

## Fruit of the Loam

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## Work on your foundation

No matter how well you plan or how good the quality of your plants may be, you will not succeed without a good foundation, a proper soil.

After I wrote that first sentence it made me think of life in general. Gardening and life have a lot of corollaries. In life our foundation starts with God and our families. Sure we all make wrong decisions at times in our lives but if we have a foundation we will most likely be fine in the long run.

How about your garden in the backyard? Do you have a good foundation? Do you need to improve that foundation? How can we improve our foundation?

We improve that garden foundation by adding organic matter. Peat moss, cottonseed compost, sawdust, potting soils, grass clippings, straw, you get the picture. Do not add sand nor fireplace ashes. Organic matter loosens clay soils and will increase the water holding capacity of sandy soils.

Until you know exactly what is in your soils foundation, as far as nutrients go, you are only guessing when you apply fertilizer. A soil test is the place to start. But the last time I heard the K-State extension vegetable guy talk he said that of 1,000 soil samples taken in western Kansas 950 of them came back saying the garden needed nitrogen and sulfur. We can help you with that!

So how is your foundation? Are you raising good fruit? Do you need a little help? Start working on your foundation both the one in the backyard and the family one and you will be just fine. We grow our own and that's the difference.

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