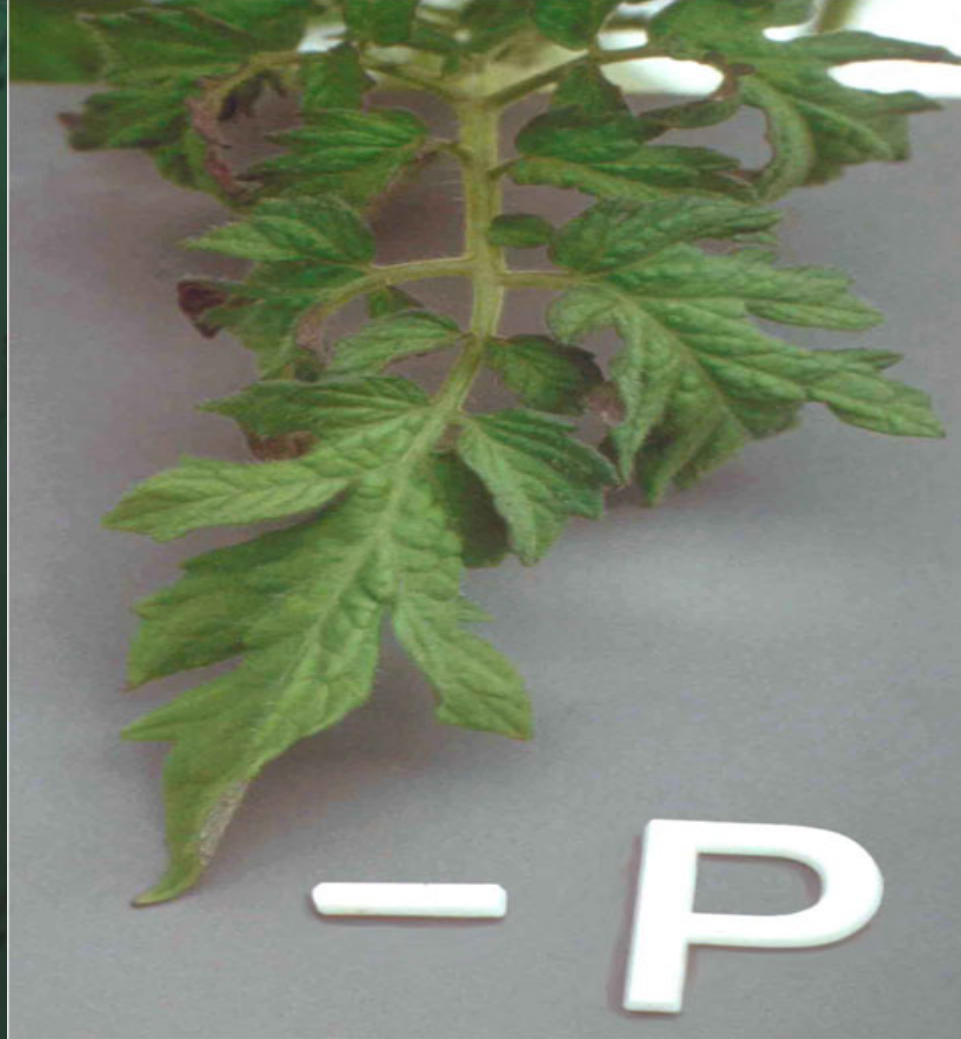
Manganese. These leaves show a light interveinal chlorosis developed under a limited supply of Mn. The early stages of the chlorosis induced by manganese deficiency are somewhat similar to iron deficiency. They begin with a light chlorosis of the young leaves and netted veins of the mature leaves especially when they are viewed through transmitted light. As the stress increases, the leaves take on a gray metallic sheen and develop dark freckled and necrotic areas along the veins. A purplish luster may also develop on the upper surface of the leaves. Grains such as oats, wheat, and barley are extremely susceptible to manganese deficiency. They develop a light chlorosis along with gray specks which elongate and coalesce, eventually the entire leaf withers and dies.



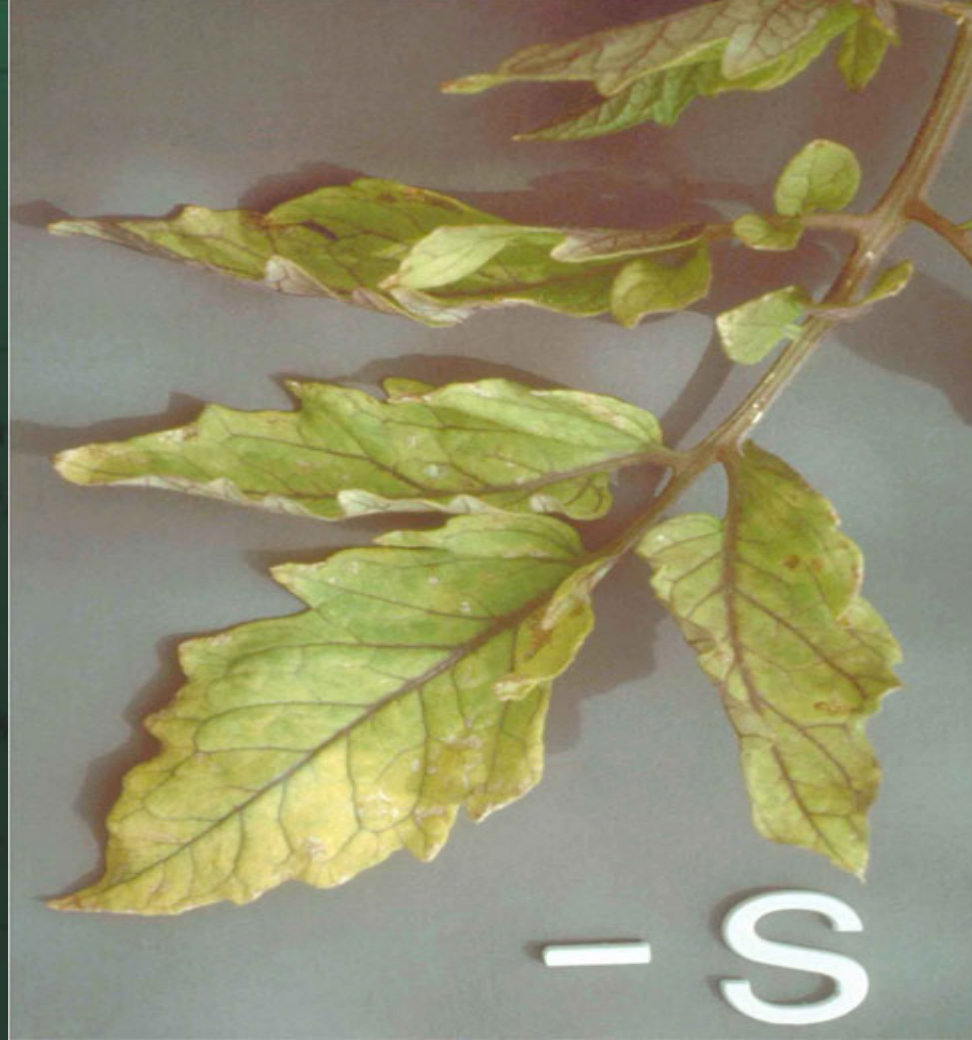
Molybdenum. These leaves show some mottled spotting along with some interveinal chlorosis. An early symptom for molybdenum deficiency is a general overall chlorosis, similar to the symptom for nitrogen deficiency but generally without the reddish coloration on the undersides of the leaves. This results from the requirement for molybdenum in the reduction of nitrate, which needs to be reduced prior to its assimilation by the plant (see Textbook chapter 12). Thus, the initial symptoms of molybdenum deficiency are in fact those of nitrogen deficiency. However, molybdenum has other metabolic functions within the plant, and hence there are deficiency symptoms even when reduced nitrogen is available. In the case of cauliflower, the lamina of the new leaves fail to develop, resulting in a characteristic whiptail appearance. In many plants there is an upward cupping of the leaves and mottled spots developing into large interveinal chlorotic areas under severe deficiency. At high concentrations,



