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## Sulphur reduces nitrate-leaching risk in light-textured grasslands

Heavily nitrogen-fertilised grasslands on sulphur-deficient and light-textured soils need sulphur to reduce the risk of nitrate leaching.



# Falling wheat grain yields associated with rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels 7

Winter wheat grain yields are declining due to rising atmospheric  $CO_2$  concentrations, but grain protein contents remained constant in long-term field trials in California.



Tuber coating with micronutrient nanoparticles protects potato



Low-cost alternative to ICP measurements

#### Grassland

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- 5 Editorial: Effects of sulphur fertilisation on nitrogen losses deserve more attention
- 5 Clover benefits from neighbouring grasses
- 6 Sulphur deficiency reduces nitrogen fixation by legumes
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- 8 Catch crop promotes mycorrhization subsequent crop
- 8 Reduction of methane emission via nitrogen fertilisation
- 8 Stomata important for uptake of nanomaterial
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Young phosphorus-deprived wheat increases its shoot phosphate content at the expense of organic phosphorus compounds when provided with silicon. This 'extra' phosphate is recycled from phosphorus-containing metabolites in shoots.

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