## The Affect of Liming on Phosphorus Availability

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## Phosphorus

# Major nutrient in agricultureLimiting nutrient in aquatic ecosystems









# Algae's lake effect reveals putrid, pea green disaster

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### **CO2** Fertilization

### Greater CO2 concentration increases crop yield potential

More fertilizer to achieve these



2. (Ahmed, 2017)



3. (N.W., 2014)

Fig. 7. The effect of soil pH on percentage maximum yield of spring barley grown in northern Idaho. Small and large dashed lines represent confidence limits for the lines and individual points, respectively.



Fig. 5. The effect of soil pH on percentage maximum yield of Hill 81 winter wheat grown in northern Idaho. Small and large dashed lines represent confidence limits for the lines and individual points, respectively.

4. (Mahler, 1987)



#### Objective 1:

#### Determine the effect of lime on available soil phosphorus

#### Objective 2:

Determine the relationship between available phosphorus in the soil and phosphorus content in runoff

## Methods

#### ► 5 sites

► Samples from 0, 1, 3 tons lime/acre ▶ 0 - 6 in deep ► 3 replicates







Soil P vs. Lime Application



Site and Rate (tons lime/acre)

## Methods













PH increases with lime application

Soil Phosphorus decreases with increasing pH and lime

► We need the whole picture



What is happening in the soil

► What this means

► What to do about it

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## Questions?