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### **Executive Summary**

This study investigated the effect of Seasol, a seaweed extract, on lettuce growth under different rates of fertiliser. Lettuce was grown in pots in a greenhouse with 18 replicates per treatment. The experimental design successfully limited lettuce growth at lower fertiliser rates.

Seasol treated lettuce was 15% (P<0.05) heavier (fresh weight) than untreated lettuce at 75% fertiliser rate. This is supported by a 5% higher dry weight of Seasol treated lettuce compared to untreated lettuce. Head weights were higher in Seasol treated lettuce at 100%, 75% and 0% fertiliser rates.

Residual soil nitrate was higher in untreated lettuce compared to Seasol treated lettuce, showing greater nutrient (nitrate) uptake when Seasol is applied. Leaf nitrate was 96% higher in Seasol treated lettuce compared to untreated lettuce at the standard fertiliser rate.

Roots were longer in and heavier in Seasol treated lettuce.

Seasol application effectively improved the nutrient use efficiency of lettuce plants by increasing their growth and nutrient uptake. On average, Seasol-treated lettuce were larger, heavier, grew longer and heavier roots. However, there are some inconsistent trends between the fertiliser rates which would benefit from further research.

### Introduction

A water use efficiency trial was commissioned by Seasol to collect data on the effect of Seasol on plant yield and quality at different fertiliser rates. The trial was conducted on cos lettuce in a pot trial at the Ross Street Greenhouse on the Sydney University campus from May to July 2023.

### Methodology

### **Soil Collection and Analysis**

Soil was collected from a commercial farming operation in Cobbity, NSW, which is on the Southwestern fringe of Sydney.

A new batch of soil was collected in May 2023.

### **Pot Preparations and Treatment Applications**

Soil was transferred to a clean wheelbarrow, thoroughly mixed again, before 2300g was weighed into to each pot, which filled pots to 11cm (Figure 1)

Pot dimensions: 14cm square x 22cm high.

The standard fertiliser recommendation was for 400 kg/ha Nitrophoska (NPK 12:5.2:14.1), which equates to 800mg per pot. Each treatment received the following amount of Nitrophoska:

Standard fertiliser rate: 800mg
 75% fertiliser rate: 600mg
 50% fertiliser rate: 400mg
 No fertiliser: 0mg

An additional 1900g of soil was weighed into a bucket, mixed with the appropriate amount of fertiliser (Figure 2) and transferred to each pot which filled pots an additional 10cm, which simulates the typical pre-plant fertiliser application depth.

400 cos lettuce seedlings (Leppington Speedy Seedlings) were screened, and any atypical plants were discarded. All Seedlings were carefully transplanted by hand to all pots in a random order (Figure 3).

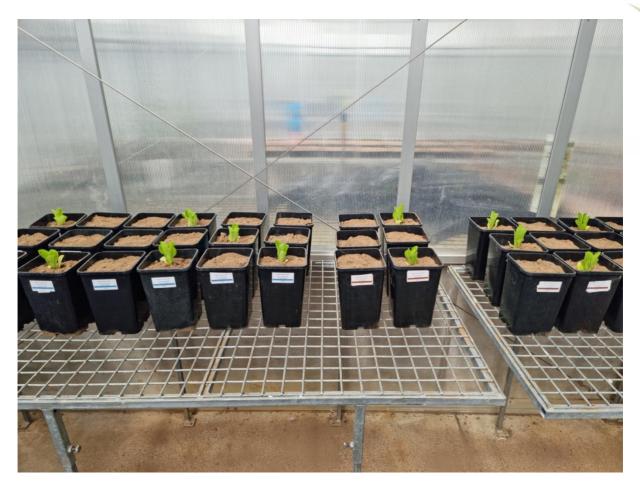
Seasol was labelled with batch number 224-SR-23027 and manufactured on 30/03/2023 (Figure 4). The Seasol treatment rate is 10L/ha per fortnight of retail grade Seasol, which is half the strength of Commercial grade Seasol. This equates to 5 L/ha per fortnight of commercial grade Seasol. Retail grade Seasol was diluted at double the label rate to 60ml/9L (which equates to 6.66ml Seasol/L) (Figure 5) and 3ml of solution was applied via pipette as a soil drench to each applicable seedling (Figure 9).



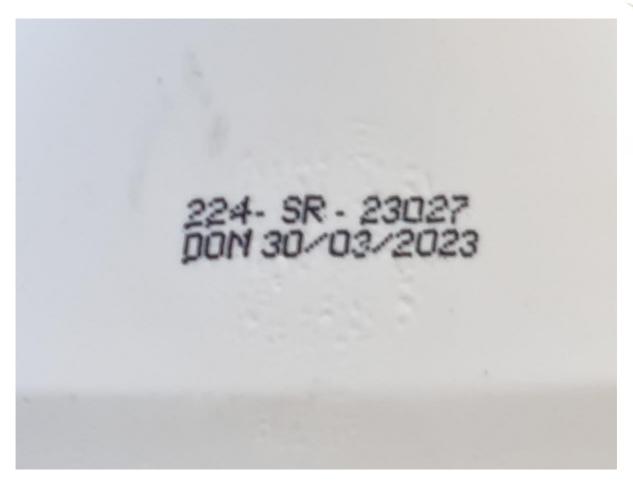
Figure 1: Re-mixing soil and filling pots to 11cm with 2300g of soil.



Figure 2: Fertiliser added soil prior to mixing and final filling of pots.



**Figure 3**: Lettuce seedlings transplanted randomly to prepared pots.



**Figure 4**: Recently manufactured Seasol used for day 1 treatments.



Figure 5: Seasol concentrate was diluted to 60ml per 9L or 6.66ml/L.



Figure 6: Fertiliser accurately weighed into aluminium trays.



Figure 7: Fertiliser prepared for mixing with soil.



Figure 8: Soil weighed to 1900g in preparation for fertiliser application.



**Figure 9**: 10L/ha Seasol applied via pipette in a 4cm radius around each lettuce seedling. 3ml of solution applied to each applicable pot.

## **Irrigation System**

A drip irrigation system (Pope Eze Drip) was built to uniformly irrigate each pot on a schedule, monitored by soil moisture probes and visual assessments. The drip line had two raised emitters over each pot, which prevented water running down the drip line (Figure 10). Each emitter discharged 2L per hour.