Nitrogen. A light red cast can also be seen on the veins and petioles. Under nitrogen deficiency, the older mature leaves gradually change from their normal characteristic green appearance to a much paler green. As the deficiency progresses these older leaves become uniformly yellow (chlorotic). Leaves approach a yellowish white color under extreme deficiency. The young leaves at the top of the plant maintain a green but paler color and tend to become smaller in size. Branching is reduced in nitrogen deficient plants resulting in short, spindly plants. The yellowing in nitrogen deficiency is uniform over the entire leaf including the veins. However in some instances, an interveinal necrosis replaces the chlorosis commonly found in many plants. In some plants the underside of the leaves and/or the petioles and midribs develop traces of a reddish or purple color. In some plants this coloration can be quite bright. As the deficiency progresses, the older leaves also show more of a tendency to wilt under mild water stress and become senescent much earlier than usual. Recovery of deficient plants to applied nitrogen is immediate (days) and spectacular.



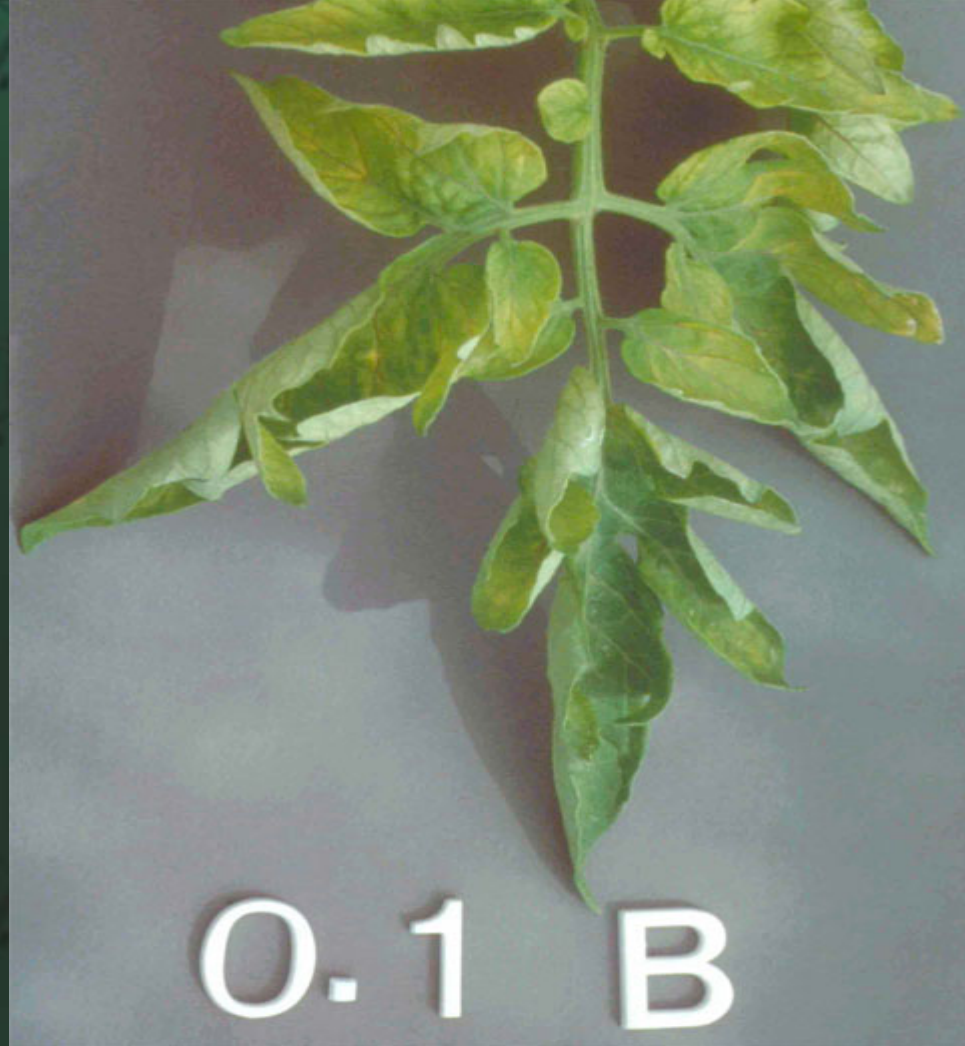
Phosphorus. As a rule, phosphorus deficiency symptoms are not very distinct and thus difficult to identify. A major visual symptom is that the plants are dwarfed or stunted. Phosphorus deficient plants develop very slowly in relation to other plants growing under similar environmental conditions but without phosphorus deficiency. Phosphorus deficient plants are often mistaken for unstressed but much younger plants. Some species such as tomato, lettuce, corn and the brassicas develop a distinct purpling of the stem, petiole and the under sides of the leaves. Under severe deficiency conditions there is also a tendency for leaves to develop a blue-glass luster. In older leaves under very severe deficiency conditions a brown netted veining of the leaves may develop.



