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# Yara Liquid Fertilizers

Profit from Accuracy



# Precision and Profit from Yara Liquid Fertilizers

## Fast and Accurate

Many of the country's leading farmers continue to move to liquid fertilizer systems. As practical, innovative businessmen they recognise the substantial economic benefits to be gained by applying fertilizer quickly and accurately. With 36 metre booms now allowing crops to be treated accurately at rates of 1 hectare every 60 seconds, the rewards are obvious.

## No Wastage

From both environmental and financial aspects, liquid fertilizer's ability to be applied precisely up to the field margin without wastage or contamination of hedgerows and waterways is of increasing importance to maintain good farming practice. The problems and costs associated with the disposal of fertilizer bags are also eliminated.

## Simple

Moving to a liquid fertilizer system is both easy and inexpensive. Your farm sprayer can be converted within minutes – just as long as it takes to change a set of jets. Yara will supply storage tanks appropriate for your farm's requirements and these can be installed quickly and easily. In fact, you could be applying Yara's liquid fertilizer within days of making the decision to 'go liquid'.







# The Key to Profitability

## Unbeatable Accuracy

Liquid fertilizer applied through your current farm sprayer can give you an immediate improvement in the accuracy of your nitrogen and NPKS applications helping to ensure the best possible yield.

Accuracy is improved:

- Across the full boom width, however wide.
- Over the entire field, with the correct amount applied per hectare.
- At the end of bouts by reducing overlaps.
- At the field margins, by farming to maximum efficiency to the crop's edge - and no further.

Liquid fertilizer applications can produce an improvement in spreading accuracy worth £15 per ha for winter wheat when compared to solid fertilizer. If the solid fertilizer is of poor quality or spreading conditions are not ideal at wide bout widths, the financial loss can easily reach £40 per hectare.

Yara's liquid fertilizers are 100% water soluble, and hence are uniform, which means they give consistent flow rates and no recalibration is required when changing grades. Electronic rate control systems can enhance accuracy even further, and when combined with variable rate technology and individual boom section control, the accuracy is unsurpassed.

These benefits can lead to:

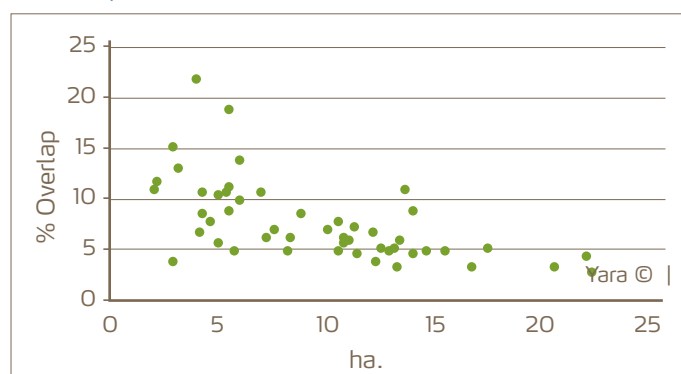
- Even crops
- Reduced overlapping on headlands
- Less fertilizer wastage
- Less risk of lodging and diseases
- Easier combining
- More consistent grain samples
- Higher yields

## Boom Section Control

Adopting sprayer boom section control means the problem of fertilizer over-application caused by overlapping doses can be almost eliminated, resulting in more even crops and reduced lodging. This can also result in substantial fertilizer savings. The more irregular the field shape and the smaller the size, the bigger the benefit.

The following chart shows how the percentage of overlap can vary with shape and size. Fifty random fields were measured and the overlap calculated at an average of 8%.

% Overlap v Field Size ha.



Where field sizes are small or irregular, the bigger the benefit.



## The Headland Effect

Liquid fertilizer applied through stream jets fertilizes to the edge of the crop and no further.

- Under-fertilizing crop margins has been calculated to give up to 34% yield loss in the last 3 metres of crops, averaging over the whole headland as much as 5%.
- Over-fertilizing i.e applying past the crop edge into hedgerows or on to roads, wastes up to 5% of total fertilizer applied to the field.
- Spraying up to the crop edge also protects the environment and field margins under management schemes.



## Headland Area Yield Loss

This table demonstrates the losses that can be avoided from suboptimal yields on headlands.