Irrigation was controlled by a Holman 2 dial tap timer which was manually adjusted to suit the crop needs.



Figure 10: Drip Irrigation installed to water lettuce regularly and uniformly.

## **Watering Log**

Each of the treatments received the same amount of irrigation, as shown in (Table 1):

Irrigation was set daily immediately after transplant to avoid any stress to the seedlings.

Two weeks after transplant, irrigation was reduced to every second day to avoid waterlogging and risk of disease.

Nine weeks after transplant, irrigation was increased to daily to meet plant water requirements.

In the final 11 days of the trial, irrigation was set to twice daily.

**Table 1**: Watering log. Shading indicates weekly grouping of irrigation events required for carbon assessments.

Date	Runtime (min)	Irrigation Volume (ml)	
9/5/23	2	133	
10/5/23	2	133	
11/5/23	2	133	
12/5/23	2	133	
13/5/23	2	133	
14/5/23	2	133	
15/5/23	2	133	
16/5/23	2	133	
17/5/23	2	133	
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29/5/23	2	133	
2/6/23	2	133	
4/6/23	2	133	
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14/6/23	2	133
16/6/23	2	133
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25/7/23	4	267
26/7/23	4	267
27/7/23	4	267
28/7/23	4	267
Total (L)		9.1

### **Seasol Treatment Applications**

Seasol was labelled with batch number 224-SR-23027 and manufactured on 30/02/2023 (Figure 4). The Seasol was applied at 10L/ha per fortnight of retail grade Seasol, which is half the strength of Commercial grade Seasol. Seasol was diluted at double the label rate to 60ml/9L (which equates to 6.66ml Seasol/L) (Figure 5) and 3ml of solution was applied via pipette as a soil drench to each applicable seedling (Figure 9) (Table 2).

All treated pots received identical volumes of diluted Seasol solution. Untreated pots received supplementary irrigation to match the volume of Seasol solution applied to treated pots.

**Table 2**: Seasol application rates and volumes.

Date	Seasol Rate –	Volume Seasol solution	Dilution
	Retail Grade (Commercial Grade)	per pot	
09/05/2023	10L/ha (5L/ha)	3ml	60ml/9L
25/05/2023	10L/ha (5L/ha)	3ml	60ml/9L
09/06/2023	10L/ha (5L/ha)	3ml	60ml/9L
22/06/2023	10L/ha (5L/ha)	3ml	60ml/9L
05/07/2023	10L/ha (5L/ha)	3ml	60ml/9L
19/07/2023	10L/ha (5L/ha)	3ml	60ml/9L
Total (ml)		18ml	

## **Fertiliser Applications**

A fertiliser schedule was prepared by an agronomist (4 Leaf Ag) using baseline soil tests, which included the following recommendations:

Preplant Nitrophoska (NPK 12:5.2:14.1)
 Topdress Calcium Nitrate (NPK 15.5:0:0)
 400 kg/ha
 460 kg/ha

09 May 2023 Nitrophoska (NPK 12:5.2:14.1)) was basally applied at the following rates:

Standard fertiliser rate: 800mg
 75% fertiliser rate: 600mg
 50% fertiliser rate: 400mg
 No fertiliser: 0mg

16 June 2023 Calcium Nitrate (NPK 15.5:0:0) was as a top dress around the base of the lettuce at the following rates (Figure 11):

Standard fertiliser rate: 920mg
 75% fertiliser rate: 690mg
 50% fertiliser rate: 460mg
 No fertiliser: 0mg



**Figure 11**: Calcium nitrate fertiliser quantitively applied to lettuce pots.

## **Trial Layout**

Pots were laid out in a randomised block design. There were six blocks for each trial, which corresponds to the six replicates in each trial, for a total of 12 blocks. There are three pots of each treatment assigned to each block. There are 24 pots per block (Figure 12).



Figure 12: Lettuce pots laid out in a randomised block design.

## **Monitoring**

The following data was being monitored throughout the trial:

- 1. Crop condition via a remote camera (Figure 13)
- 2. Pot moisture via two soil moisture probes (Figure 14)
- 3. Room air temperature of two rooms via two temperature loggers (Figure 15)
- 4. Flying insect loads of two rooms via three sticky fly traps. This also helped control insect loads.

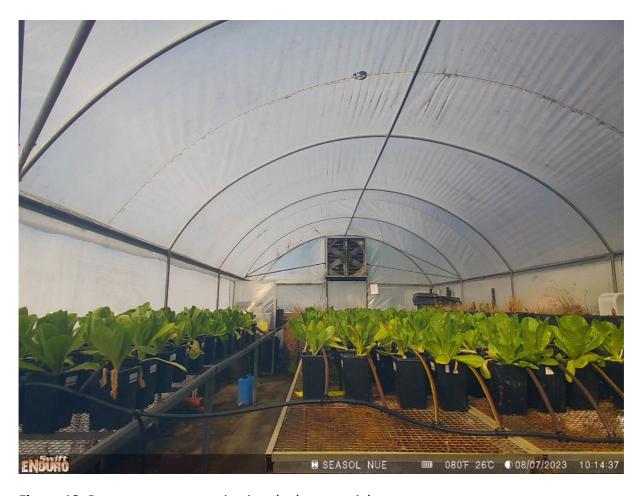


Figure 13: Remote camera monitoring the lettuce trial.

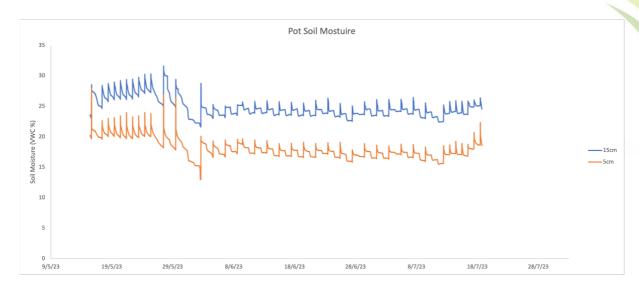


Figure 14: Soil moisture data collected on the lettuce trial at 5cm and 15cm depths.

