

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 2026
TO: All Kentucky Fertilizer Registrants
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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER VALUES FOR 2026

Under the provisions of Chapter 250.401 of the Kentucky Fertilizer Law, the following unit values are announced for use in assessing penalties of deficient fertilizer.

| NUTRIENT | 2026 DOLLARS/UNIT (20 LB) | 2025 DOLLARS/UNIT (20 LB) | 2026 DOLLARS/UNIT (1 LB) | 2025 DOLLARS/UNIT (1 LB) |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Nitrogen (N) | \$14.61 | \$12.36 | \$0.73 | \$0.62 |
| Avail. Phosphate (P ₂ O ₅) | \$17.62 | \$12.72 | \$0.88 | \$0.64 |
| Soluble Potash (K ₂ O) | | | | |
| *Tobacco (low Cl) | \$17.74 | \$15.91 | \$0.89 | \$0.80 |
| *Non-Tobacco | \$7.70 | \$7.05 | \$0.39 | \$0.35 |
| Calcium (Ca) | \$5.41 | \$5.41 | \$0.27 | \$0.27 |
| Magnesium (Mg) | \$45.56 | \$52.22 | \$2.28 | \$2.61 |
| Sulfur (S) | \$12.94 | \$11.04 | \$0.65 | \$0.55 |
| Boron (B) | \$132.64 | \$124.27 | \$6.63 | \$6.21 |
| Copper (Cu) | \$145.00 | \$168.57 | \$7.25 | \$8.43 |
| Iron (Fe) | \$10.80 | \$10.80 | \$0.54 | \$0.54 |
| Manganese (Mn) | \$29.36 | \$29.36 | \$1.47 | \$1.47 |
| Molybdenum (Mo) | \$20.20 | \$20.20 | \$1.01 | \$1.01 |
| Zinc (Zn) | \$79.71 | \$69.11 | \$3.99 | \$3.46 |

Calculation Note:

- 1) The N value for DAP & MAP was assigned from anhydrous ammonia (AA).
- 2) The value of P from DAP and MAP was calculated using the assigned value of N from AA.
- 3) The final values for N and P are weighted averages based on FY 2025 (distributed) tonnage for ammonium nitrate, Urea, DAP, TSP, MAP, and ammonium sulfate.

These values are state-wide averages taken from the December 2025 survey. They represent the averages of responses from throughout the state for retail value of bulk mixed fertilizers.

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