RECENT TRENDS IN FERTILIZER CONSUMPTION IN EUROPE

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In presenting this topic an attempt is made to compare in a general way the use of fertilizer just prior to the world war with its use in the latest years for which figures are available. In making these comparisons consumption statistics have been used for 1913 or 1914, as compared with those for 1925, 1926, or 1927. The exact period in every case is given in the footnotes following Table 1. Between these two periods were, of course, the war years and the several years of readjustment following the war. Fertilizer consumption during these abnormal years is of interest from some viewpoints but will not be discussed or referred to in this paper. It is felt that the consumption during the years immediately preceding the war as compared with consumption during the past two or three years will disclose some trends that will be of interest to the readers of this Journal.

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