Sulfur. This leaf shows a general overall chlorosis while still retaining some green color. The veins and petioles show a very distinct reddish color. The visual symptoms of sulfur deficiency are very similar to the chlorosis found in nitrogen deficiency. However, in sulfur deficiency the yellowing is much more uniform over the entire plant including young leaves. The reddish color often found on the underside of the leaves and the petioles has a more pinkish tone and is much less vivid than that found in nitrogen deficiency. With advanced sulfur deficiency brown lesions and/or necrotic spots often develop along the petiole, and the leaves tend to become more erect and often twisted and brittle.



Zinc. This leaf shows an advanced case of interveinal necrosis. In the early stages of zinc deficiency the younger leaves become yellow and pitting develops in the interveinal upper surfaces of the mature leaves. Guttation is also prevalent. As the deficiency progresses these symptoms develop into an intense interveinal necrosis but the main veins remain green, as in the symptoms of recovering iron deficiency. In many plants, especially trees, the leaves become very small and the internodes shorten, producing a rosette like appearance.



Boron. These boron-deficient leaves (see Figure 8) show a light general chlorosis. The tolerance of plants to boron varies greatly, to the extent that the boron concentrations necessary for the growth of plants having a high boron requirement may be toxic to plants sensitive to boron. Boron is poorly transported in the phloem of most plants, with the exception of those plants that utilize complex sugars, such as sorbitol, as transport metabolites. In a recent study, (see Brown et al., 1999) tobacco plants engineered to synthesize sorbitol were shown to have increased boron mobility, and to better tolerate boron deficiency in the soil.



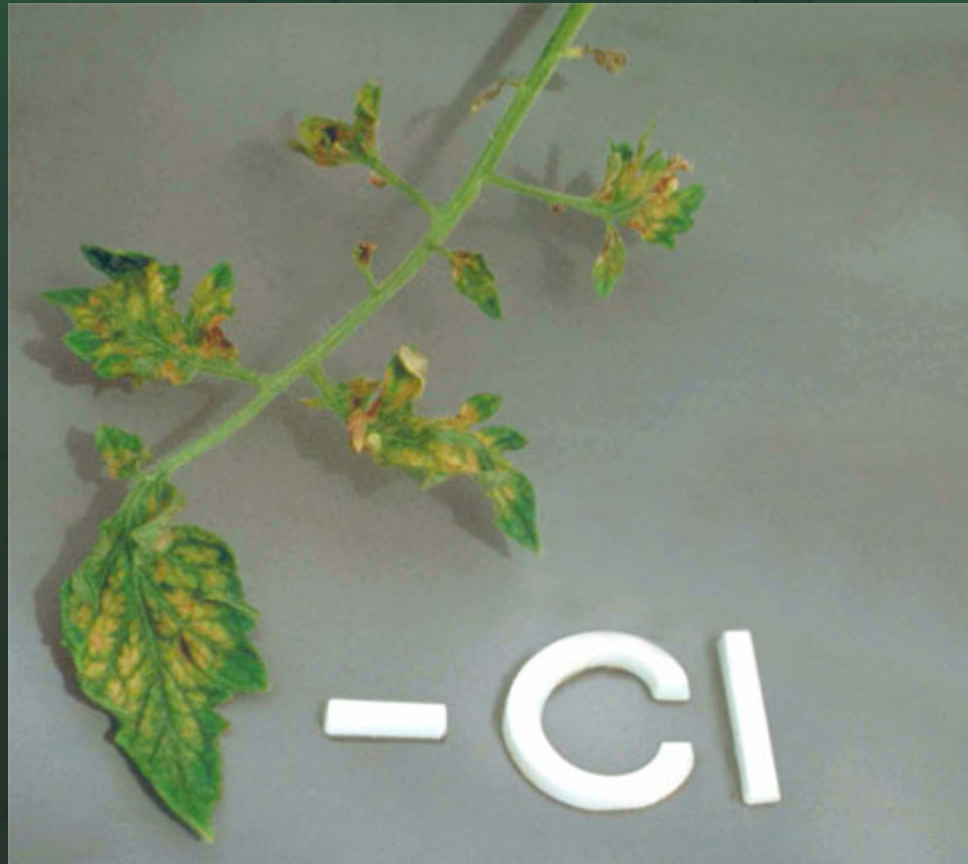
Calcium. These calcium-deficient leaves show necrosis around the base of the leaves. The very low mobility of calcium is a major factor determining the expression of calcium deficiency symptoms in plants. Classic symptoms of calcium deficiency include blossom-end rot of tomato (burning of the end part of tomato fruits), tip burn of lettuce, blackheart of celery and death of the growing regions in many plants. All these symptoms show soft dead necrotic tissue at rapidly growing areas, which is generally related to poor translocation of calcium to the tissue rather than a low external supply of calcium. Very slow growing plants with a deficient supply of calcium may re-translocate sufficient calcium from older leaves to maintain growth with only a marginal chlorosis of the leaves. This ultimately results in the margins of the leaves growing more slowly than the rest of the leaf, causing the leaf to cup downward. This symptom often progresses to the point where the petioles develop but the leaves do not, leaving only a dark bit of necrotic tissue at the top of each petiole. Plants under chronic calcium deficiency have a much greater tendency to wilt than non-stressed plants.



Iron. These iron-deficient leaves show strong chlorosis at the base of the leaves with some green netting. The most common symptom for iron deficiency starts out as an interveinal chlorosis of the youngest leaves, evolves into an overall chlorosis, and ends as a totally bleached leaf. The bleached areas often develop necrotic spots. Up until the time the leaves become almost completely white they will recover upon application of iron. In the recovery phase the veins are the first to recover as indicated by their bright green color. This distinct venial re-greening observed during iron recovery is probably the most recognizable symptom in all of classical plant nutrition. Because iron has a low mobility, iron deficiency symptoms appear first on the youngest leaves. Iron deficiency is strongly associated with calcareous soils and anaerobic conditions, and it is often induced by an excess of heavy metals.



Potassium. Some of these leaves show marginal necrosis (tip burn), others at a more advanced deficiency status show necrosis in the interveinal spaces between the main veins along with interveinal chlorosis. The onset of potassium deficiency is generally characterized by a marginal chlorosis progressing into a dry leathery tan scorch on recently matured leaves. This is followed by increasing interveinal scorching and/or necrosis progressing from the leaf edge to the midrib as the stress increases. As the deficiency progresses, most of the interveinal area becomes necrotic, the veins remain green and the leaves tend to curl and crinkle. In some plant such as legumes and potato, the initial symptom of deficiency is white speckling or freckling of the leaf blades. In contrast to nitrogen deficiency, chlorosis is irreversible in potassium deficiency, even if potassium is given to the plants. Because potassium is very mobile within the plant, symptoms only develop on young leaves in the case of extreme deficiency. Potassium deficiency can be greatly alleviated in the presence of sodium but the resulting sodium-rich plants are much more succulent than a high potassium plant. In some plants over 90% of the required potassium can be replaced with sodium without any reduction in growth.



