

Fruit Tree Food Starter 2-1-2

Fruit trees have very specific fertilizer needs. It is important, for example, not to apply too much nitrogen. Nitrogen can cause tender growth and has been identified as a cause of increased fire blight damage.

Directions:

Use 2 lbs. per 400 sq. feet applied starting 18 inches away from trunk to two feet past the drip line. (On small, newly planted trees, apply approximately two cups at planting time, from trunk to just past the edge of the hole). Apply 2 lbs. per 400 sq. feet in spring and 2 lbs. per 400 sq. feet in late July, for optimum results. If only one application is made, use 2 lbs. per 400 square feet in the spring.

Gurney's Fruit Tree Food Starter was developed for medium to heavy soils, with average fertility (from Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, east through Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and all points north). Although not yet tested in the South, we believe Gurney's Fruit Tree Food Starter should work well in the South, and in high pH soils (over 7.3). Western soils tend to have different requirements; however, because of the universal organic nature of Gurney's Fruit Tree Food Starter, it may also work in the west. Spring application can be made anytime after frost is out of soil.

On sandy soils with low fertility, use Gurney's Fruit Tree Food Starter for the first three to five years and then use the Maintenance formula.

On all soils, be sure to apply enough lime to keep pH between 6.0 and 6.5. Your county agent can tell you where to get a reasonably priced pH soil test. The cheapest, and our opinion, best form of lime to use is ground limestone. Ground limestone is available at most garden centers and the bag indicates how much lime to apply.

"Information regarding the contents and levels of metals in this product is available on the Internet at <http://agr.wa.gov>."

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Guaranteed Analysis

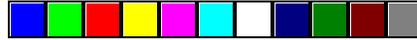
Total Nitrogen(N)	2.00%
Available Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅)	1.00%
Soluble Potash (K ₂ O)	2.00%

Derived from: alfalfa meal, bone meal, dried grain, kelp meal, dried molasses, sunflower ash.

**Net Weight 2 lbs.
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WARNING

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Boron is a micronutrient which is required for plants to translocate sugars and for proper water absorption. As with all nutrients, too much boron can become toxic to plants. The large “WARNING” on our Fruit Tree Starter Food label is there because boron can cause serious injury to plants even when used in comparatively small amounts.

The good news is, since toxic levels of boron will leach out of soils, boron toxicity is usually considered a localized problem and is probably much less important than a boron deficiency. Of all micronutrients, we have found that the biggest single response, from fruit trees, has been in response to application of boron.

