

# **AFA Weekly News Overview**

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### UNL professor joins effort to cut fertilizer pollution

March 3rd, 2016 - Barbara Soderlin

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor has joined a new effort to help farmers keep more nitrogen fertilizer in their fields where it can boost crop growth. Mistakes in the timing of application — or natural challenges such as heavy rains — can result in fertilizer being washed away or ending up in the atmosphere as nitrous oxide. That's not only a waste of farmers' money, it can poison well water, kill aquatic life and contribute to climate change.

#### Read more:

http://www.omaha.com/money/unl-professor-joins-effort-to-cut-fertilizer-pollution/article 9fda8e9-71eb5-0cbf94-b-7bd53d0b589f6.html

# Fertilizer Blenders Take On Latest Additives, Heavy Workloads

February 2nd, 2016 - Lisa Heacox

As agronomy and precision ag sciences continue to advance, blender manufacturers have certainly had their part to play. "We are challenged with new products, more crop diversity and the like that require much more complex blending systems than have been needed before," says Charles Formisani, Vice President, Sales at A.J. Sackett & Sons.

### Read more:

http://www.croplife.com/equipment/blenders/fertilizer-blenders-take-on-latest-additives-heavy-workloads/

### **Ethiopia's Persistent Food Insecurity: What went wrong?**

March 2nd, 2016 - Urgessa Tura

Addis Ababa — On June 2003,11 Ethiopia's Prime Minister the late Meles Zenawi convened a joint meeting with major Western donors in Addis Abeba and confided in them that the food crisis Ethiopia was facing at the time had reached unacceptable level; he said he considered the situation to be a matter of national security concern.

### Read more:

http://allafrica.com/stories/201603021761.html

# Budget 2016: Subsidy bill on food, fertilizer cut by over %4 to Rs 2.31 lakh crore

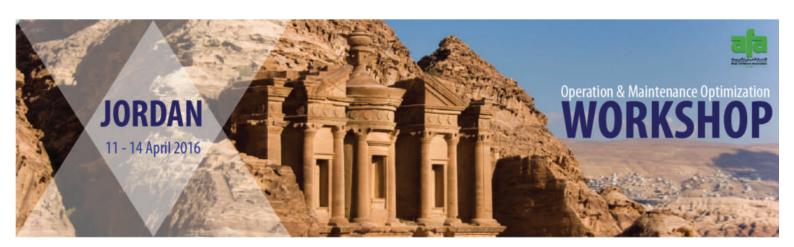
February 29th, 2016 - DNA India

Subsidies on food, fertiliser and petroleum have been pegged lower by over %4 to nearly Rs 2.31 lakh crore for 17-2016.

The subsidy bill on food, petroleum and fertilisers is estimated at Rs 2,31,781.61 crore for 17–2016 fiscal, according to the Budget proposals presented by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in Parliament. The subsidy bill was Rs 2,41,856.58 crore for 16–2015 (revised estimates).

#### Read more:

http://www.dnaindia.com/money/report-budget-2016-subsidy-bill-on-food-fertilizer-cut-by-over-4-to-rs-231-lakh-crore2183817-



# **New SSP plant coming up**

March 2nd, 2016 - Indian Fertilizer

An existing company is planning to set up a green field project of SSP/TSP with capacity of 100,000 TPA.

8The projected investment cost is around Rs 20 crore.

Following are the highlights:

8Prefeasibility study is completed

8Proposal for Terms of Reference has already been submitted

Following are the requirements of raw materials and sources from Domestic

Market/Import from Foreign Countries

Read more:

http://www.indianfertilizer.com

# How Did Intrepid Potash's Segments Contribute to 4Q15 Revenue?

March 4th, 2016 - Adam Jones

Intrepid Potash (IPI) generates revenue from two products: potash and Trio. The potash product line constitutes MOP (muriate of potash), while the Trio product is the company's brand name for sulfate of potash magnesia, or langbeinite. In 2015, the company earned %77 of revenue from potash and the remaining %23 from the Trio product.

#### Read more:

https://marketrealist.com/03/2016/intrepid-potashs4-q-15revenue-sets-negative-mood/

# **Economic Survey 16-2015: Reform Package of the Fertilizer Sector**

February 26th, 2016 - Arpita Esther Herbert

The Economic Survey 16–2015 presented in the Parliament by the Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley emphasizes that the Government budgeted Rs. 73,000 crore- about 0.5 per cent of GDP- on fertilizer subsidies in 16–2015. Nearly 70 per cent of this amount was allocated to urea, the most commonly used fertilizer, making it the largest subsidy after food.

### Read more:

http://www.prepsure.com/news/economic-survey-16-2015-reform-package-of-the-fertilizer-sector/

# Source of Iowa's water pollution should be the source of funding

March 5th, 2016 - David Osterberg

One answer to the issue of funding water-quality solutions is right in front of us: Tax the pollutants.

The pollutants are Nitrogen (N) and Phosphorus (P). This is well established by the lowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS) that Governor Terry Branstad and the farm industry support. The NRS blames N and P for the pollution that harms lowa waters and causes the hypoxic or dead zone at the bottom of the Mississippi River.

### Read more:

http://www.thegazette.com/subject/opinion/quest-columnists/source-of-iowas-water-pollution-should-be-the-source-of-funding20160305-

# Growing Deficiency of Fertilizers in Thailand Presents an Attractive Opportunity for Market Vendors in the Region, Says Technovio

March 3rd, 2016 - Business Wire

According to the latest research report released by Technavio, the fertilizers market in Thailand is expected to reach close to 3.36 million metric tons in terms of consumption by 2019.

The report titled 'Fertilizers Market in Thailand 2019-2015', provides an in-depth analysis of the market in terms of revenue and emerging trends. This market study also presents up to date analysis and forecasts for its various market segments, including nitrogen, potash, and phosphates.

#### Read more:

http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160303005038/en/Growing-Deficiency-Fertilizers-Thailand-Presents-Attractive-Opportunity





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