

Fine Tuning Strawberry Nutrition

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Many growers believe their strawberry plants receive great benefit from foliar fertilizer application. Cornell Extension has reported that there is marginal benefit when soils are healthy and well prepared before planting. It is a fact that roots absorb and deliver nutrients in the most efficient manner. That being said, I believe 'Fine Tuning' the micronutrients boron and magnesium as a foliar application in the spring is the most underutilized practice. Today's presentation stresses nutrient management planning and application timing. Foliar applications are only recommended during highest demand or if plants show deficiencies.



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