

Introduction to this Issue

This special issue of Better Crops International features summaries of papers presented at the Balanced Fertilization Situation Report-II, China (BFSR-II), organized by Canpotex Limited. The event took place in Beijing, People's Republic of China (PRC), in January of 1996.

While the complete papers from the BFSR-II are available in a published proceedings, the abstract articles presented here provide the highlights and key points addressed by the speakers.

Balanced fertilization is an important concept, especially for the People's Republic of China and other regions facing the challenge of increasing agricultural production. While great strides have been accomplished in recent years, much remains to be done in diagnosing field conditions, completing research efforts, and relaying information to those who need to know more about nutrient management.

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The authors' original papers can be found in the proceedings of Balanced Fertilization Situation Report-II, available from Canpotex Limited, Hong Kong office.