



Steric<sup>®</sup> P with BioSF325  
Technology



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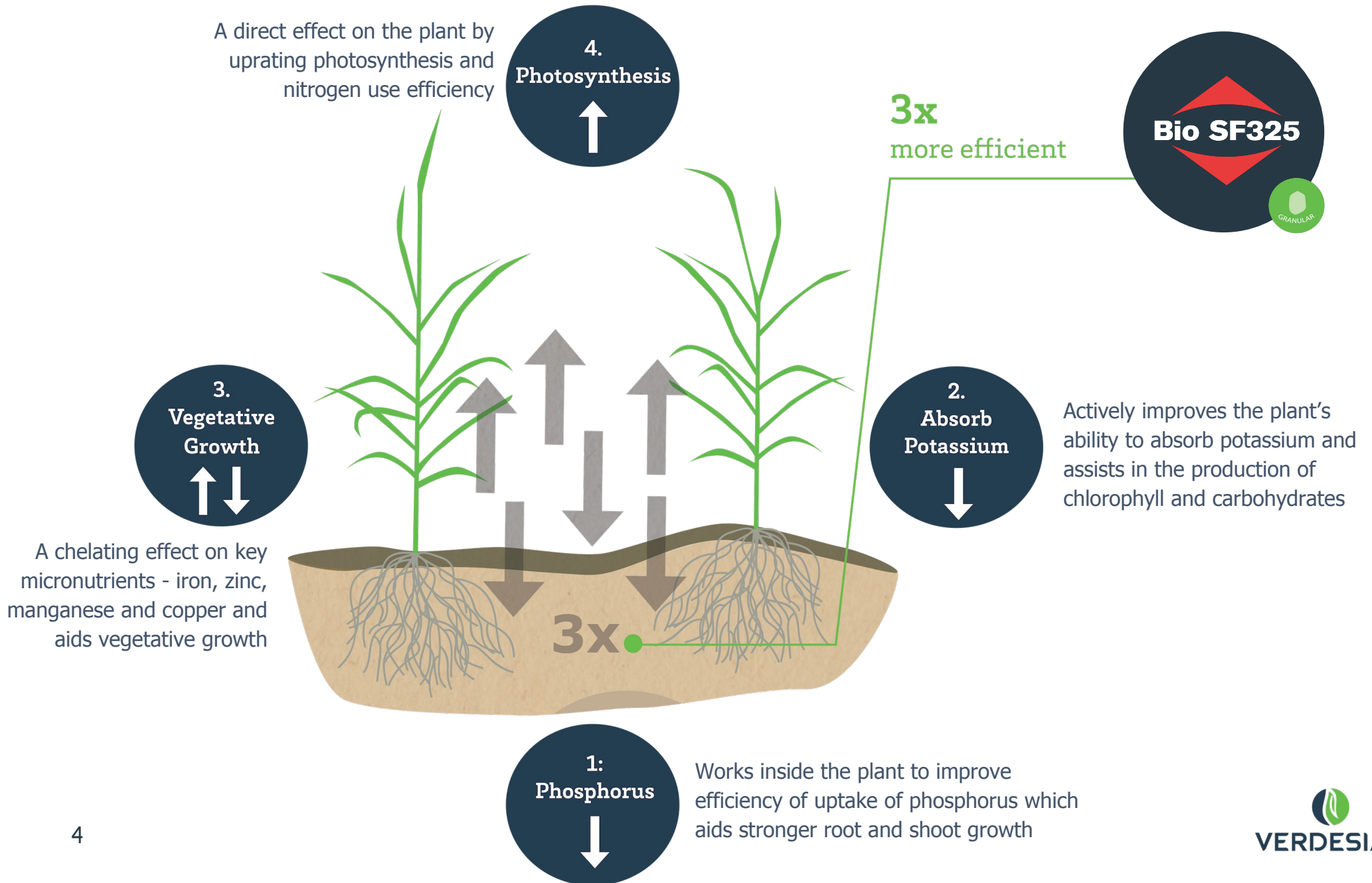
# BioSF325 Technology

