

Vegetable growing minimum standards

- Proposal put forward by vege sector to manage contaminant losses down
- The table below was approved by growers 21/4/16
- It would be the minimum that everyone would do this, a farm plan would relate to what stage the farm is at
- Every farm plan tailored to state of the farm and the risk
- Expectation is for every farm to meet the minimum standards below.

No	Contaminant	Vegetable growing minimum standards	Other comments
1	N, P	Annual soil testing regime, fertiliser recommendations by block and by crop	
2	N, P	Tailored fertiliser plans by block and by crop	
3	N, P	Both (1) and (2) prepared by an appropriately qualified person	
4	N, P	Annual calibration of fertiliser delivering systems through an approved programme such as Spreadmark/Fertspread	
5	Soil/P	As a minimum by block: an approved erosion and sediment control plan constructed in accordance with the Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Vegetable Production June 2014	
6	N,P	Documentation available for proof of fertiliser placement according to recommended instruction	Requires systemic evidence (GPS, monitor flows and feeds)
7	N, P	Adoption and use of improved fertiliser products proved effective and available such as formulated prills, coatings and slow release mechanisms	Committing to a trial over next 3 years of slow release fertilisers
8	N, P	Evidence available to demonstrate split applications by block/crop following expert approved practice relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - form of fertiliser applied - rate of application - placement of fertiliser - timing of application 	Practices designed to reduce losses of nutrients