### Headland area

Total arable	ha	600
No. of fields	no.	40
Tramline width	m	24
Average field size	ha	15.00
Headland area per field	ha	3.49
Headland area over farm	ha	139.51
Headland area	%	23%

### Headland yield loss

Target yield	t/ha	9
Headland yield loss	%	5%
Yield loss per field	t	1.67

### Final Impact

Price per tonne (grain)	£	120
Total loss in tonnes	t	66.93
Total value of loss		<b>£8,031</b>





## More Working Days

Liquid fertilizers can mean more available spreading days because, compared to solid fertilizers, applications are less affected by weather conditions.

- Applications can be made on damp days and even rainy days.
- Spread patterns are less affected by the wind.

Switching to liquids and increasing work rates produces real benefits:

- Timely drilling / spraying.
- Reduction in machinery / fuel / labour costs.
- Quick, effective treatment of the crop at the correct growth stage.
- Efficient utilization of inputs.

For example, several years ago the move from 12 to 24 metre bout widths reduced the time taken to cover 1 hectare by over 40%. On a 1000 hectare farm, the time spent applying fertilizer and agrochemicals was reduced by some 160 hours through adoption of 24 metre tramlines.

Wider bout widths also effectively increase the area cropped. The wheelings caused by spreading fertilizer at 12 metres, even on standard width tyres, cover a minimum of 5% of the cropped area. The move to 24 metres reduced this area to 2.5%, resulting in an increase in yield. On the same 1000 hectare farm, this translated to an additional wheat value of over 200 tonnes production.

Needless to say, the financial benefits are greater for farms adopting 36, 40 and 48 metre systems. Liquid fertilizers can also be tank mixed with some agrochemicals, further reducing spraying time and increasing efficiency.





This chart demonstrates the increase in efficiency obtained by upgrading fertilizer application systems. It starts with a ‘present system’ of a 2 tonne capacity solid fertilizer spreader with a bout width of 18 metres and works through various upgrade options. The fourth

option is a modern 4000 litre capacity sprayer with a 36 metre boom width. These are routine examples only, Yara’s liquid fertilizer sales staff are able to calculate your own ‘tailor made’ system comparison.

### Typical Systems Comparison

Detail		Present system	Proposed systems		
		1	2	3	4
Total crop	ha	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Tank capacity	lt/kg	2000.00	2500.00	3000.00	4000.00
Application rate	lt kg/ha	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Fill time	min	5.00	6.00	7.00	10.00
Application speed	kph	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00
Boom width	m	18.00	24.00	24.00	36.00
Travel time	min	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Hectares / Hour		9.65	12.36	14.92	20.09
Total Hours		103.00	80.00	67.00	49.00





## Increased Efficiency

The following factors mean that more acres are covered each working day:

- Modern liquid fertilizer systems are capable of achieving extremely high work rates.
- The use of maximum bout widths, now typically 36 metres and rising, means fewer passes.
- Sophisticated boom systems allow for increased ground speed.
- Rapid fertilizer handling and tank filling means less standing time

## Reduced Labour

The handling and application of liquid fertilizer is often a simple, one man operation - at the delivery stage, no farm labour is required as the tanker driver will off-load directly into the farm storage tank. The transfer of fertilizer from storage tank to sprayer is very rapid (typically at the rate of 450 litres/minute). A quicker and much more efficient operation than lifting and splitting bags.

These factors, when combined with increased work rates, can release labour for other farm operations during the busiest times of the farming calendar. The system is very flexible and can be easily optimised according to the farm's topography, labour profile and working practices.





## Better Use of Capital

Changing to liquid fertilizers can have a considerable effect on the capital requirements of a farming enterprise:

- One machine often replaces two.
- Most farm sprayers can be converted at relatively little cost to apply liquid fertilizers, and a spreader is not required.
- Alternatively, where two sprayers are required, both fertilizing and spraying capacities are effectively doubled.

### Handling Equipment

Liquid fertilizers are delivered directly into farm storage tanks and simply pumped into the sprayer. On some farms this means that solid fertilizer handling equipment can be completely dispensed with.

### Storage

Buildings are no longer required for fertilizer storage and can therefore be released, thus increasing grain storage and marketing options, or providing covered storage for vehicles or non agricultural revenue earning purposes such as warehousing or storage.





## Easier Deliveries to Farm

- Purpose made tanks to Yara specification.
- Deliveries off-loaded by Yara driver.
- No farm labour required.
- No forklift needed.
- Exact quantities can be transferred, no partly-used bags.
- No more inconvenient delivery times.