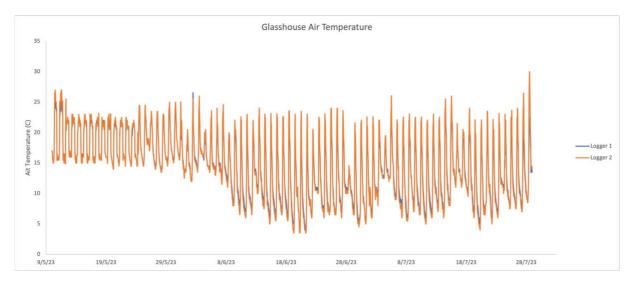


Figure 15: Air temperature data collected at two locations in the greenhouse.

#### Maintenance

The trial was checked daily via camera and physically inspected each week. The following maintenance tasks were carried out:

- 1. Check pest traps
- 2. Remove and weeds from pots
- 3. Check plants for pest damage
- 4. Adjust irrigation volumes if necessary

#### **Assessments**

There were three assessments carried out on the lettuce trial:

- 26 June 2023: Plant height, SPAD
- 10 July 2023: Plant height, SPAD
- 28 July 2023: Plant height, plant fresh weight, plant dry weight, root length, root fresh weight, root dry weight, leaf SPAD, root assessments.

## **Root Cleaning and Photography**

Each pot was randomly selected for root cleaning and destructive analysis over a two-day period. Replicates 5, 4, 3 were assessed on day 1 and replicates 6, 2, 1 were assessed on day 2.

Pots were gently inverted and emptied, taking care not to disturb the soil and root mass. The plant and soil mass were laid out to be photographed on a stainless-steel mesh (Figure 16). Soil was gently washed away from the roots using a hose until there was no visible soil remaining (Figure 17). Soil washed from roots were collected for nutrient analysis.



Figure 16: Lettuce plant and root structure laid out prior to root cleaning.



Figure 17: Roots were gently cleaned with a hose.

## **Plant Height and Root Lengths Assessments**

Lettuce head heights were measured with a tape measure from the root crown the highest leaf (Figure 18). Measurements were recorded to the nearest millimetre.

Plant roots were cut from the lettuce head at the root crown and the length of the root mass measured with tape.



Figure 18: Lettuce plant and root mass laid out for length measurements and photography.

# **Plant Fresh Weights**

Lettuce heads were separated from soil, washed and root cut at the crown before weights were measured by benchtop scales (Figure 19) (d=0.1g).



Figure 19: Lettuce head fresh weights measured immediate after harvest.

#### **Leaf SPAD**

Leaf SPAD was measured at 10 points on each lettuce head. Each measurement was taken on a unique young and mature leaf using a *Minolta SPAD 502 Chlorophyll Meter*, which was regularly recalibrated throughout the assessments (Figure 20).

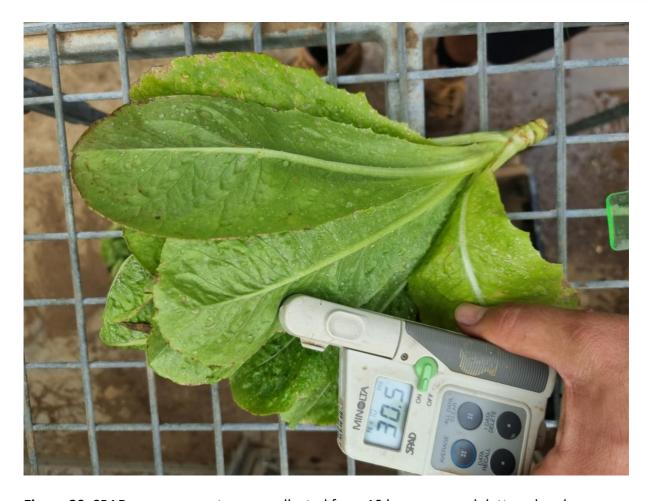


Figure 20: SPAD measurements were collected from 10 leaves on each lettuce head.

#### **Soil Nutrients**

Representative soil samples were collected from each pot for a bulked analysis of each of the six treatments by Phosyn Analytical (now Eurofins) for the following nutrients:

pH (H<sub>2</sub>0), pH (CaCl<sub>2</sub>), EC, S, P, Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al, Cl, Cu, Zn, Mn, Fe, B, NH4-N, NO3-N, Organic Matter

### **Plant Dry Weights**

Lettuce were bagged, labelled and dried for 72 hours at 65°C in a fan forced plant dehydrator (Figure 21) before being re-weighed with benchtop scales (d=0.1g) for dry weight measurements. Leaf matter was sampled for nutrient analysis by Phosyn Analytical (now Eurofins).



**Figure 21**: Lettuce heads were individually bagged for drying in a fan-forced plant dehydrator.

# **Root Dry Weights**

Roots were bagged, labelled and dried for 72 hours at 65°C in a fan forced plant dehydrator before being re-weighed with benchtop scales (Figure 22) (d=0.1g) for dry weight measurements.



Figure 22: Roots were weighed after drying.

#### **Leaf Nutrients**

Representative dried leaf samples were collected from each plant for a bulked analysis of each of the six treatments by Phosyn Analytical (now Eurofins) for the following nutrients:

N, S, P, K, Ca, Mg, Cu, Zn, Mn, Fe, B, Na, Mo, Cl, NO<sub>3</sub>

### **Root Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi**

Three sets of roots from each treatment were randomly collected for arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi assessments. Roots were carefully collected (Figure 23), washed (Figure 24) and stored in 70% alcohol (Figure 25) before staining and assessment by Ryan Hall under a microscope.



Figure 23: Roots were carefully collected prior cleaning of the root mass.



Figure 24: Roots were gently dipped in water for cleaning



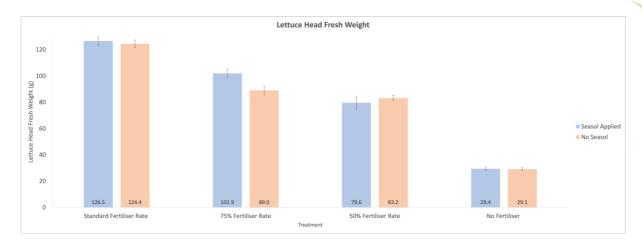
Figure 25: Roots were stored in 70% alcohol prior to staining.