Chloride. These leaves have abnormal shapes, with distinct interveinal chlorosis. Plants require relatively high chlorine concentration in their tissues. Chlorine is very abundant in soils, and reaches high concentrations in saline areas, but it can be deficient in highly leached inland areas. The most common symptoms of chlorine deficiency are chlorosis and wilting of the young leaves. The chlorosis occurs on smooth flat depressions in the interveinal area of the leaf blade. In more advanced cases there often appears a characteristic bronzing on the upper side of the mature leaves. Plants are generally tolerant of chloride, but some species such as avocados, stone fruits, and grapevines are sensitive to chloride and can show toxicity even at low chloride concentrations in the soil.



Copper. These copper-deficient leaves are curled, and their petioles bend downward. Copper deficiency may be expressed as a light overall chlorosis along with the permanent loss of turgor in the young leaves. Recently matured leaves show netted, green veining with areas bleaching to a whitish gray. Some leaves develop sunken necrotic spots and have a tendency to bend downward. Trees under chronic copper deficiency develop a rosette form of growth. Leaves are small and chlorotic with spotty necrosis.

Fig. [5.3]

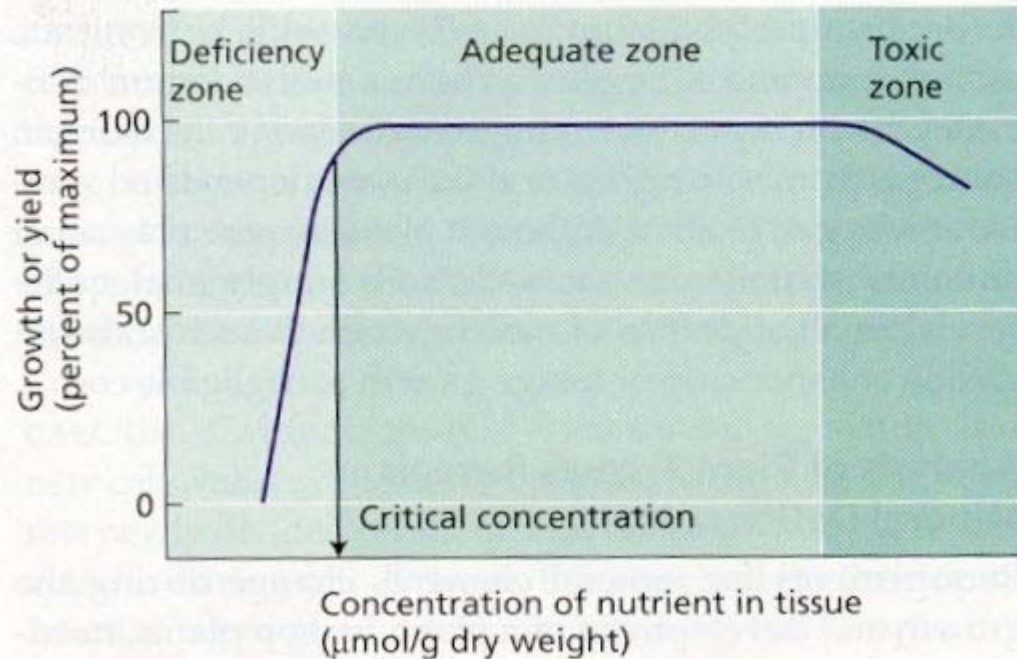


FIGURE 5.3 Relationship between yield (or growth) and the nutrient content of the plant tissue. The yield parameter may be expressed in terms of shoot dry weight or height. Three zones—deficiency, adequate, and toxic—are indicated on the graph. To yield data of this type, plants are grown under conditions in which the concentration of one essential nutrient is varied while all others are in adequate supply. The effect of varying the concentration of this nutrient during plant growth is reflected in the growth or yield. The critical concentration for that nutrient is the concentration below which yield or growth is reduced.

Fig. [5.8]

