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# Improvements Caused by Adding AgriBoost™ to Soil or Potting Mix

In the Swiss trial, AgriBoost<sup>™</sup> always increased tomato seedling size, regardless of "organic" or mineral nitrogen fertilization. AgriBoost<sup>™</sup> boosted size from 3% to 47.5%.

	Tomato seedling size boost
<u>Treatment</u>	<u>by AgriBoost</u> ™
Mineral nitrogen fertilizer, no compost	47.5%
"Organic" nitrogen fertilizer, no compost	45%
Mineral nitrogen fertilizer, with compost	3%
"Organic" nitrogen fertilizer, with compost	20%

This means that even an "organic" grower who is using an optimum potting mix ("organic" nitrogen plus compost) can still increase seedling performance by 20% by adding AgriBoost™.

The same effects were observed for cauliflower seedlings. AgriBoost™ always **increased** cauliflower seedling size, regardless of "organic" or mineral nitrogen fertilization.

AgriBoost™ boosted size from 18% to 160%.

<u>Treatment</u>	Cauliflower seedling size boost by AgriBoost™
Mineral nitrogen fertilizer, no compost	160%
"Organic" nitrogen fertilizer, no compost	66%
Mineral nitrogen fertilizer, with compost	35%
"Organic" nitrogen fertilizer, with compost	18%

#### Conclusion

In both cauliflower and tomato seedlings, AgriBoost  $^{\text{TM}}$  increased the uptake of several mineral plant nutrients.

A Jordanian study investigated the effect of AgriBoost™ on marketable vegetable product, namely lettuce yield and the amount of ripe tomatoes produced. It also looked at water use efficiency, a measure of how much product was grown per unit of irrigation water applied. The comparison treatment for lettuce and tomatoes is the standard, high-fertilizer treatment used in intensive, irrigated production in Jordan.

### Effects of AgriBoost™ on *Tomato*:

- AgriBoost™ boosted tomato yield between 13% to 74%.
- The use of AgriBoost<sup>™</sup> in all cases led to having ripe tomatoes one week
   before the treatments without AgriBoost<sup>™</sup>
- The water use efficiency increased with the additional amounts of AgriBoost™ used. With AgriBoost™, the same amount of water produces between 4% and 28% more tomatoes.

## Effects of AgriBoost™ on *Lettuce*:

- AgriBoost™ boosted lettuce yield between 8% to 92%.
- The yield increased linearly with the amount of AgriBoost™ used: The more AgriBoost™ in the soil mix, the higher the yield.
- The water use efficiency increased with additional amounts of AgriBoost™ used. With AgriBoost™, the same amount of water produces between 9% and 92% more lettuce.

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