

**200.20 Phosphoric acid, nitrogen, and potash requirements.**

1. Except as provided in [subsection 2](#), a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or distribute any of the following:

- a. Phosphatic fertilizer containing less than eighteen percent available phosphoric acid ( $P_2O_5$ ).
- b. Nitrogen fertilizer containing less than fifteen percent total nitrogen (N).
- c. Potash fertilizer containing less than fifteen percent soluble potash ( $K_2O$ ).
- d. Mixed fertilizer in which the sum of the guaranteed analysis of total nitrogen (N), available phosphoric acid ( $P_2O_5$ ), and soluble potash ( $K_2O$ ) totals less than twenty percent.

2. [Subsection 1](#) shall not apply to any of the following:

- a. A specialty fertilizer.
- b. A fertilizer designed to be applied and ordinarily applied directly to growing plant foliage to stimulate further growth.
- c. Compost materials to be applied on land, if any of the following apply:
  - (1) The land is being used to produce an agricultural commodity that is an organic agricultural product as provided in [chapter 190C](#), including rules adopted by the department under that chapter.

- (2) The land is in the transition of being used to produce an agricultural commodity that is an organic agricultural product, pursuant to rules adopted by the department as provided in [chapter 190C](#).

[C77, 79, 81, §200.20]

[2000 Acts, ch 1082, §2](#)