- The patented technology contains 4 key components which drive nutrient use efficiency allowing for more phosphorus and potassium to be utilised by the plant and stay available for longer periods
- These 4 components do not just work in isolation, they are synergistic in their effect within the plant
- Improved nutrient use efficiency of phosphorus and potassium delivers proven increase in root and vegetative growth along with fruit/seed quality

**Bio SF325**



# BioSF325 Technology - 4 Key Components



# BioSF325 Technology - Summary

- BioSF325 sits inside the 100% water soluble Steric P dry formulation
- Enables Steric P to be a replacement for traditional forms of P - MAP, phosphoric acid, DAP, MKP
- Instead of full replacement BioSF325 enables Steric P to be used as a biostimulant within standard fertigation programs
- Helps to reduce the effect of salinity on root and shoot growth
- Through improved P efficiency, helps reduce environmental impact of phosphate

**Bio SF325**





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Environmental Impact of Phosphate

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PHOSPHATE



0.02  
Safe  
Level

The safe level of phosphate is 0.02

All plants need phosphates to grow, but phosphorus is normally present in surface water at a rate of only 0.02 parts per million.



x3  
Safe  
Level

x3 the safe level will create an algae bloom

The increased bacterial levels which use up oxygen in water kill all life and contaminate the water source which leads to serious clean up costs to remove the algae.



40% of  
Nutrients

Up to 40% of nutrients applied are unavailable and thus useless to the crop

In particular the over use of P fertilisers can alter the composition and function of soil microbes which reduces crop yields and soil health



37%  
Increase

Steric P can improve phosphorus levels within the plant by up to 37% helping to boost yield and quality

Excessive use of phosphate in agriculture remains main source of the problem compared to other industries



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Features



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# EC-FERTILISER (B.1.2)



- Blended NP 12:58 water soluble dry formulation
- Phosphorus is derived from 100% water soluble high efficiency food grade mono-ammonium phosphate



Total Nitrogen (N) 12%

Phosphorus (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) 58%



## EC-FERTILISER (B.1.2)

100%

100% water soluble  
dry formulation

High efficiency food grade  
MAP as source of  $P_2O_5$

$P_2O_5$

12:58:0

Formulation containing  
12:58:0, compliant with  
the EC-fertiliser  
Directive 2003

Low levels of phosphite in food  
grade MAP guards against  
Maximum Residue Level (MRL)  
issues when exporting crop

