Fertoz Rock Phosphate

**Source** Mined deposits of rock phosphate in British Columbia and Montana

**Analysis**
- 0-7-0
- 20-25% total $P_2O_5$
- 5-10% available $P_2O_5$
- 30-60% Calcium Carbonate
- 10-20% Silica

**Product Notes**
- Fertoz is available in three formats:
  1. **Fertoz Powder**
     - 50-150 mesh powder
     - 80lbs/ft$^3$ bulk density
     - Apply with a lime spreader or similar equipment
  2. **Fertoz Granular**
     - 64 lbs/ft$^3$ bulk density
     - Granulated for ease of application in fertilizer spreaders or planters
     - Blends well with other granular products
  3. **Fertoz and Elemental Sulphur Granular**
     - 70% Fertoz and 30% elemental sulphur (0-5-0-27S)
     - 64 lbs/ft$^3$ bulk density
     - Increases phosphorus availability in soils with a pH greater than 7.0
     - Economical source of elemental sulphur to correct soil deficiencies

**Uses**
- A good option to supply crop phosphorus and build long-term phosphorus reserves, particularly when manure or compost sources of P are limited or unavailable
- May not be suitable for soils already high in calcium
Application Rates:

- General recommendations based on experience:
  - 250 to 280 lbs/ac based on phosphorus test levels in acidic soils (pH <7.0)
  - 350 to 400 lbs/ac of Fertoz and Elemental Sulfur, based on phosphorus test levels in alkaline soils (pH >7.0)

- Typically broadcast and incorporated in spring (ideally 4 to 8 weeks before crop phosphorus demand peaks, less in highly-deficient soils)

- Allow 3 years to see the full impact of the amendment application

Comments:

- Fertoz is higher in available phosphorus than other mineral amendments
- Phosphorus availability can be improved by blending with manure, compost, humates, biologicals, and elemental sulphur
- An 8-week study in Western Canada on pH neutral, P-deficient soils showed that phosphorus availability doubled with the application of Fertoz, tripled when Fertoz was blended with sulfur, and increased a further 50% with the addition of compost
- Phosphorus availability from phosphate rock fertilizers is also positively correlated with AMF and green manure incorporation
- Fertoz products are all approved for organic use by ProCert

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