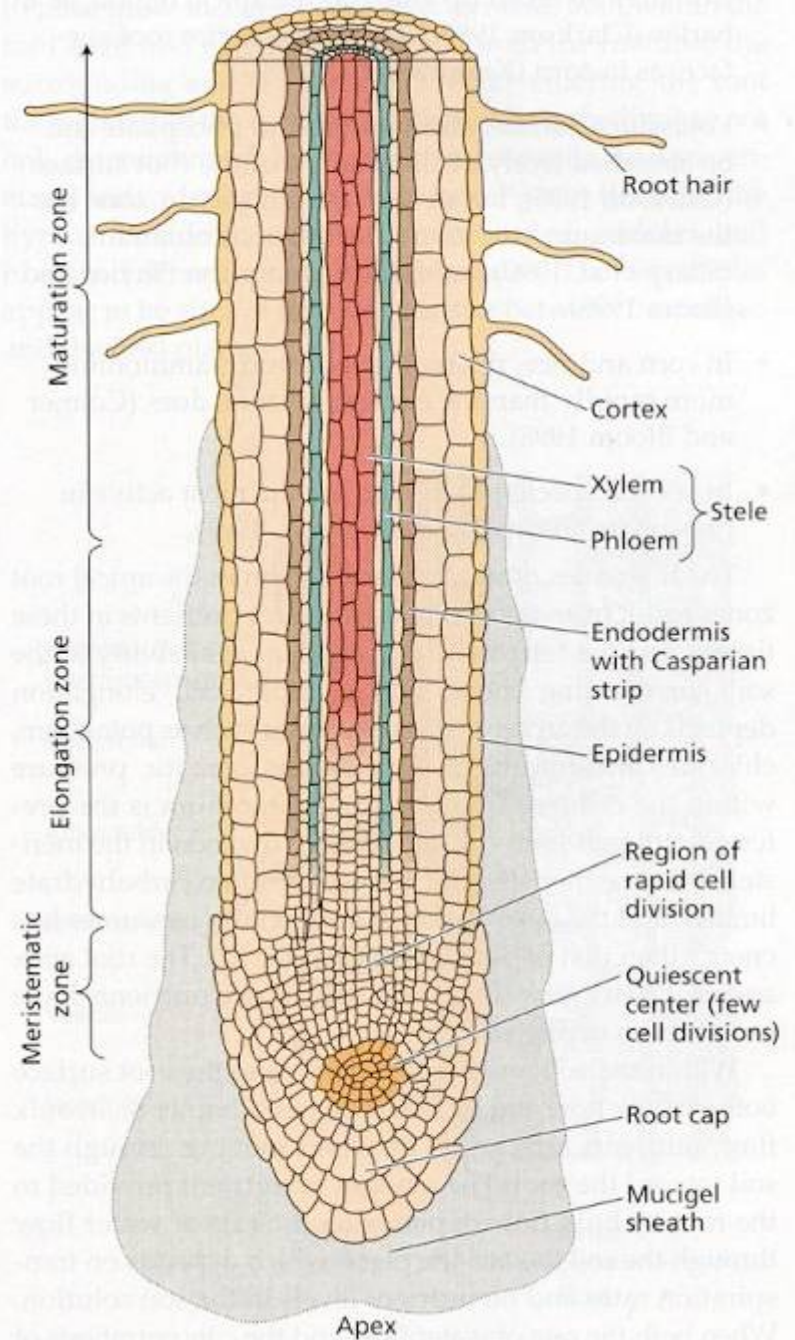


FIGURE 5.8 Diagrammatic longitudinal section of the apical region of the root. The meristematic cells are located near the tip of the root. These cells generate the root cap and the upper tissues of the root. In the elongation zone, cells differentiate to produce xylem, phloem, and cortex. Root hairs, formed in epidermal cells, first appear in the maturation zone.

Fig. [5.9]

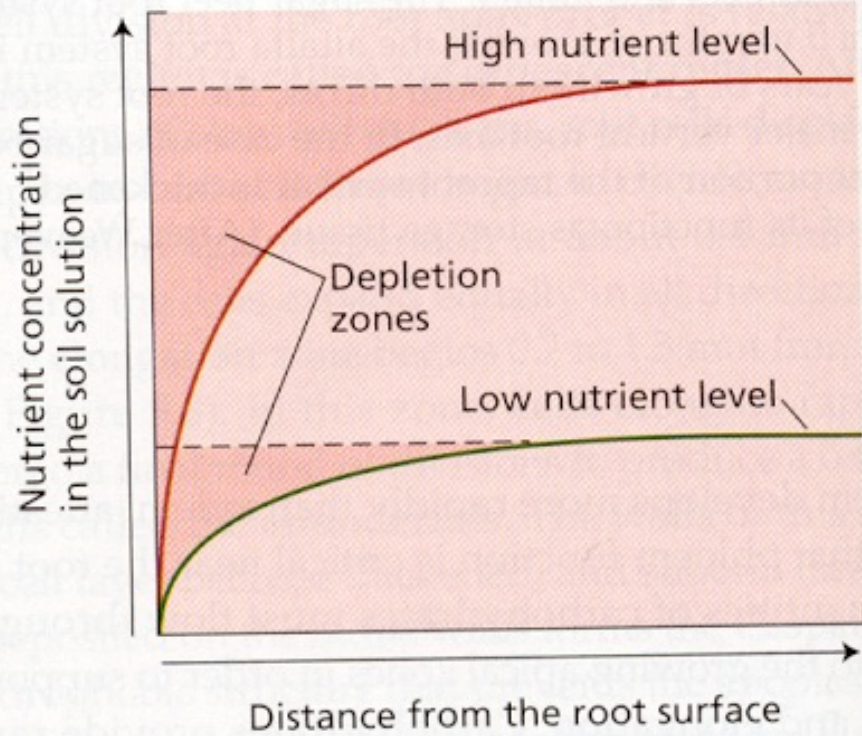


FIGURE 5.9 Formation of a nutrient depletion zone in the region of the soil adjacent to the plant root. A nutrient depletion zone forms when the rate of nutrient uptake by the cells of the root exceeds the rate of replacement of the nutrient by diffusion in the soil solution. This depletion causes a localized decrease in the nutrient concentration in the area adjacent to the root surface. (After Mengel and Kirkby 1987.)

Fig. [5.5]

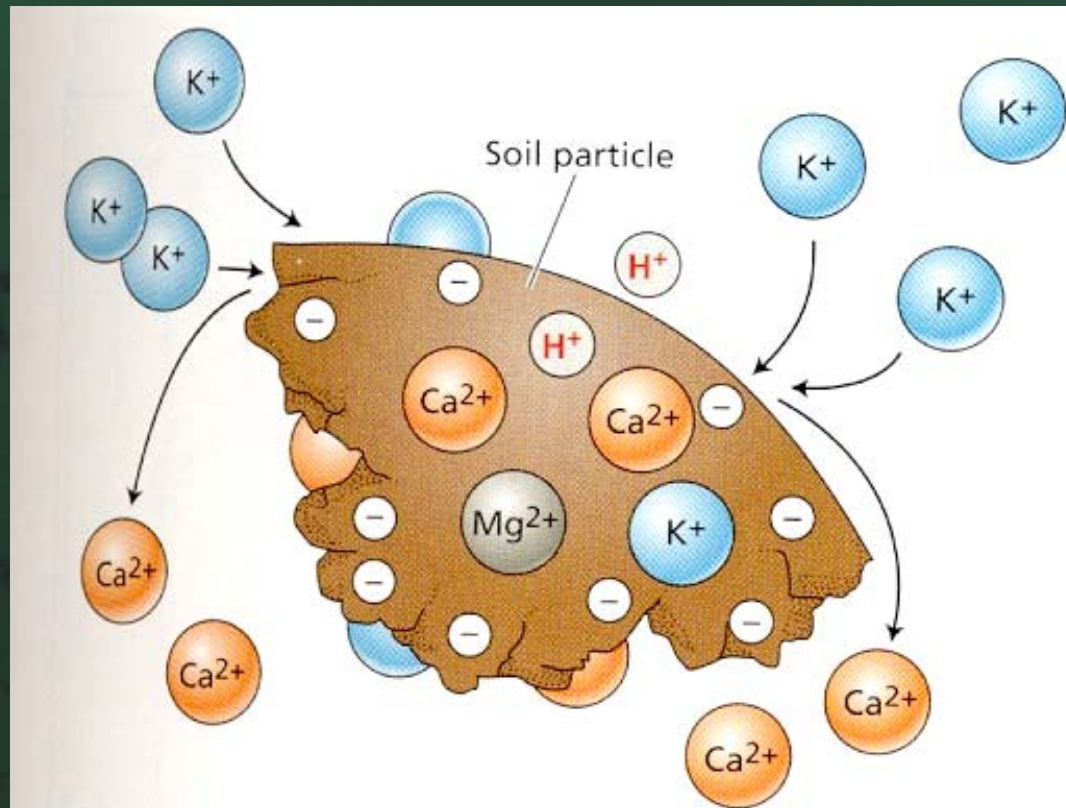


FIGURE 5.5 The principle of cation exchange on the surface of a soil particle. Cations are bound to the surface of soil particles because the surface is negatively charged. Addition of a cation such as potassium (K^{+}) can displace another cation such as calcium (Ca^{2+}) from its binding on the surface of the soil particle and make it available for uptake by the root.