MRL



## EC-FERTILISER (B.1.2)



**Bio SF325**

BioSF325 improves nutrient use efficiency up to 67%

Low salt index of 62.4 and pH 4.43



**CaNO3**

Good mixing compatibility with CaNO3

Fewer applied elements and packaging

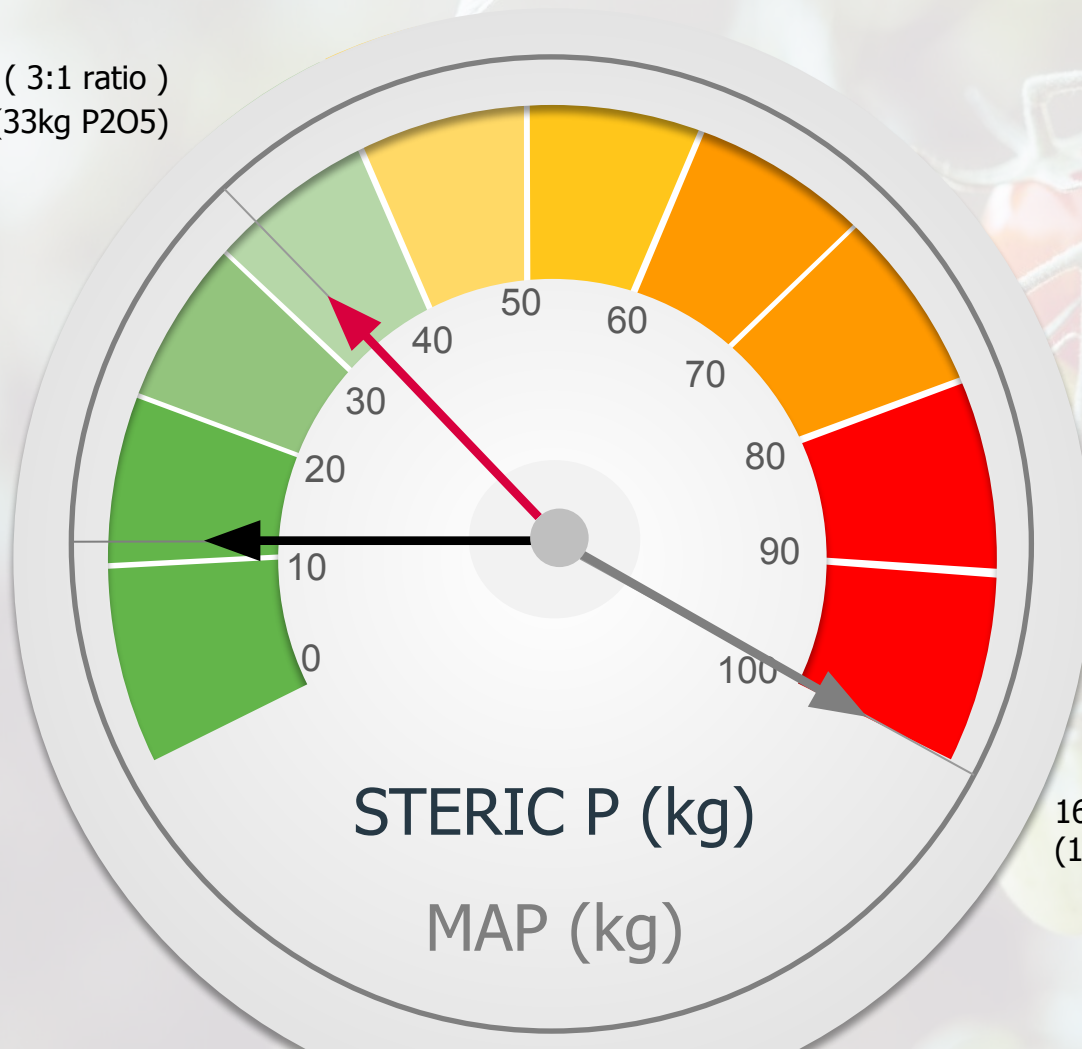


- Steric P fully replaces traditional P fertilisers
- Steric P has biostimulant action



57kg ( 3:1 ratio )  
(33kg P2O5)

2-11kg  
depending  
on crop  
and effect  
required



164  
(100 kg P2O5)

- ➔ Traditional Practice + **Steric P** as **biostimulant** - Steric P (kg)
- ➔ **Steric P** - Steric P (kg)
- ➔ Traditional Practice - MAP (kg)





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Trial results as replacement for acid  
fertilisers



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## Watermelon - Variety Azabache



**Steric P**



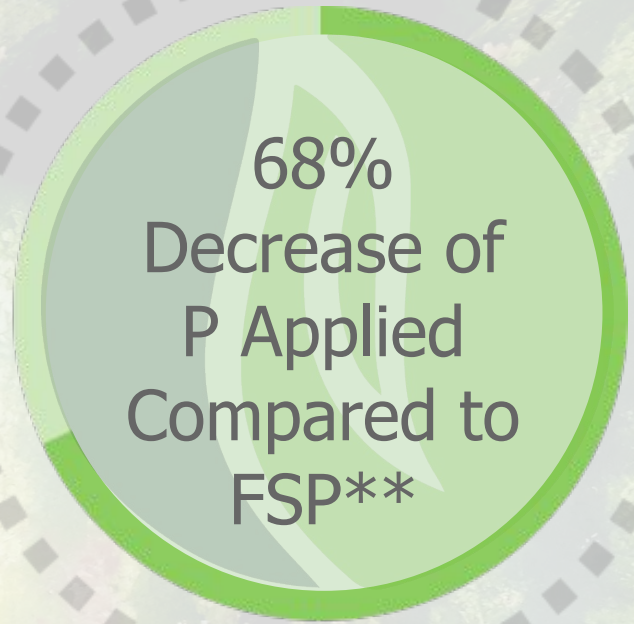
Steric P 1/3 P rate - 60 DAT

**60 days** after application  
plants are more developed





APPLICATION  
RATE OF P



P applied\* per week  
for 12 weeks

Steric P: 60 kg (35 units P)