#### Results

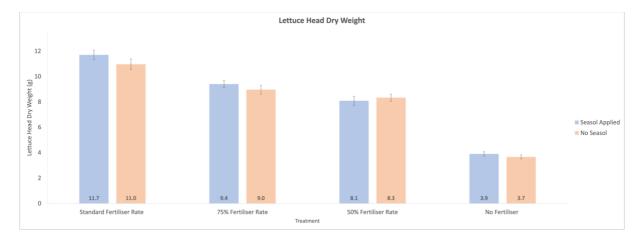
#### Key results:

- 1. Seasol treated lettuce was 15% (P<0.05) higher than untreated lettuce at 75% fertiliser rate. This is supported by a 5% higher dry weight of Seasol treated lettuce compared to untreated lettuce. Head weights were higher in Seasol treated lettuce at 100%, 75% and 0% fertiliser rates.
- 2. Residual soil nitrate was higher in untreated lettuce compared to Seasol treated lettuce, showing greater nutrient (nitrate) uptake when Seasol is applied. Leaf nitrogen was slightly in Seasol treated lettuce.
- 3. Leaf nitrate was 96% higher in Seasol treated lettuce compared to untreated lettuce at the standard fertiliser rate. No leaf nitrate was detected at lower fertiliser rates.
- 4. Roots were longer in and heavier in Seasol treated lettuce.

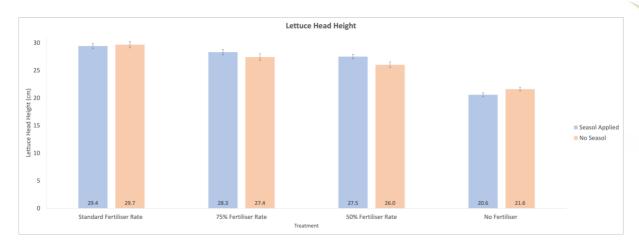
#### **Assessment Results**



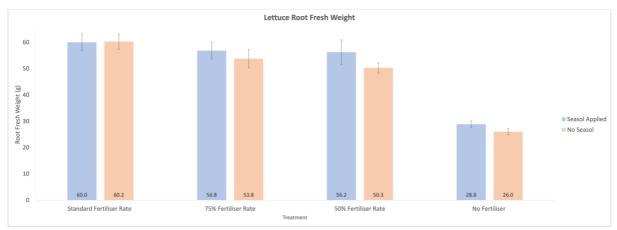
**Figure 26**: Lettuce head fresh weight data collected at harvest. Lettuce heads treated with Seasol are 15% heavier (P<0.05) at the 75% fertiliser rate. Lettuce heads treated with Seasol are 2% higher at 100% fertiliser rate, and 1% higher when no fertiliser was applied.



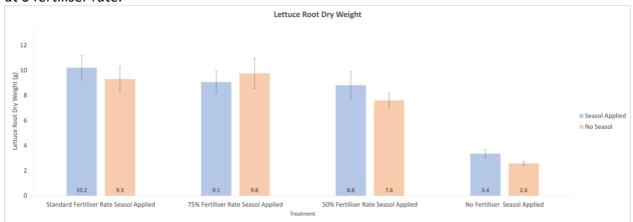
**Figure 27**: Lettuce head dry weight data collected after drying for 72 hours. Lettuce heads treated with Seasol are 7% higher at 100% fertiliser rate, 5% higher at 75% fertiliser rate and 6% higher when no fertiliser was applied.



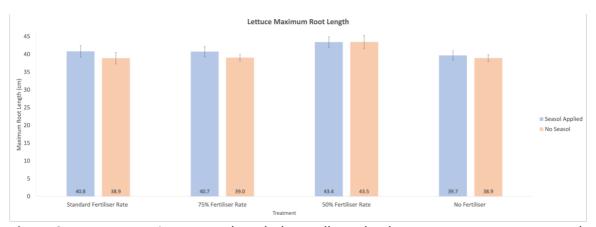
**Figure 28**: Lettuce head height data collected at harvest. Lettuce heads treated with Seasol are 3% higher at 75% fertiliser rate, and 6% higher (P<0.05) at 50% fertiliser rate. Lettuce head height is 5% higher (P<0.05) without a Seasol treatment when no fertiliser was applied.



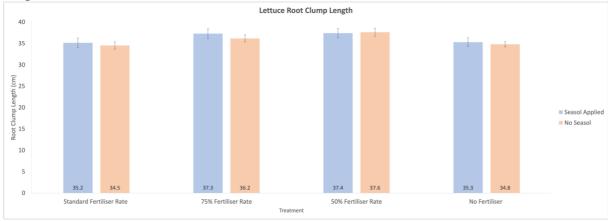
**Figure 29**: Lettuce root fresh weight data collected at harvest. Lettuce roots treated with Seasol are 6% higher at 75% fertiliser rate, 12% higher at 50% fertiliser rate, and 11% higher at 0 fertiliser rate.



**Figure 30**: Lettuce root dry weight data collected after drying for 72 hours. Lettuce roots treated with Seasol are 7% higher at 100% fertiliser rate, 16% higher at 50% fertiliser rate, and 30% higher (P<0.05) at 0 fertiliser rate.



**Figure 31**: Lettuce maximum root length data collected at harvest. Lettuce roots treated with Seasol are 5% longer at 100% fertiliser rate, 4% longer at 75% fertiliser rate, and 2% longer at 0 fertiliser rate.



**Figure 32**: Lettuce maximum root clump length data collected at harvest. Lettuce roots treated with Seasol are 2% longer at 100% fertiliser rate, 3% longer at 75% fertiliser rate, and 1% longer at 0 fertiliser rate.

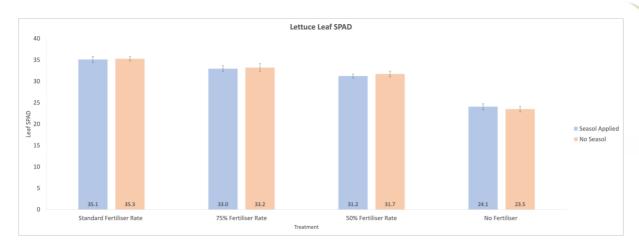


Figure 33: Leaf SPAD data collected at harvest.

