

## HERBS

### SOWING AND PLANTING

**Climatic Requirements:** Herbs are best grown in an area that gets the sun all day long. Some herbs are frost tender and may only survive winter conditions in the sub-tropical areas of Australia unless grown as an indoor crop.

**Preferred Soil Type:** Well drained loam with high organic matter.

**Method of Propagation:** Seeds can be obtained for most herbs. Many can be propagated by cuttings, layering and division of existing plants.

**Sowing Dates:** Generally best sown in the late spring.

### FERTILISER

**Suitable Soil Nutrient Conditions:** A good, well balanced soil nutrient reserve is essential for satisfactory herb production.

**Optimum Soil Test Levels:** N = 100-150, P = 20-40, K = 10-15, Mg = 20-30, Ca = 10-15, Na = 5-10.

**Base Dressing (kg/ha):** A general fertiliser together with some incorporated organic matter should be applied either before spring seeding for annual herbs, or during the spring for perennial herbs.

**Side Dressing (kg/ha):** Not considered necessary.

**Optimum pH Range:** 6.0-7.5

**Lime Requirement:** For pH correction only.

### PESTS AND DISEASES

Herbs appear to be little affected by pests and diseases. If such occur use a general insecticide/fungicide programme.



**Recommendations for the successful growth are contained in the following report,**

# Safe Fertilisers – Crop Info



## Herbs Program

### **Ground preparation:**

Apply; 1 tonne/ha Lime **or** Liquid Lime @ 40lt/ha in 300lt/water  
Or Alroc No 3 @ 200kg/ha

### **Pre Plant**

Apply 60 Kg/Ha Safe Coated Urea (optional this can be fitted in as required)  
Apply 200 Kg/Ha NPK 15.3.8 Supablend  
Apply 10lt /ha Vital Activator (This is to lift the carbon level in soil, the energy)

### **Top up Fertiliser requirements:**

#### **Weekly topup;**

Vital Mix @ 5lt/ha

#### **Nitrogen:**

CBM @ 100kg/ha

#### **Multi Nutrients:**

Vital K Blast ( only if required )

The above mentioned application rates can be adjusted to what is economical. These adjustments may not provide the ideal nutrient ratios but should replace some of the nutrients that are removed by the crop.

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### **Disclaimer**

The above program will be affected by soil variation, testing errors, seasonal factors and management skills. Any recommendation should be acted upon as part of an ongoing fertiliser program. No responsibility can be accepted for any of the above matters or other matters that are beyond our control.