

PPI/PPIC Wuhan Office Moves to Wuhan Institute of Botany



The PPI/PPIC office for Eastern China is now located at the Wuhan Institute of Botany.

After three years of excellent cooperation from the Hubei Academy of Agricultural Sciences (HAAS), the PPI/PPIC Wuhan Office has moved to the Wuhan Institute of Botany of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, due to a personal decision of Dr. Fang Chen, PPI/PPIC Deputy Director, Eastern China. PPI/PPIC wishes to thank Dr. Liu Dingfu, President of HAAS, for the support he and his Academy and staff provided to the PPI/PPIC office over the past three years. PPI/PPIC looks forward to continuing close cooperation with the HAAS Soil and Fertilizer Institute on soil and fertilizer-related research and educational activities.

Effective April 2001, the PPI/PPIC Wuhan Office is now located in the Wuhan Institute of Botany, of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, in Wuhan, Hubei province. Dr. Chen will continue with his responsibilities of developing agronomic research and educational programs in the provinces of Anhui, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang, and the city of Shanghai. The new address is:

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Conclusions

This study indicates that low soil fertility, especially low availability of soil K, in sweet potato production areas in Hubei is presently restricting yields and lowering profits. Sweet potato yield and quality respond strongly to K applications. The optimal K rate in these areas varies from 150 to 300 kg K₂O/ha. Potassium sulfate application resulted in the highest tuber starch content; however, KCl produced greater fresh weight and overall starch yields. It was evident that more K should be used in fields with better soil fertility and higher yield potential. **BCI**

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