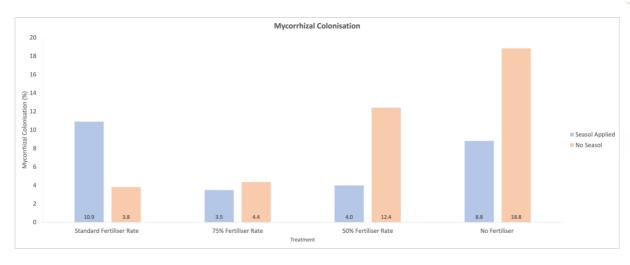


Figure 34: Mycorrhizal colonisation data collected on root samples after harvest.

### **Lettuce Biomass Analysis**

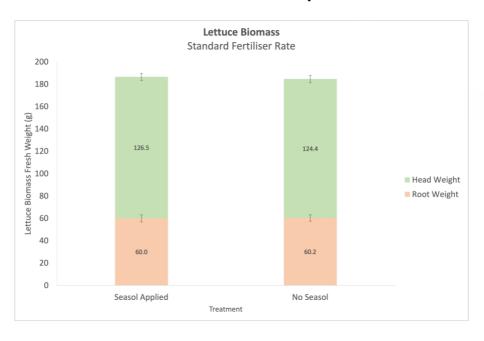
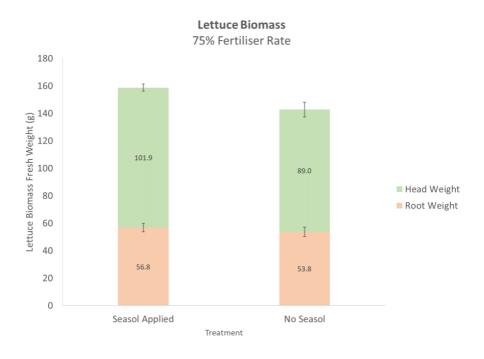


Figure 35: Lettuce biomass at standard fertiliser rate.



**Figure 36:** Lettuce biomass at 75% fertiliser rate.

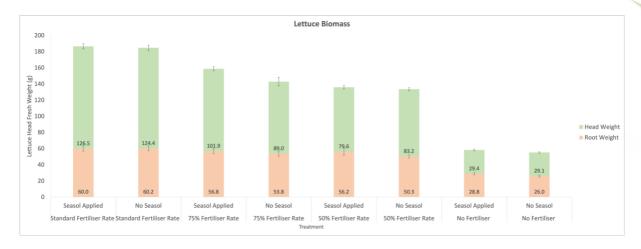


Figure 37: Lettuce biomass at all fertiliser rates.

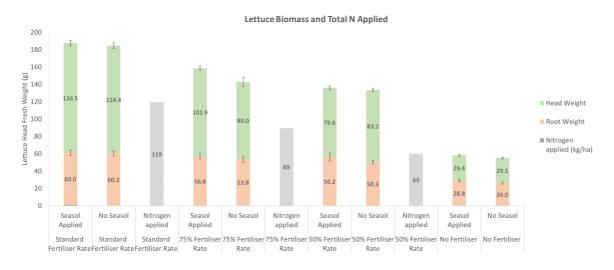
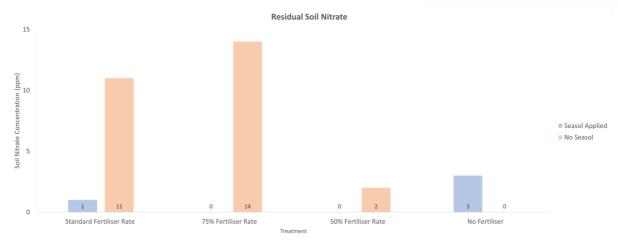


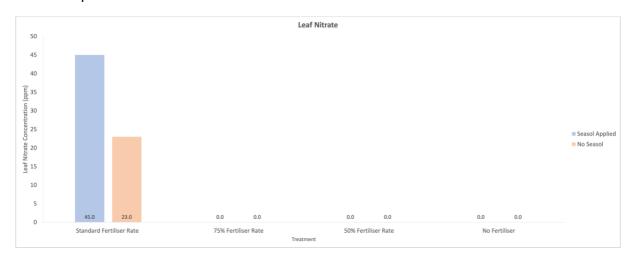
Figure 38: Lettuce biomass and total N applied at all fertiliser rates.

### **Laboratory Results**

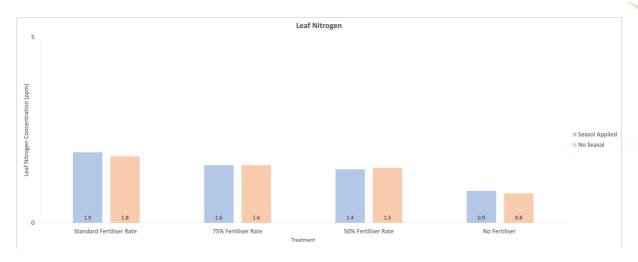
### Nitrogen



**Figure 39**: Residual nitrate data on soil collected after lettuce harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory. Residual soil nitrate is high in the standard and 75% fertiliser rates, yet low when lettuce were treated with Seasol, indicating that Seasol allowed for greater nutrient uptake.



**Figure 40**: Nitrate data after lettuce leaf collected at harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory. Leaf nitrate is 96% higher in lettuce treated with Seasol at the standard fertiliser rate, indicating that Seasol allowed for greater nutrient uptake.



**Figure 41**: Nitrogen data after lettuce leaf collected at harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory.

