Livestock's Vital role in Soil Regeneration Above and Below Ground

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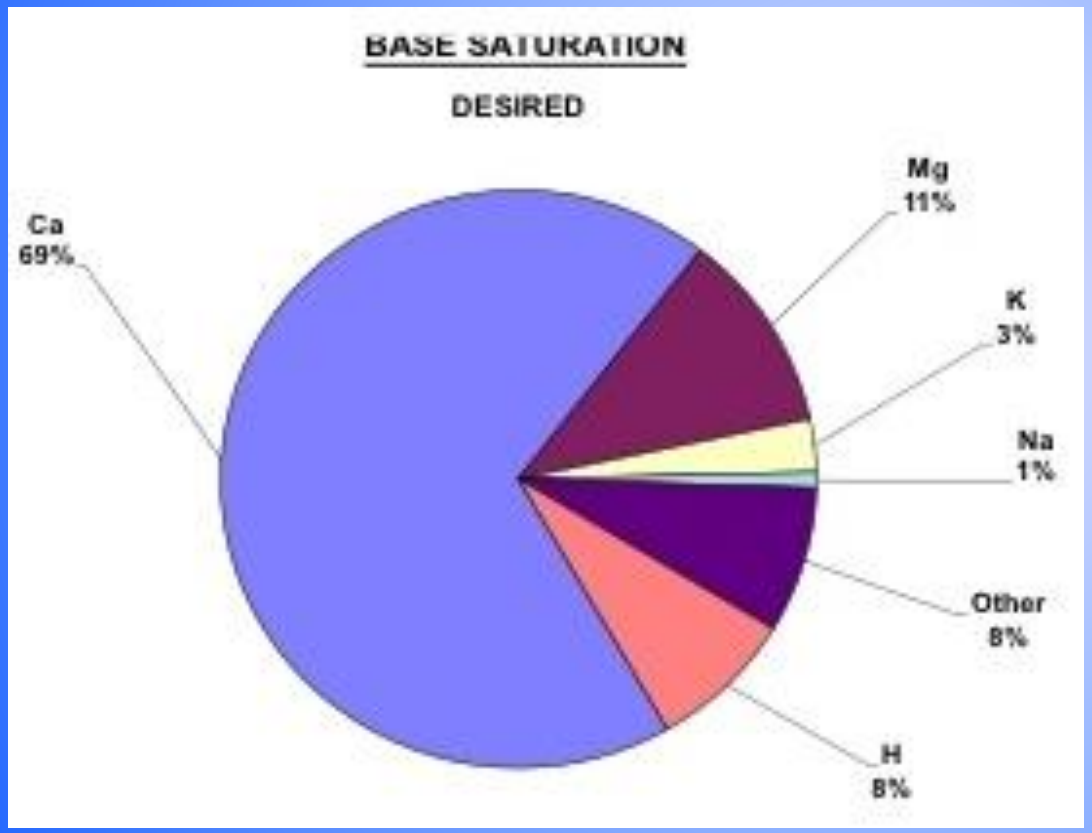
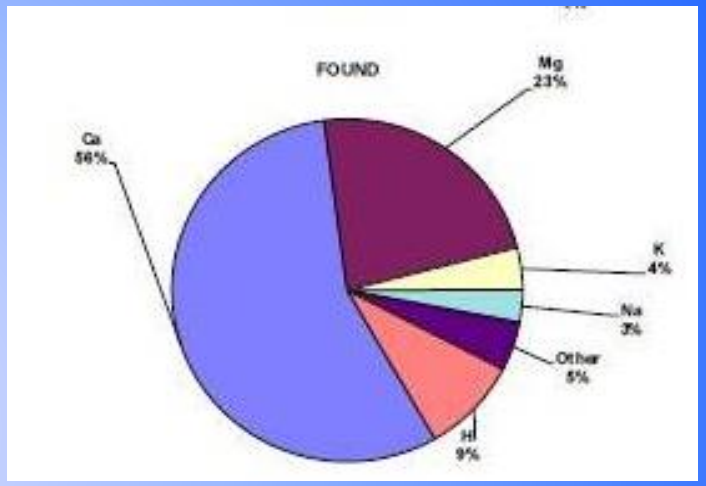
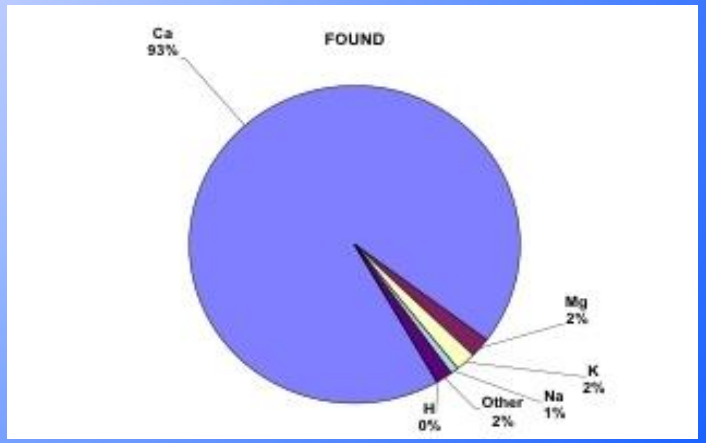
The Albrecht Soil Analysis



