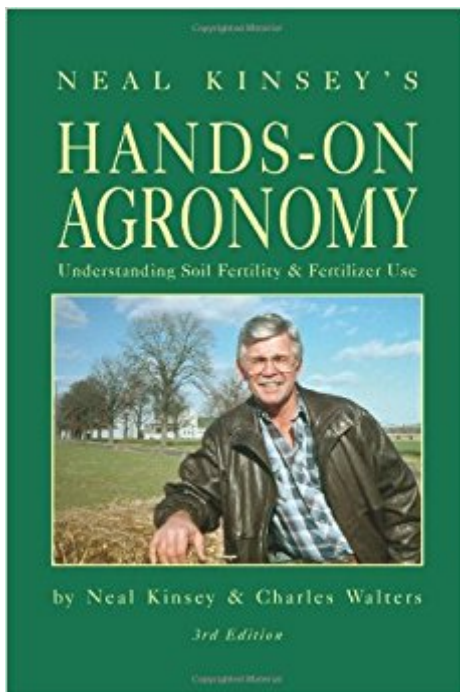


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Synopsis

The soil is much more than just a substrate that anchors crops in place. An ecologically balanced soil system is essential for maintaining nutritious, resilient crops. In *Hands-On Agronomy*, Neal Kinsey shows us how working with the soil to bring it into balance produces healthier crops with a higher yield. Meticulously revised and expanded, this new edition includes additional chapters and updated information to further enhance Kinsey's sophisticated, easy-to-live-with system of fertility management that focuses on balance, not merely quantity of fertility elements. *Hands-On Agronomy* covers the major fertility elements, stressing that accurate soil analyses and audits are key for quality crop production. Discover why simple N-P-K fertilization is not enough to sustain and nurture your soil to optimal health. With Kinsey's help, understand the proper use, timing and application of manures, compost, tillage and micronutrients. Kinsey demonstrates how to recognize and remedy common problems and examines the importance of balancing soil nutrients for maximum yield. In addition, the "whats and whys" of nutrients, soil drainage, tilth, soil structure and organic matter are explained in detail. In this truly comprehensive manual on soil management, Kinsey has drawn on his experience with thousands of students to clarify and expand on the lessons taught therein, making *Hands-On Agronomy* more accessible -- and informative -- than ever.

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As a farmer, I was excited to learn more about colloidal exchanges, but after reading Neal's book, I realized it's really just one big plug for his soil testing company and is incredibly hard to follow.

Throughout the book, he uses anecdotes to make points about soil that are hard to connect, and

even harder to try and figure out how to apply to your own operation. I would recommend the handbook on soil minerals by Agricola from Soilminerals.com who also bases his formula on the work of Dr. William Albrecht

This book is composed of never ending anecdotes with very little or no supporting evidence. I don't even know if this book was even copy-edited. If you're a scientist with an evidence based and logical way of thinking, this book is going to drive you up the wall. You're going to want to throw it across the room in frustration because Neal Kinsey can't write worth crap, nor can he present coherent ideas at all. This book was written by a person whose career is literally an age of technology and research ago. His sayings aren't born out by time tested trials nor does most of what he writes make sense. Get the Western Fertilizer Handbook and you'll be in much clearer hands. This isn't for self education, it's a tome of a rambling old man who wants to boost his ego every ten pages.

My husband heard about this book at a field day, and although he has been farming for 40 years, he wanted to purchase it. He was very pleased. Felt like there was a lot of good information given in a very practical format. He believes some of the insights he gained will increase yields and profitability on our farm.

Great reading for anyone who is concerned about the health of their soil and making sure your products have the necessary micronutrients, whether it be livestock or garden products. I've read many, many books on soil health and this is one of my favorites right next to my books from Albrecht.

Must read, or rather must own. Information dense and no commercial grower should be without this whether you agree with Kinsey's ideas or not.

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