

Resolution

The plenary meeting of the IIIrd World Fertilizer Congress stated the following findings at the final session on 11th September 1957 at Heidelberg:

1. The proper application of mineral fertilizers enables us to change so-called natural soils into productive cultivated soils.
2. A continuous application of this method favourably influences the humus content of the soils. Therefore soil fertility is conserved and improved as well as the yield-increasing effect of plant nutrients.
3. A well balanced fertilization is essential for maximum food production for the rapidly increasing world population.
4. Research has proved that not only do the modern methods of fertilizer application increase the quantity but also improve the quality of plant products ensuring thereby the production of nutritious food for men and animals.
5. The application of humus and mineral fertilizers practiced for more than 100 years by progressive farmers, has proved to be the most profitable method of farm management.

In view of these facts the IIIrd World Fertilizer Congress especially draws the attention of the Governments of all countries to:

1. the urgent necessity to further encourage research, education and farm advisory service to ensure a more efficient distribution of the results of modern fertilizer practice, as shown above;
2. to raising the living standard of the farming community by making a more efficient use of fertilizers;
3. the fact that the fulfilment of these proposals meets the need of modern food research for an adequate and healthy diet for the ever increasing population.