TABLE 5.5

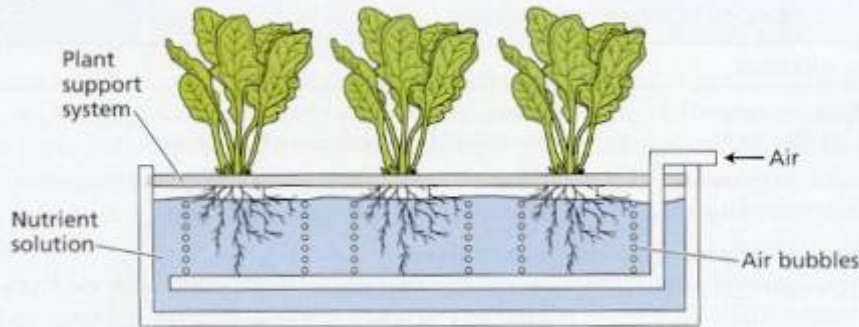
Comparison of properties of three major types of silicate clays found in the soil

Property	Type of clay		
	Montmorillonite	Illite	Kaolinite
Size (μm)	0.01–1.0	0.1–2.0	0.1–5.0
Shape	Irregular flakes	Irregular flakes	Hexagonal crystals
Cohesion	High	Medium	Low
Water-swelling capacity	High	Medium	Low
Cation exchange capacity (milliequivalents 100 g^{-1})	80–100	15–40	3–15

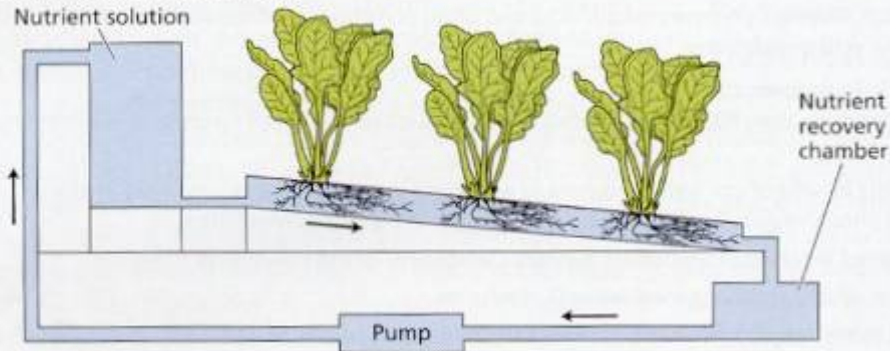
Source: After Brady 1974.

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(A) Hydroponic growth system



(B) Nutrient film growth system



(C) Aeroponic growth system

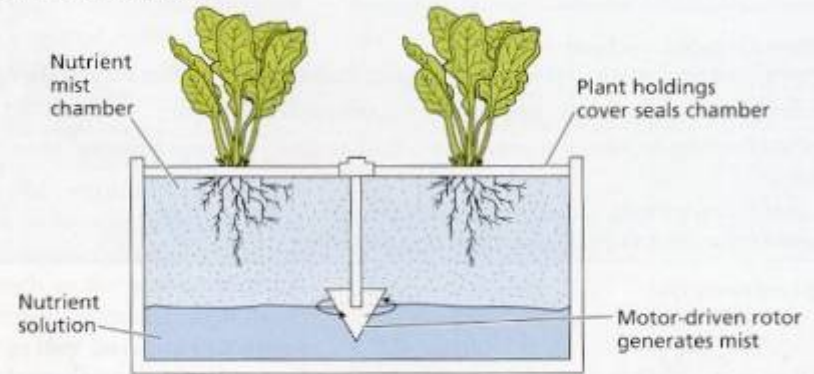


FIGURE 5.1 Hydroponic and aeroponic systems for growing plants in nutrient solutions in which composition and pH can be automatically controlled. (A) In a hydroponic system, the roots are immersed in the nutrient solution, and air is bubbled through the solution. (B) An alternative hydroponic system, often used in commercial production, is the nutrient film growth system, in which the nutrient solution is pumped as a thin film down a shallow trough surrounding the plant roots. In this system the composition and pH of the nutrient solution can be controlled automatically. (C) In the aeroponic system, the roots are suspended over the nutrient solution, which is whipped into a mist by a motor-driven rotor. (C after Weathers and Zobel 1992.)



TABLE 5.3

Composition of a modified Hoagland nutrient solution for growing plants

Compound	Molecular weight	Concentration of stock solution	Concentration of stock solution	Volume of stock solution per liter of final solution	Element	Final concentration of element	
	g mol ⁻¹	mM	g L ⁻¹	mL		μM	ppm
Macronutrients							
KNO ₃	101.10	1,000	101.10	6.0	N	16,000	224
Ca(NO ₃) ₂ ·4H ₂ O	236.16	1,000	236.16	4.0	K	6,000	235
NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄	115.08	1,000	115.08	2.0	Ca	4,000	160
MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	246.48	1,000	246.49	1.0	P	2,000	62
					S	1,000	32
					Mg	1,000	24
Micronutrients							
KCl	74.55	25	1.864	2.0	Cl	50	1.77
H ₃ BO ₃	61.83	12.5	0.773		B	25	0.27
MnSO ₄ ·H ₂ O	169.01	1.0	0.169		Mn	2.0	0.11
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	287.54	1.0	0.288		Zn	2.0	0.13
CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	249.68	0.25	0.062		Cu	0.5	0.03
H ₂ MoO ₄ (85% MoO ₃)	161.97	0.25	0.040	Mo	0.5	0.05	
NaFeDTPA (10% Fe)	468.20	64	30.0	0.3–1.0	Fe	16.1–53.7	1.00–3.00
Optional^a							
NiSO ₄ ·6H ₂ O	262.86	0.25	0.066	2.0	Ni	0.5	0.03
Na ₂ SiO ₃ ·9H ₂ O	284.20	1,000	284.20	1.0	Si	1,000	28

Source: After Epstein 1972.

Note: The macronutrients are added separately from stock solutions to prevent precipitation during preparation of the nutrient solution. A combined stock solution is made up containing all micronutrients except iron. Iron is added as sodium ferric diethylenetriaminepentaacetate (NaFeDTPA, trade name Ciba-Geigy Sequestrene 330 Fe; see Figure 5.2); some plants, such as maize, require the higher level of iron shown in the table.