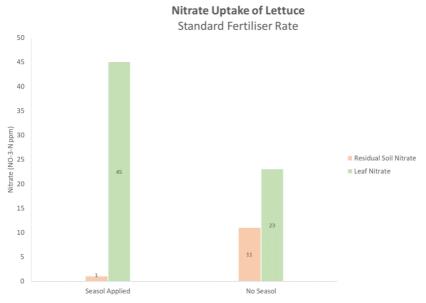
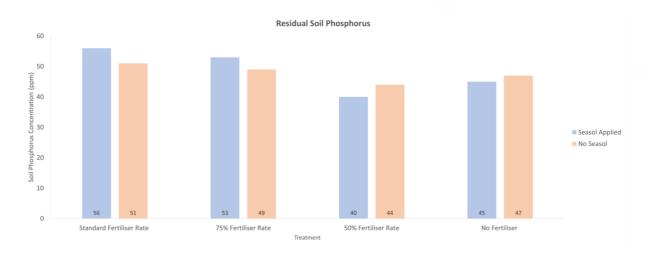
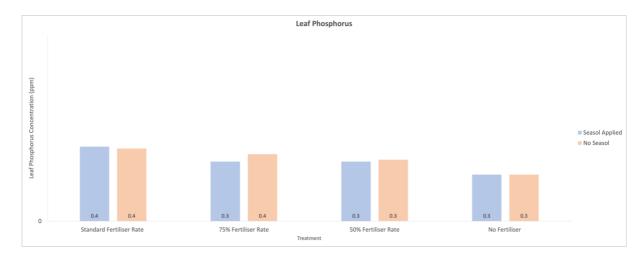


Figure 42: Nitrate uptake of lettuce at standard fertiliser rate.

### **Phosphorus**

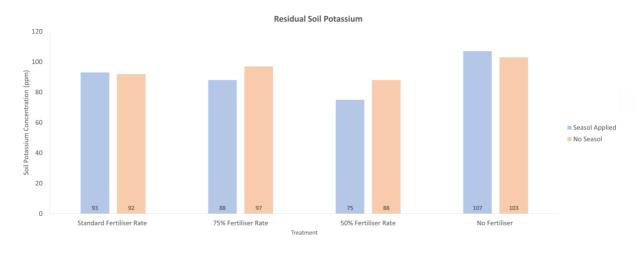


**Figure 43**: Residual phosphorus data on soil collected after lettuce harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory.

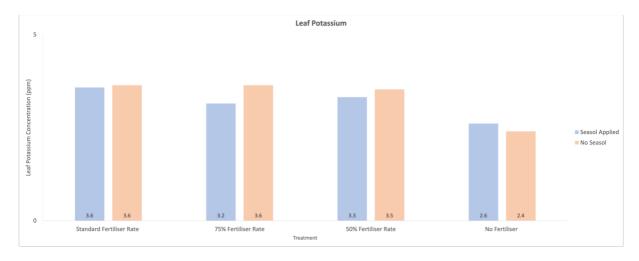


**Figure 44**: Phosphorus data after lettuce leaf collected at harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory.

### Potassium



**Figure 45**: Residual potassium data on soil collected after lettuce harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory.



**Figure 46**: Potassium data after lettuce leaf collected at harvest and promptly analysed by Eurofins laboratory.

**Table 3**: Analysis of variation (ANOVA) P-values of results. Results in bold are significant at a 95% confidence interval.

Treatment	Lettuce head fresh weight	Lettuce head dry weight	Root dry weight	Root fresh weight	SPAD	Height (cm)	Root length clump	Longest root
Standard Fertiliser Rate	0.65	0.20	0.52	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.66	0.41
75% Fertiliser Rate	0.03	0.32	0.65	0.52	0.83	0.27	0.43	0.31
50% Fertiliser Rate	0.23	0.61	0.31	0.25	0.56	0.03	0.88	0.98
No Fertiliser	0.87	0.33	0.03	0.11	0.55	0.04	0.69	0.64

### **Conclusion**

Seasol application effectively improved the nutrient use efficiency of lettuce plants by increasing their growth and nutrient uptake. On average, Seasol-treated lettuce were larger, heavier, grew longer and heavier roots. However, there are some inconsistent trends between the fertiliser rates which would benefit from further research.





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Report Date: 11/08/2023

Sampling Date: 29/07/2023

Date Received: 09/08/2023 Submission ID: L001009

Sample Name: Seasol T4 - No Fertiliser Seasol Applied

Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Test Set or Quotation: P3 Sample Name: Seasol T5 - Standard Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Barcode: PBC3171 Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Test Set or Quotation: P3 Sample Name: Seasol T6 - 75% Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Barcode: PBC3172 Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Test Set or Quotation: P3 Sample Name: Seasol T7 - 50% Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Barcode: PBC3173 Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Test Set or Quotation: P3 Sample Name: Seasol T8 - No Fertiliser No Seasol

Barcode: PBC3174 Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Test Set or Quotation: S4

Barcode: SDE2562

Submission ID: B135685

**Report Date:** 09/08/2023 **Sampling Date:** 29/07/2023

**Date Received:** 03/08/2023

Sample Name: Seasol T1 - Standard Fertiliser Rate Seasol Applied

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:







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Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Barcode: \$DE2563

Submission ID: \$B135685

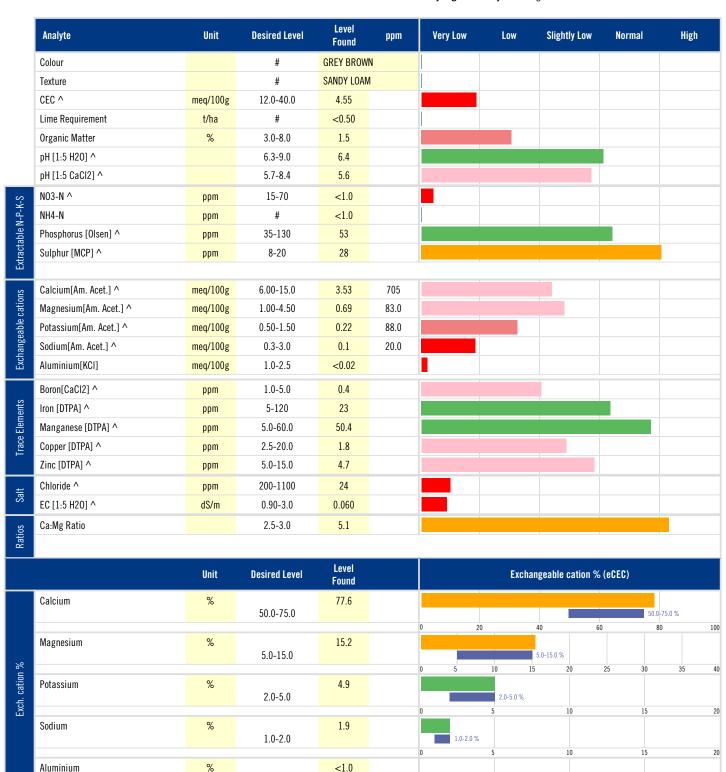
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Date Received: 03/08/2023