FSP - MAP: 180 kg (110 units P)

+37%

Yield in tonnes\*

Steric P: 68.90  
FSP: 50.17

+28%

Cost\*

Steric P: €276  
FSP: €216

+55%

Gross Income\*

Steric P: €25,228  
FSP: €16,304e

+55%

Income\*

Steric P: €24,952  
FSP: €16,088

\*Per Hectare

\*\*Farm Standard Practice



Tomato -  
Covered



Steric P



Significant differences  
in bunch size and  
number of flowers at  
**52 days DAT**





FERTILISER  
APPLIED

70%  
Decrease of  
Fertiliser Applied  
Compared  
to FSP

Fertiliser applied every  
5 days

Steric P: 300 g (12:58:0)  
FSP: 1 kg (12:62:0)

December - March  
Across 2,000 Plants

+22.8%

Bunch Length (cm)

Steric P: 21.0  
FSP: 17.1

+37.5%

Leaf P Concentration %

Steric P: 0.55 (in optimum range)  
FSP: 0.40 (below optimum)



# Leaf phosphorus concentration (%)

Trial conducted between 5th March - 21st May 2010

➔ Steric P: 0,59

➔ MAP: 0,4

OPTIMUM

STERIC P

OPTIMUM

MAP



# Strawberry - Covered



  
**Steric P**



Trial Conducted by  
Masso, Spain





FERTILISER  
APPLIED

64%  
Decrease of  
Units of P Applied  
Compared to  
FSP

Fertiliser units of  
P applied

Steric P: 17.94  
FSP: 49.53

December - March  
Across 1,236 Plants

+21%

Cumulative Harvested Grams per plant

Steric P: 177.10  
FSP: 146.22



# Artichoke - Improving yield & quality



**Steric P** produces a  
higher number/plant  
and with a better  
shape





FERTILISER  
APPLIED

67%  
Decrease of  
Units of P Applied  
Compared to  
FSP

Fertiliser units of  
P applied

Steric P: 1.74

FSP Phosphoric Acid : 5.2

-67 %

Application per hectare

Steric P: 3kg  
FSP: 10 litre

+12.1%

Phosphorus Level in  
Flowers per 100 g

Steric P: 108.2  
FSP: 96.51

+18.6%

Artichokes per plant

Steric P: €25,228  
FSP: €16,304e

Assessment over  
45 DAT





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Trial results for Biostimulant effect