^aNickel is usually present as a contaminant of the other chemicals, so it may not need to be added explicitly. Silicon, if included, should be added first and the pH adjusted with HCl to prevent precipitation of the other nutrients.

Fig. [5.4]

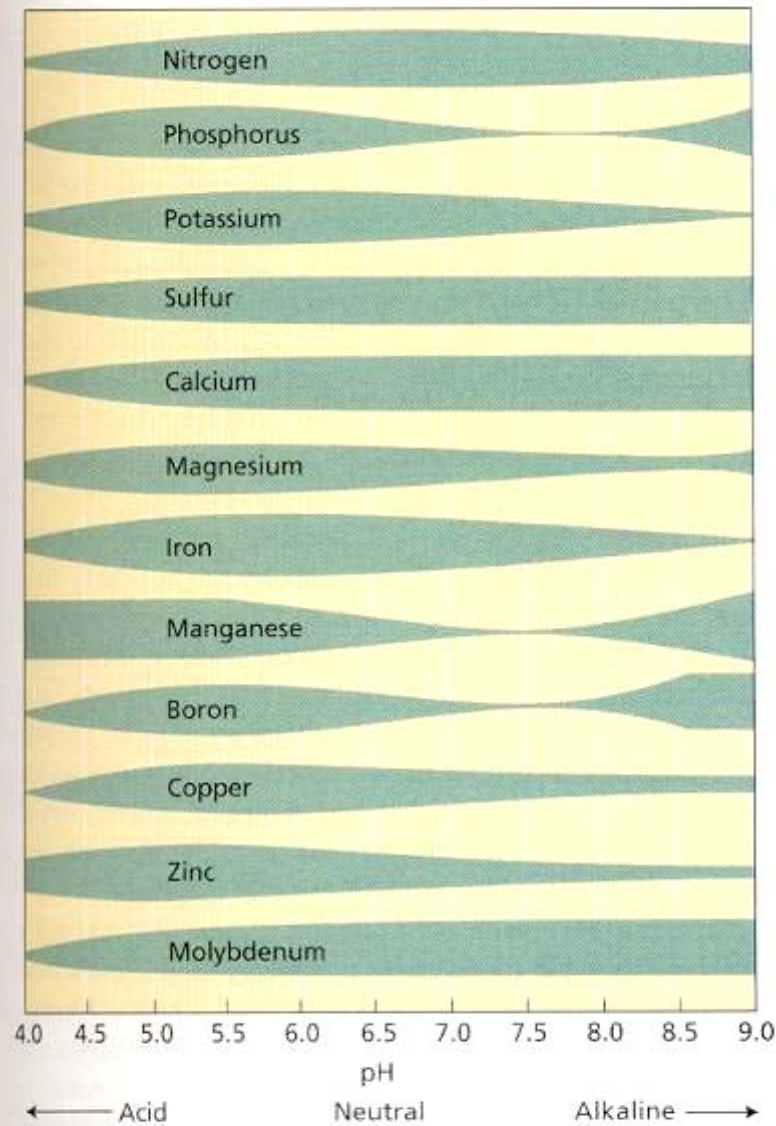
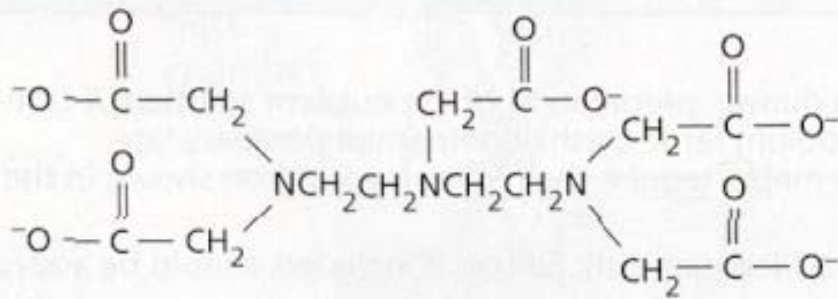


FIGURE 5.4 Influence of soil pH on the availability of nutrient elements in organic soils. The width of the shaded areas indicates the degree of nutrient availability to the plant root. All of these nutrients are available in the pH range of 5.5 to 6.5. (From Lucas and Davis 1961.)

Chem. structure of the chelator DTPA [5.2]

(A)



(B)

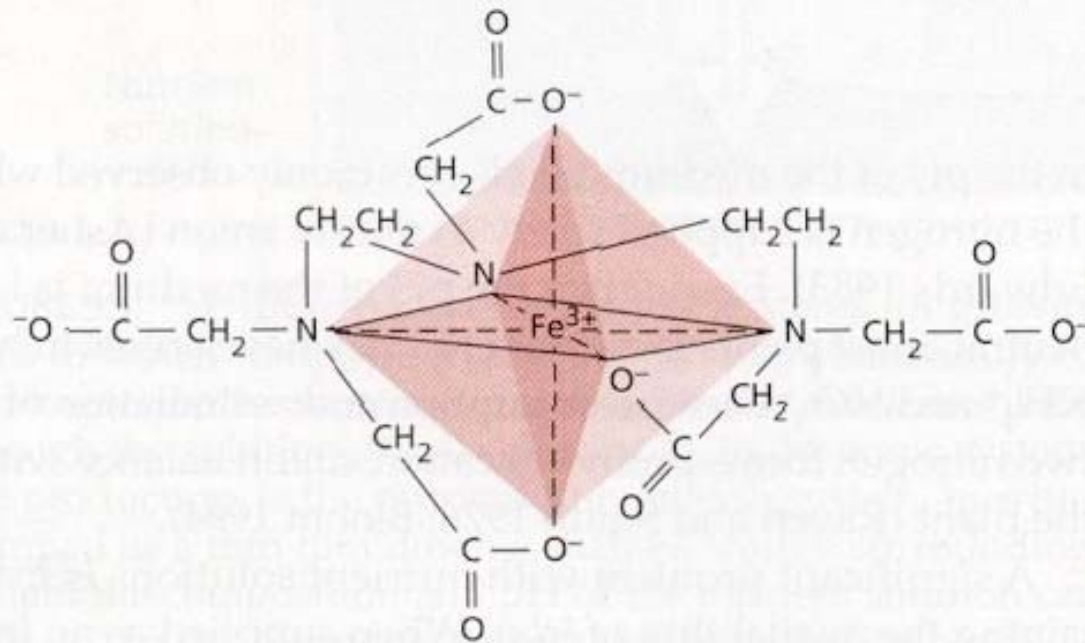


Fig. [5.10]

