

The influence of silicon fertilizers on plants and soil

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Abstract

This review summarizes data on the influence of silicon fertilizers on plants and soils. A history of these investigations is shortly described. Silicon fertilizers have been shown to benefit the productivity of cultivated plants directly *via* enhancing plant tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses and indirectly via improving the soil fertility, optimizing the soil phosphate regime, reducing the toxicity of Al and heavy metals as well as improving soil physical properties.

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