Sample Name: Seasol T2 - 75% Fertiliser Rate Seasol Applied

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:







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Barcode: \$DE2563

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 Sampling Date:
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Sample Name: Seasol T2 - 75% Fertiliser Rate Seasol Applied

03/08/2023

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

**Date Received:** 

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Test Set or Quotation: \$4

Barcode: SDE2564

Submission ID: B135685

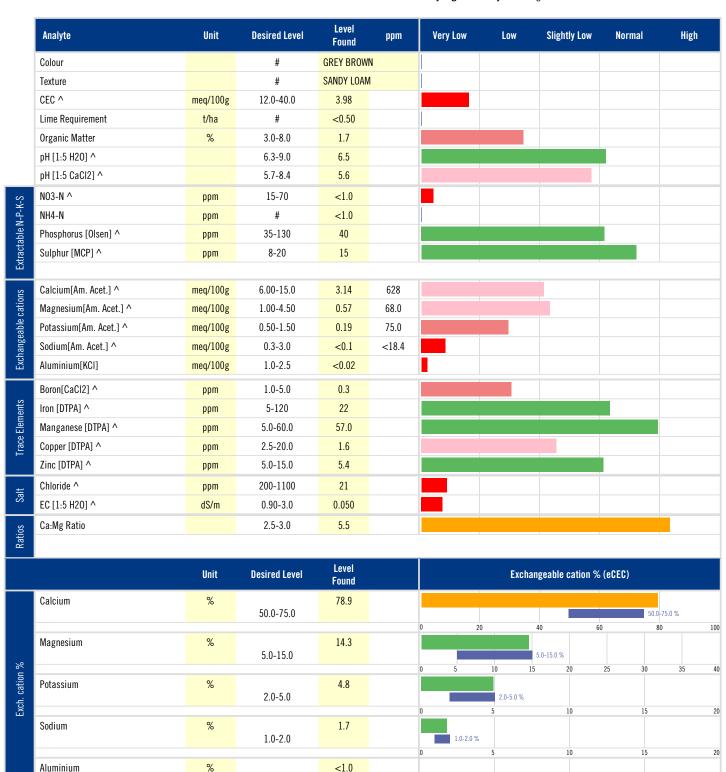
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Sample Name: Seasol T3 - 50% Fertiliser Rate Seasol Applied

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:







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 Date Received:
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 Sample Name:
 Seasol T3 - 50% Fertiliser Rate Seasol Applied

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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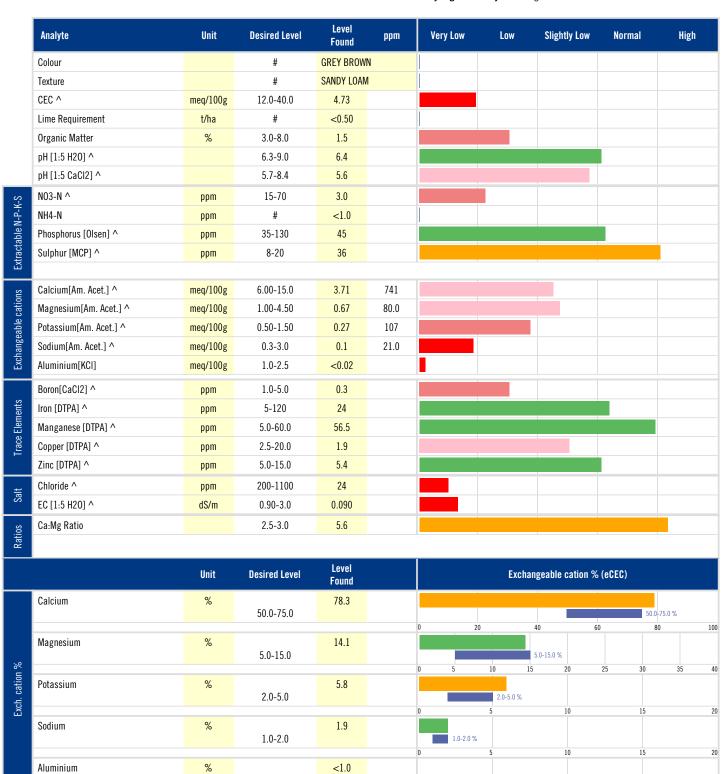
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Sample Name: Seasol T4 - No Fertiliser Seasol Applied

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:







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Sample Depth:

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Sample Name: Seasol T5 - Standard Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Lettuce (outdoor) Crop:

Sample Depth:

**Analysing Laboratory:** Burleigh Heads

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Analyte	Unit	Desired Level	Level Found	ppm	Very Low	Low	Slightly Low	Normal	High	
Colour		#	GREY BROW	N						
Texture		#	SANDY LOAM	1						
CEC ^	meq/100g	12.0-40.0	4.71							
Lime Requirement	t/ha	#	< 0.50							
Organic Matter	%	3.0-8.0	1.4							
pH [1:5 H20] ^		6.3-9.0	6.2							
pH [1:5 CaCl2] ^		5.7-8.4	5.5							
NO3-N ^	ppm	15-70	11							
NH4-N	ppm	#	<1.0							
Phosphorus [Olsen] ^	ppm	35-130	51							
Sulphur [MCP] ^	ppm	8-20	25							
Calcium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	6.00-15.0	3.70	741						
Magnesium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	1.00-4.50	0.72	86.0						
Potassium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	0.50-1.50	0.24	92.0						
Sodium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	0.3-3.0	<0.1	<18.4						
Aluminium[KCI]	meq/100g	1.0-2.5	<0.02							
Boron[CaCl2] ^	ppm	1.0-5.0	0.4							
Iron [DTPA] ^	ppm	5-120	23							
Manganese [DTPA] ^	ppm	5.0-60.0	29.8							
Copper [DTPA] ^	ppm	2.5-20.0	1.8							
Zinc [DTPA] ^	ppm	5.0-15.0	5.3							
Chloride ^	ppm	200-1100	21							
EC [1:5 H20] ^	dS/m	0.90-3.0	0.080							
Ca:Mg Ratio		2.5-3.0	5.2							
			Level		<b>I</b>					
	Unit	Desired Level	Found			Excha	ingeable cation %	(eCEC)		
Calcium	%	50.0-75.0	78.6					50	0-75.0 %	
		JU.U-7 J.U			0 20		40 6		80	
Magnesium	%		15.2							
		5.0-15.0			0 5	10 1	5.0-15.0 % 5 20	25 30	35	
Potassium	%		5.0			1	- 20	_5 50		
		2.0-5.0				2.0-5.0 %				
Sodium	%		1.2		0	5	10	15		
Soutuin	/0	1.0-2.0	1.2		1.0-2.0 %					
					0	5	10	15		
Aluminium	%		<1.0							