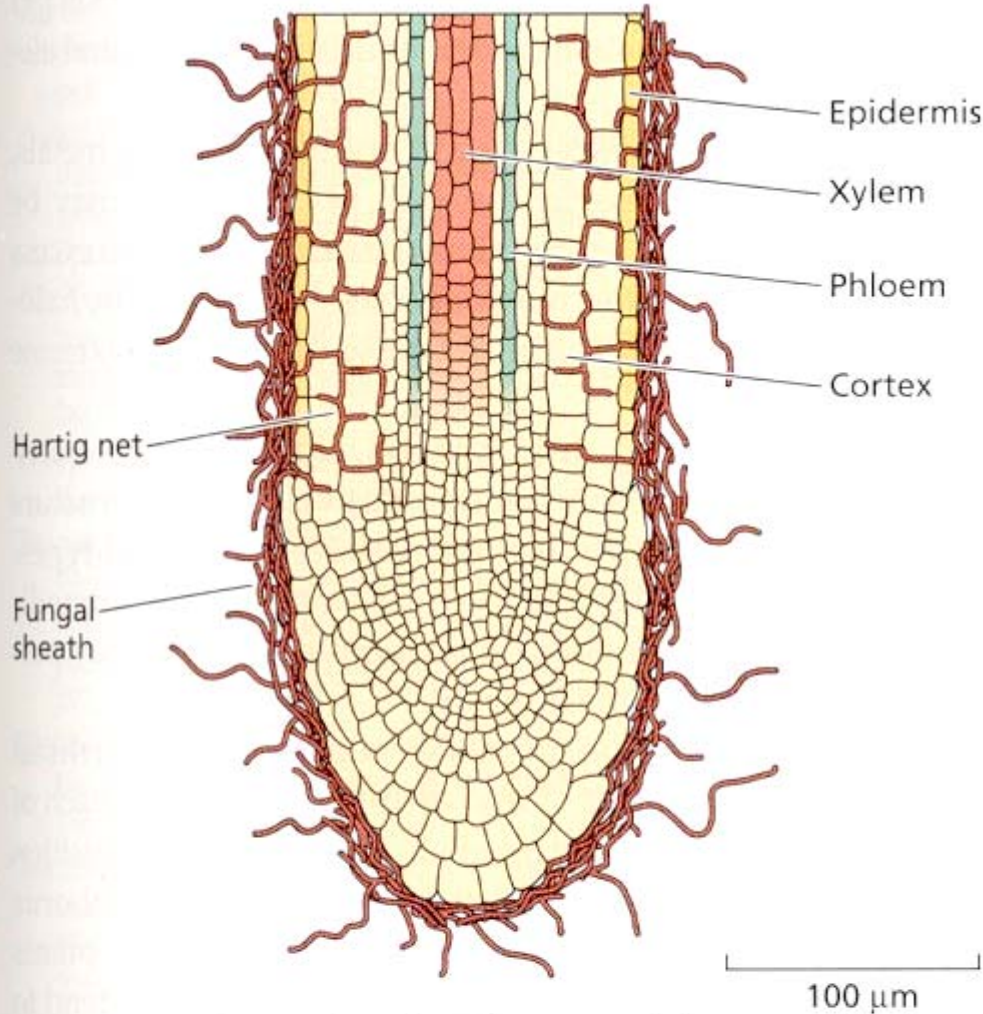


FIGURE 5.10 Root infected with ectotrophic mycorrhizal fungi. In the infected root, the fungal hyphae surround the root to produce a dense fungal sheath and penetrate the intercellular spaces of the cortex to form the Hartig net. The total mass of fungal hyphae may be comparable to the root mass itself. (After Rovira et al. 1983.)

Fig. [5.11]

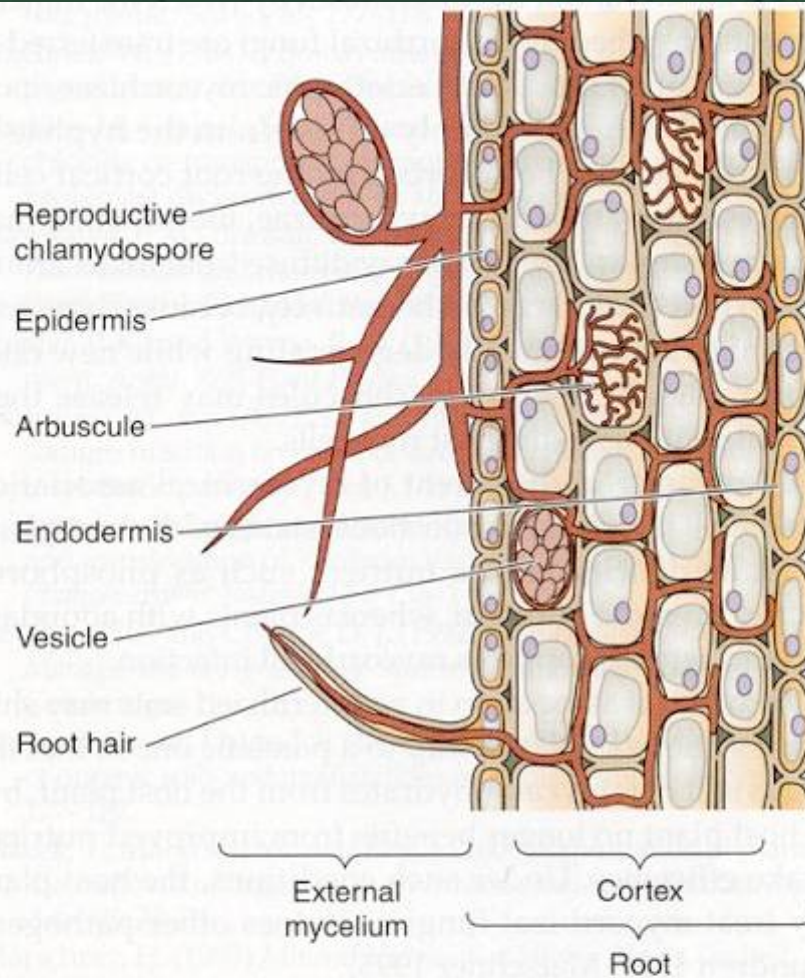


FIGURE 5.11 Association of vesicular-arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi with a section of a plant root. The fungal hyphae grow into the intercellular wall spaces of the cortex and penetrate individual cortical cells. As they extend into the cell, they do not break the plasma membrane or the tonoplast of the host cell. Instead, the hypha is surrounded by these membranes and forms structures known as arbuscules, which participate in nutrient ion exchange between the host plant and the fungus. (After Mauseth 1988.)