

## Potassium that Outperforms the Competition

When commodity K<sub>2</sub>O fertilizer is applied to the soil, it can move quickly into one of three potassium pools. Unfortunately, all too much K<sub>2</sub>O is rapidly fixed into the non-exchangeable pool. This pool is almost completely unavailable for plant growth, which means you are wasting most of the potassium (K) fertilizer you apply. **Katalyst**<sup>®</sup> family products work in two unique ways: less of the applied K<sub>2</sub>O is fixed in the soil, and more is available. K<sub>2</sub>O is actually released from the *"non-exchangeable"* pool. No other K fertilizer on the market has proven research to demonstrate these two features.



Small advantages in resource availability often result in increased rates of growth, which compound over time in a positive feedback loop of plant growth and resource acquisition. This is why the Katalyst advantage in-crop is much greater than the numbers shown in the first chart on page 2. We recommend to soil-apply Katalyst products in the field at about 1/3 the rate of commodity K fertilizer.

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Soil Health





## In soil experiments without a crop, Katalyst consistently outperformed commodity K fertilizer, in terms of available K measured in soil.

When commodity K fertilizer is applied to a K-fixing soil, much of the applied K is fixed and thereby unavailable for plant use. In Experiment 5 (200 mg  $K_2O/kg$  soil applied), essentially all of the K (177.3/200) of the commodity fertilizer was fixed into the non-exchangeable pool. In contrast, in the same experiment, >200 mg  $K_2O/kg$  soil was released from the non-exchangeable pool when **Katalyst** was applied. *The negative number means that K was released from the fixed soil pool. No other fertilizer on the market has been proven to have this effect.* 

Similarly, in Experiment 6, the applied K rate was much lower (50 mg  $K_2O/kg$  soil), but a similar trend was observed. **Katalyst** released  $K_2O$  from the non-exchangeable soil pool, even though the commodity K fertilizer applied was essentially all fixed. In both experiments, treatments were incubated for three days before the soil was analyzed.



## Katalyst Products Release Fixed K in the Soil