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**Sample Name:** Seasol T5 - Standard Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

**Crop:** Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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Barcode: \$DE2567

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Date Received: 03/08/2023

Sample Name: Seasol T6 - 75% Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

	Analyte	Unit	Desired Level	Level Found	ppm	Very Low	Low	Slightly Low	Normal	High
	Colour		#	GREY BROWN	I					
	Texture		#	SANDY LOAM						
	CEC ^	meq/100g	12.0-40.0	4.59						
	Lime Requirement	t/ha	#	< 0.50						
	Organic Matter	%	3.0-8.0	1.5						
	pH [1:5 H20] ^		6.3-9.0	6.3						
	pH [1:5 CaCl2] ^		5.7-8.4	5.5						
လု	NO3-N ^	ppm	15-70	14						
N-P-K	NH4-N	ppm	#	<1.0						
able N	Phosphorus [Olsen] ^	ppm	35-130	49						
Extractable N-P-K-S	Sulphur [MCP] ^	ppm	8-20	14						
Ä										
SUI	Calcium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	6.00-15.0	3.58	715					
Exchangeable cations	Magnesium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	1.00-4.50	0.68	82.0					
eable	Potassium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	0.50-1.50	0.25	97.0					
ıang6	Sodium[Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	0.3-3.0	0.1	19.0					
Exc	Aluminium[KCI]	meq/100g	1.0-2.5	<0.02						
	Boron[CaCl2] ^	ppm	1.0-5.0	0.4						
ents	Iron [DTPA] ^	ppm	5-120	23						
Trace Elements	Manganese [DTPA] ^	ppm	5.0-60.0	28.7						
race	Copper [DTPA] ^	ppm	2.5-20.0	1.8						
	Zinc [DTPA] ^	ppm	5.0-15.0	4.3						
<u>+</u>	Chloride ^	ppm	200-1100	19						
Salt	EC [1:5 H20] ^	dS/m	0.90-3.0	0.070						
So	Ca:Mg Ratio		2.5-3.0	5.2						
Ratios										
		Unit	Desired Level	Level Found			Excha	ngeable cation %	(eCEC)	
	Calcium	%	50.0-75.0	77.9				40		.0-75.0 %
% uo	Magnesium	%	5.0-15.0	14.9		0 20		5.0-15.0 %		80 1
Exch. cation %	Potassium	%	2.0-5.0	5.4		0 5	2.0-5.0 %		25 30	35
	Sodium	%	1.0-2.0	1.8		1.0-2.0 %	5	10	15	

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Sample Name: Seasol T6 - 75% Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

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Sample Name: Seasol T7 - 50% Fertiliser Rate No Seasol

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:







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Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

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Barcode: \$DE2569

Submission ID: \$B135685

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Date Received: 03/08/2023

Sample Name: Seasol T8 - No Fertiliser No Seasol

Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Sample Depth:

		Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads								
Analyte		Unit	Desired Level	Level Found	ppm	Very Low	Low	Slightly Low	Normal	High
Colour			#	GREY BROW	V					
Texture			#	SANDY LOAM	I					
CEC ^		meq/100g	12.0-40.0	4.48						
Lime Require	ement	t/ha	#	< 0.50						
Organic Mat	ter	%	3.0-8.0	1.7						
pH [1:5 H20]	] ^		6.3-9.0	6.6						
pH [1:5 CaC	2] ^		5.7-8.4	5.7						
N03-N ^		ppm	15-70	<1.0						
NH4-N		ppm	#	<1.0						
Phosphorus	[Olsen] ^	ppm	35-130	47						
Sulphur [MC	P] ^	ppm	8-20	10						
Calcium[Am	. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	6.00-15.0	3.47	694					
Magnesium[	Am. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	1.00-4.50	0.66	79.0					
Potassium[A	m. Acet.] ^	meq/100g	0.50-1.50	0.27	103					
Sodium[Am.	Acet.] ^	meq/100g	0.3-3.0	0.1	21.0					
Aluminium[H	(CI]	meq/100g	1.0-2.5	<0.02						
Boron[CaCl2	] ^	ppm	1.0-5.0	0.3						
Iron [DTPA]	^	ppm	5-120	23						
Manganese	[DTPA] ^	ppm	5.0-60.0	63.3				-		
Copper [DTP	A] ^	ppm	2.5-20.0	1.9						
Zinc [DTPA]	^	ppm	5.0-15.0	5.0						
Chloride ^		ppm	200-1100	24						
EC [1:5 H20]	]^	dS/m	0.90-3.0	0.050						
Ca:Mg Ratio			2.5-3.0	5.2						
								<del>.</del>		
		Unit	Desired Level	Level Found			Excha	angeable cation %	(eCEC)	
Calcium		%	50.0-75.0	77.4					50.0	-75.0 %
						0 20		40 60		10
Magnesium		%	5.0-15.0	14.8				5.0-15.0 %		
Potassium		%	2.0-5.0	5.9		0 5	2.0-5.0 %	5 20	25 30	35
						0	5	10	15	
Sodium		%	1.0-2.0	2.1		1.0-2.0 %				
			1.0-2.0			0	5	10	15	
Aluminium		%		<1.0						





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Sample Name: Seasol T8 - No Fertiliser No Seasol
Crop: Lettuce (outdoor)

Crop: Lett
Sample Depth:

Analysing Laboratory: Burleigh Heads

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