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## Table Grape



**Steric P**

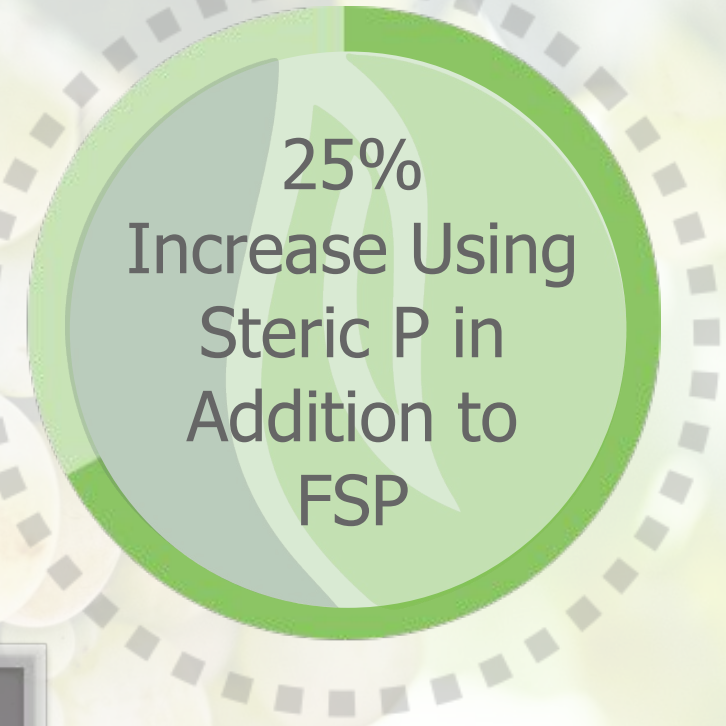


Grapes treated with  
11 kg per hectare at  
sprouting





APPLICATION  
RATE



Steric P applied at early shooting per ha

Steric P: 5 kg in addition to FSP

+25%

Yield in kg per strain

Steric P: 16.5 kg

13.2

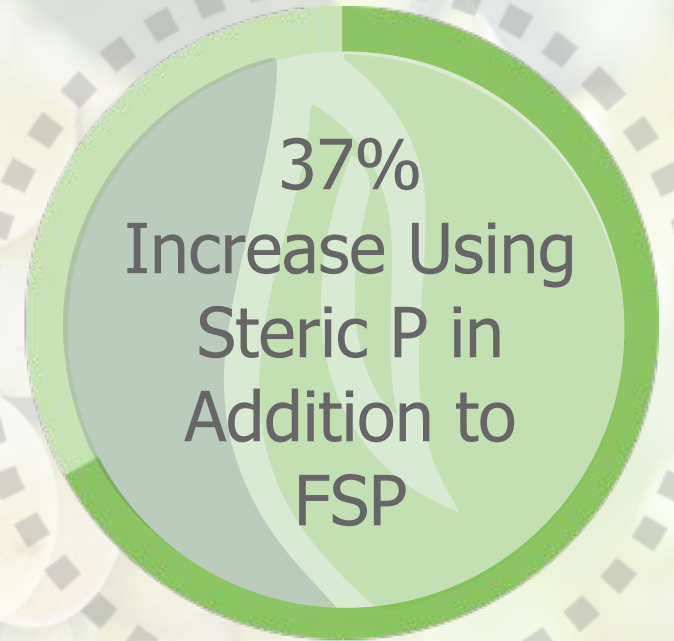
Yield in kg per strain

FSP: 13.2 kg





APPLICATION  
RATE



Steric P applied at early  
shooting per ha

Steric P: 11 kg

+37%

Yield in kg per strain

Steric P: 18.1 kg

13.2

Yield in kg per strain

FSP: 13.2 kg



Olive -  
Variety Picual  
50 year old  
plantation



  
Steric P



  
Steric P



Better fruit setting and  
prematurity





APPLICATION  
RATE

13%  
Increase in Fruit  
Yield Compared  
to FSP Alone

Application rate of Steric P  
pre flowering

Steric P: 10 kg in addition  
to FSP

+114%

% Bunches

Steric P: 61.25  
FSP: 28.75

+13%

kg per Tree

Steric P: 40.81  
FSP: 36.14

+21%

Weight of 10 Fruit

Steric P: 7.1 g  
FSP: 5.9 g

Trial Over 38 DAT



Potato Trial -  
Variety Renate  
70 DAT



Steric P applied once at 5 kg  
per ha in addition to FSP.  
Assessment 70 days after  
treatment



# Lemon - Variety Fortuna



Dose: 11.43 kg/ha  
One single application of  
Steric P in addition to FSP.  
Objective: Influence in fruit setting



Lemon -  
Variety Fortuna  
35 DAT



Differences are observed.  
Steric P treated trees have  
bunches with more fruits,  
with a good size and colour



## Steric P Summary

- BioSF325 drives phosphate, potassium and nitrogen use efficiency
- Proven commercial performance in USA, South America and Spain
- Improved root and vegetative growth
- P acid fertiliser replacement
- Lower rates as a biostimulant
- High efficiency food grade MAP
- Reduced environmental impact



## Formed in 2012

R&D company with head quarters in North Carolina with total 200+ personnel

## 7 Manufacturing Sites

Verdesian has 4 manufacturing sites in the US and 3 sites in Europe, producing liquid and dry formulations.

## 300+ Patents

Over 300 patent families with research links to 7 universities in the USA and 3 universities in Europe (Greece, Italy and UK).

## Globally Established

A global footprint operating across North & South Americas, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Far East.



  
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