## Reduced Storage

- Release farm buildings for other use - possible alternative income.
- No split bags - reduces waste.
- No bag disposal - direct cost saving.



## One Man Loading

- One man operation.
- Sprayer links directly to storage tank.
- No forklift or bag handler.
- No trailer.
- No second tractor.
- Fast fill pump transfers product, no physical handling.
- Sprayer can refill centrally, or at tanks spread across the farm, or fed by bowser.





# Meeting the Crop's Nutrient Requirements

Yara's liquid fertilizer production system is tremendously flexible enabling a wide range of analyses under the brand name Chafer™ to be produced.

Yara is therefore able to supply an extensive and unrivalled range of Nitrogen and NPK solutions; many with the inclusion of sulphur (see following page).

## Balanced Nitrogen Supply

Most of the straight nitrogen used on UK farms is supplied as ammonium nitrate, with some as urea. Each form of nitrogen behaves slightly differently in the soil and releases nitrogen to the crop at different rates. Nitrogen in its nitrate form is available for rapid uptake by the crop. In its ammonium and ureic forms, nitrogen is released more slowly, thereby extending the availability of nitrogen to the crop over a longer period.

Chafer Nuram, Yara's liquid nitrogen fertilizer, combines these two sources of nitrogen to produce a unique solution with 'balanced' release properties. Although primarily soil applied, the range also includes grades suitable for foliar applications and precision placement on salad and vegetable crops.



Yara's liquid fertilizer production - Elvington

## Prescription Blending

Where required, grades can be produced to meet the specific nutrient requirements of individual crops. This is particularly relevant to many root crops and also to applications of N, P and K to standing crops in the spring. Similarly, where sulphur is a limiting factor to crop yield, numerous N:S ratio products are available to match the farm requirement.

## Trace Elements

A range of YaraVita trace elements are tank-mixable with some of our liquid fertilizers allowing for reduced passes through the crop.

For further details please contact your local Yara Area Manager or visit [www.tankmix.com](http://www.tankmix.com)



Stream bars



# Yara Liquid Fertilizer Grades

The number of Chafer™ grades we can supply is limitless. The number available for delivery to you today extends to over 300 different analyses. The main N+S range and examples of our NPK+S grades are listed below.

## Main N+S Range

Fertilizer Grade	%N	%SO <sub>3</sub>
Chafer Nuram 37	37	0
Chafer Nuram 35+S	35	7
Chafer N32+9.4 SO <sub>3</sub>	32	9.4
Chafer N30.3+10.8 SO <sub>3</sub>	30.3	10.8
Chafer N29+11.9 SO <sub>3</sub>	29	11.9
Chafer N25+14.3 SO <sub>3</sub>	25	14.3
Chafer N19+19 SO <sub>3</sub>	19	19

## Foliar Applied N

Fertilizer Grade	%N	%SO <sub>3</sub>
Chafer Nufol 20	20	0
Chafer Nufol+S	20	4.2

## Examples of NPK+S Range

Fertilizer Grade	%N	%P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%K <sub>2</sub> O	%SO <sub>3</sub>
Chafer 20-10-0+S	20	10	0	5
Chafer 20-0-10	20	0	10	
Chafer 19.8-0-9.4+S	19.8	0	9.4	5
Chafer 19-4-4	19	4	4	
Chafer 18-27-0	18	27	0	
Chafer 18-9-9	18	9	9	
Chafer 18-6-9	18	6	9	
Chafer 17.9-5.6-8.5+S	17.9	5.6	8.5	5
Chafer 17-0-11	17	0	11	
Chafer 16-16-0	16	16	0	
Chafer 16-3-10	16	3	10	
Chafer 14-10-10	14	10	10	
Chafer 12-18-0	12	18	0	
Chafer 12.2-0-11.3+S	12.2	0	11.3	5
Chafer 12-0-12	12	0	12	
Chafer 11-11-11	11	11	11	
Chafer 11-10.3-10.3+S	11	10.3	10.3	5
Chafer 10-15-10	10	15	10	
Chafer 10-5-12	10	5	12	
Chafer 9-18-9	9	18	9	
Chafer 9-9-12	9	9	12	
Chafer 8.5-7.5-11.3+S	8.5	7.5	11.3	5
Chafer 8-24-0	8	24	0	
Chafer 8-14-10	8	14	10	
Chafer 7-21-9	7	21	9	
Chafer 7-16-10	7	16	10	
Chafer 6-11-12	6	11	12	
Chafer 6-9-12	6	9	12	
Chafer 5-15-10	5	15	10	
Chafer 4.7-11.3-11.3+S	4.7	11.3	11.3	5
Chafer 4-12-12	4	12	12	
Chafer 4-4-12	4	4	12	
Chafer 2-7-14	2	7	14	



