Soil Fertility and Fertilizers by John L. Havlin

This Informative Book Is About Soils And Fertilization

My Personal Review:
Many people are interested in dirt. People who clean cars are interested in dirt. The nice people at Proctor & Gamble are very interested in dirt. But perhaps the most interested of all are farmers who spend much of their time thinking about dirt, putting things in dirt and taking things out of the dirt. Sometimes they don't take enough things out of the dirt or the wrong things grow in the dirt, so they have to add more stuff to the dirt to make it more productive. This is often fertilizer except in Arkansas where they use tobacco juice. In less robust economies (read, those not served by Archer Daniels) fertilizer is often based on human or animal wastes. In those societies this cyclical cycle is called survival. Here in the United States of America it is called Organic Farming and one should expect to pay a pretty price for it. As a matter of fact, the other day, I was in the Wild Oats Market near where I live and they were charging this gosh-awful price for something called organic bananas. Now, I like organic foods as much as the next guy, but lets face it, paying over $1 per pound for organic bananas is nuts. (Hmmm. I didn't even really mix my metaphor). Back in 1967 when I was working as a porter at the old A&P warehouse, we had to unload freight cars of bananas and put them into a special room to ripen them. And we couldn't care less back then if it was organic or not. A banana was a banana and aside from those we would swipe when we were hungry, our greatest concern was not getting bitten by a spider or one of those gigantic roaches that would stowaway on the banana boats. As long as the banana is not too mushy and someone doesn't try to fool me by substituting a plantain, I don't really care what they put around the roots. But I digress. Tisdale's book is considered the definitive treatise on Soils and Fertilization. It is the standard text at really fine Aggie schools in this great land of ours and if you are really in to gardening, farming or just want to know more about fertilizer than anyone else in your social set or in your chapter of Future Farmers of America, or 4-H. (Do you know that there are many active chapters of 4-H in New York City and its environs?) So, help rocket Tisdale's fifth edition out of its doldrums as the 125,000th most
sought after title at Amazon.com. He is a lot more informative than Tom Clancy or Tony Robbins and he writes better too. Buy buying this and giving it to your friends as a Christmas gift it may move it up to become the 90,000th most popular title at AmazonDotCom (who came up with that clunky name, Borzos? Couldn't you name it after your mother, or maybe come up with something poetic like ArchonsOfColophon.com?)

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