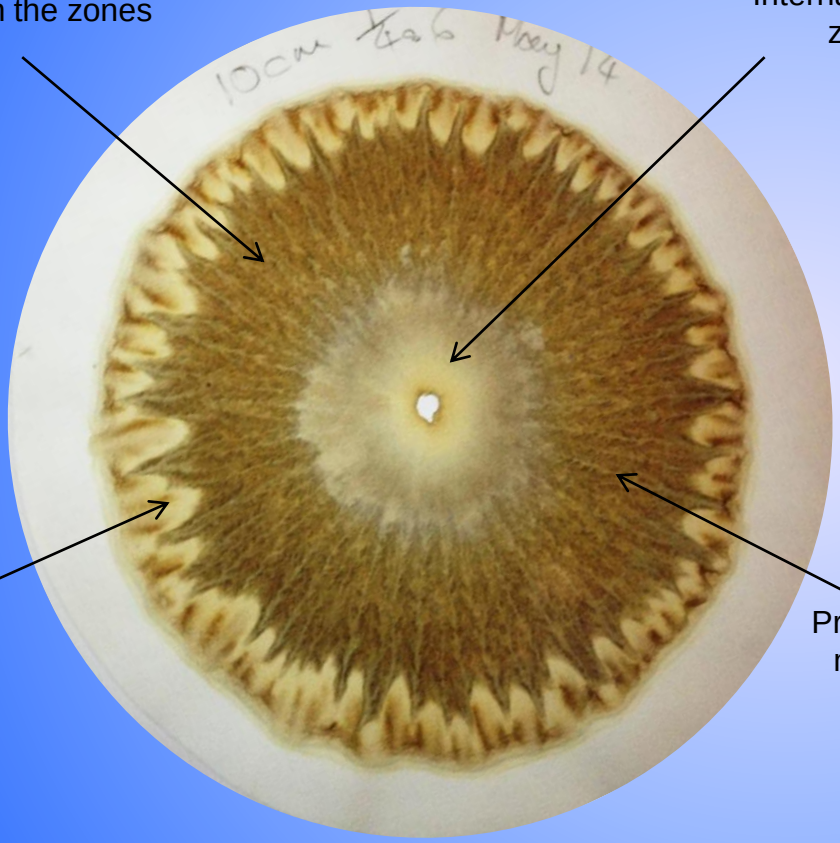


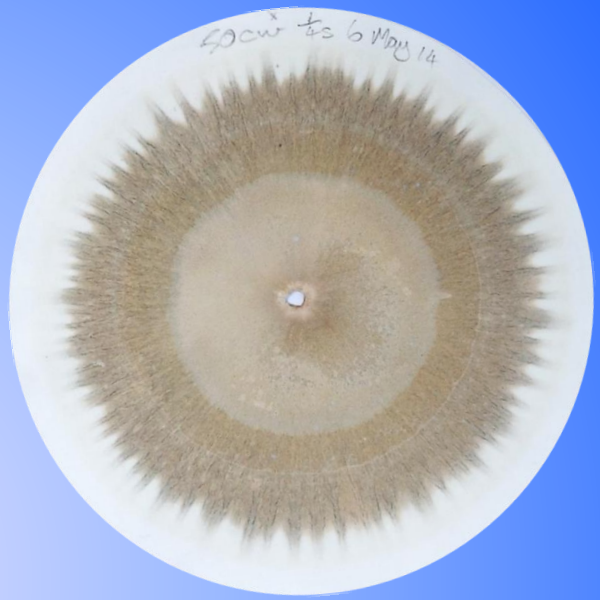


Soil Chromatography

Irregular lines and rays indicate good biological activity between the zones

Internal mineral zone





Periferal biology zone

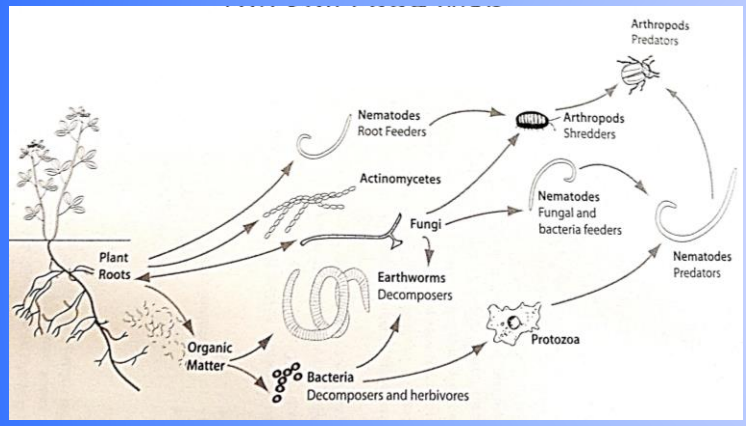
Proteic organic matter zone

Soil health *is the capacity of a soil to function without intervention.*

Feeding Biology

BELOW
The Soil Food Web

ABOVE
Livestock



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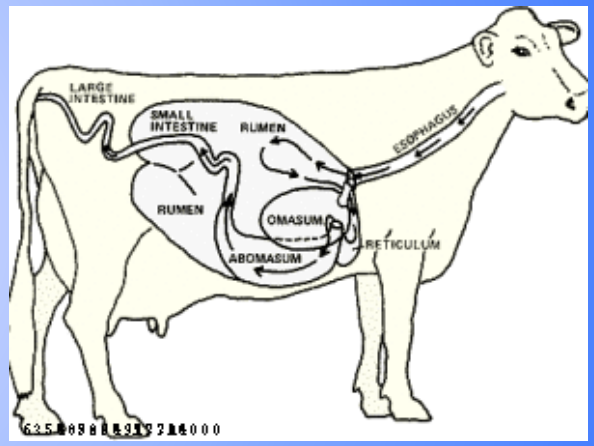

1-2%?

Microbes

896

5:1 Bacteria
20:1 Fungi
30:1 Protozoa
100:1 Nematodes

Carbon : nitrogen

30:1

Quality Food → *Digestion* ∝ Health

Grow Top Soil

Soil Penetrometer

300 psi

CO_2 & OM

Cover Crops

Maximising photosynthesis
Feeding and protecting soil biology

Mob Grazing

Maximising plant exudates
Building organic matter
FAST


Plant
Diversity & Synergies

Compost

Carbon source
Chelating minerals
A live fertilizer
10x more effective than FYM

Foliar feeds

Carbon source
Mineral suspensions
Energy sources
Urea is an amine
Good Biology

The Quality and Integrity of the feed we produce on farm is a result of the way we manage Our Soils.

Conclusions

- Soil management has a direct impact on the Integrity of food.
- Soil biology and Plant Diversity will build Resilience and Efficiency in our farming systems and increase the Nutrient Density of food.
- Massive opportunity to Multiply Soil Biology using compost and foliar feeds.
- Plants grown in biological soils are Less Prone to Disease and Pest attack.
- Soluble fertilizers and chemicals will Shut Down biological functions, reducing the nutrient density of food.
- 1st generation GM technology is Mummifying soil biology, burning off organic matter and producing Empty Calories that can not feed the world.

Biological Farming is the Future

Recommendations

- Know your Base saturation levels and adopt a fertiliser policy.
- Feed and nurture Soil Biology as a priority.
- Use Plant and Soil Microbe Diversity to improved feed quality and build Resilience in our soils and farming systems.
- Maximise on farm manures to make Live Mineral Rich Fertilizers.
- Collaborate with Arable Farmers to secure our future.
- Question the integrity of any bought in feeds.

Biological Farming Can Out Perform Chemical Agriculture And Produce Higher Integrity Feed.