Yara's liquid fertilizer production - Chedburgh



## Main Nitrogen Range - Application Rate Guide

Application Rate	Chafer NURAM 37	Chafer NURAM 35+S	Chafer N32 + 9.4 SO <sub>3</sub>	Chafer N30.3 + 10.8 SO <sub>3</sub>	Chafer N29 + 11.9 SO <sub>3</sub>	Chafer N25 + 14.3 SO <sub>3</sub>	Chafer N19 + 19 SO <sub>3</sub>	Chafer NUFOL 20	Chafer NUFOL 20+S
Litres/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha	kg/ha
	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>
50	19	18	16	15	15	13	10	10	10
75	28	26	24	23	22	19	14	15	15
100	37	35	32	30	29	25	19	20	20
125	46	44	40	38	36	31	24	25	25
150	56	53	48	45	44	38	29	30	30
175	65	61	56	53	51	44	33	35	35
200	74	70	64	61	58	50	38	40	40
225	83	79	72	68	65	56	43	45	45
250	93	88	80	76	73	63	48	50	50
275	102	96	88	83	80	69	52	55	55
300	111	105	96	91	87	75	57	60	60
325	120	114	104	98	94	81	62	65	65
350	130	123	112	106	102	88	67	70	70
375	139	131	120	114	109	94	71	75	75
400	148	140	128	121	116	100	76	80	80
425	157	149	136	129	123	106	81	85	85
450	167	158	144	136	131	113	86	90	90
475	176	166	152	144	138	119	90	95	95
500	185	175	160	152	145	125	95	100	100
525	194	184	168	159	152	131	100	105	105
550	204	193	176	167	160	138	105	110	110
575	213	201	184	174	167	144	109	115	115
600	222	210	192	182	174	150	114	120	120
625	231	219	200	189	181	156	119	125	125
650	241	228	208	197	189	163	124	130	130
675	250	236	216	205	196	169	128	135	135
700	259	245	224	212	203	175	133	140	140
725	268	254	232	220	210	181	138	145	145
750	278	263	240	227	218	188	143	150	150
775	287	271	248	235	225	194	147	155	155
800	296	280	256	242	232	200	152	160	160
825	305	289	264	250	239	206	157	165	165
850	315	298	272	258	247	213	162	170	170
875	324	306	280	265	254	219	166	175	175
900	333	315	288	273	261	225	171	180	180
925	342	324	296	280	268	231	176	185	185
950	352	333	304	288	276	238	181	190	190
975	361	341	312	295	283	244	185	195	195
1000	370	350	320	303	290	250	190	200	200





## Moving to Liquids

Making the change to Yara's liquid fertilizers couldn't be simpler. All that is involved is changing sprayer jets and the safe siting of storage tanks.

### Storage Tanks

Yara recommend GRP (Glass Reinforced Plastic) tanks which we have manufactured to our own strict specifications. These tanks have provided robust, rust-free storage for over 30 years and are available in a range of sizes.

Your local Yara Area Manager will be pleased to inspect any potential site and recommend the ideal number.

For specific tank size and foundation guidelines see Yara's tank leaflet or visit [www.yara.co.uk](http://www.yara.co.uk)

### Quick & Easy Conversion

Yara can advise on the choice of nozzles for your sprayer depending on its make and the crops to be fertilized. 'Quick-fit' stream bars, specifically designed for top-dressing applications on arable and grass crops are widely used. These bars produce a vertical stream of liquid which is unaffected by boom height. They are extremely accurate and enable applications of nitrogen to be carried out throughout the season. Examples of stream bars and alternative designs of liquid fertilizer nozzles available from a number of manufacturers, are shown below.



Lockable stainless steel valves



Security cover





# UK Facilities



- Liquid fertilizer production and storage facility
- Solid fertilizer facility
- Foliar and micronutrient production and analysis facility
- UK Head Office



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