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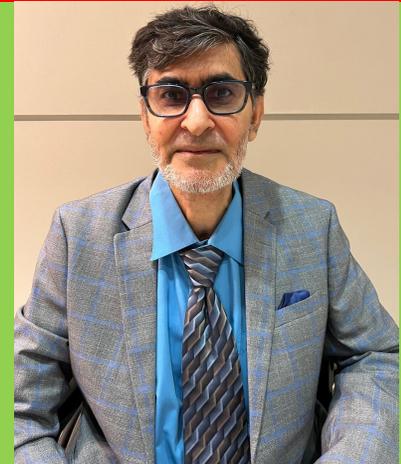
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# Message: from the President of BioNatural Healing College (BNHC)

Greetings!



I am thrilled to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty God for granting me the privilege to introduce the BioNatural Healing College (BNHC) E-Magazine July 2024 edition to our esteemed readers. Additionally, I extend my thanks to each one of you, especially our cherished readers, for your invaluable feedback and unwavering support. It's important to emphasize that the content within this magazine is intended solely for educational purposes, the author's perspectives are independent of any affiliation with BNHC.

We have high hopes that this BNHC E-Magazine will prove to be a valuable resource, made possible by the diligent contributions of esteemed researchers and colleagues from across the globe. With gratitude, I wish you all the best in health and a life filled with prosperity.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Nadir Sidiqi, Ph.D.



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# Plant Nutrition: Key to Sustainable Agriculture and Global Health

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**Introduction:** Plant health and nutrition are crucial in the sustainability and well-being of humans, animals, and environmental health globally. Feeding the soil to promote plant growth and productivity is essential for maximizing food production, ensuring quality nutrition, and minimizing risks associated with harmful chemicals like pesticides. Proper nutrient management enables plants to provide essential food, fuel, and health benefits, thus combating malnutrition and food insecurity. Therefore, this article will elaborate on how plant nutrition is vitally important and intricately linked with human well-being.

## **The Vital Role of Nutrients in Plant Growth and Productivity**

Next to water, nutrients are the most critical factors determining plant growth and productivity. Nutrients are essential for various physiological processes, including photosynthesis, respiration, enzyme function, and the synthesis of essential compounds. Without adequate nutrient supply, plants cannot complete their life cycles, leading to stunted growth and reduced reproductive success.

## **Feeding the Future: The Importance of Sustainable Agriculture**

Plant nutrition is a fundamental aspect of modern agriculture that significantly contributes to sustainable food production and global human health. With the world's population projected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050 (United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division: 2022), the demand for food has never been higher.

This increasing demand puts immense pressure on our agricultural systems to produce more food efficiently without expanding arable land. However, many current practices are unsustainable, leading to soil degradation, water scarcity, and loss of biodiversity. These unsustainable practices must be addressed to ensure long-term food security. Additionally, crops face various stresses, both abiotic (nonliving factors e.g., temperature extremes, nutrient deficiencies, water stress, pesticide toxicity) and biotic (living factors e.g., pathogens, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, viruses), that significantly hinder their growth, yield, and quality. Addressing these challenges requires innovative solutions and a comprehensive understanding of plant nutrition and its impact on sustainable agriculture and human health. **Understanding Plant Nutrients**

A plant nutrient is a chemical element or compound required for the growth, development, and metabolic processes of plants. These nutrients can be absorbed from the soil, water, air, or foliage.

**Macro and Micronutrients: Essential Building Blocks for Plant Growth:** **Macronutrients:** Required in larger quantities (e.g., nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur). These are critical for major plant functions such as cell structure formation, energy transfer, and photosynthesis. **Micronutrients:** Required in smaller quantities (e.g., iron, manganese, zinc, copper, molybdenum, boron, chlorine, nickel). They act mainly as cofactors in enzymatic reactions and other critical cellular processes.

### **Plant Nutrition: The Science of Growth and Metabolism**

Plant nutrition involves the study of the chemical elements and compounds necessary for plant growth, metabolism, and external supply. From a scientific perspective, it includes the processes by which plants absorb, translocate, assimilate, and utilize nutrients obtained from the soil, atmosphere, and foliage. These nutrients are vital for various physiological and biochemical processes within plants, including the formation of plant structure, enzyme function, photosynthesis, other metabolic activities, and energy transfer.

The fundamental concepts of plant nutrition include the classification of nutrients into essential and beneficial categories. Essential nutrients are those without which plants cannot complete their life cycle, while beneficial nutrients, although not essential for all plants, can enhance growth and stress resistance. The current definition includes 14 essential mineral elements, but the evolving understanding suggests that beneficial elements like silicon, selenium, and cobalt also play significant roles in enhancing plant growth and stress resistance. Next to water, nutrients are the most important component for plant growth. They serve as building blocks for vital cellular structures and biochemical processes. Macronutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are essential for synthesizing proteins, nucleic acids, and ATP (Adenosine triphosphate), while micronutrients play crucial roles in enzyme functions and hormone regulation.

### **Boosting Agricultural Productivity Through Plant Nutrition**

Plant nutrition is crucial for agriculture as it directly influences crop yield, quality, and resistance to diseases and environmental stresses. Adequate nutrition ensures robust plant growth, leading to higher productivity and better-quality produce, which is essential for meeting the food demands of a growing global population.

### **Fertilizers: Enhancing Plant Growth and Agricultural Output**

Fertilizers are substances that provide essential nutrients to plants, ensuring their growth and development. Fertilizers improve soil fertility, increase crop yields, and enhance crop quality. They are essential for replenishing soil nutrients and maintaining productivity. It is estimated that 40-60% of crop yields are attributed to the use of commercial fertilizers (Stewart et al., 2005). However, this extensive use also contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, with an estimated 720 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> released annually due to fertilizer use (Systemiq. 2022). Reducing these emissions is crucial for sustainable agriculture. Strategies include improving nitrogen use efficiency through 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices and incorporating legumes in crop rotations to sequester carbon in soils.

**Providing Essential Nutrients:** Fertilizers ensure that plants receive the necessary nutrients for various physiological and biochemical processes. For instance, nitrogen is crucial for amino acid and protein synthesis, phosphorus is essential for energy transfer through ATP, and potassium regulates osmotic balance and enzyme activation.

**Improving Soil Fertility:** Continuous cropping can deplete soil nutrients, leading to reduced fertility. Fertilizers replenish these nutrients, maintaining soil health and productivity.

**Increasing Crop Yields:** By supplying the necessary nutrients, fertilizers boost plant growth, leading to higher crop yields. This is particularly important for meeting the food demands of a growing global population.

**Enhancing Crop Quality:** Adequate nutrient supply improves the quality of crops, including their size, color, nutritional content, and resistance to diseases.

### **Nutrients: Key Functions in Plant Health**

**Formation of Plant Structures:** Nutrients like calcium and silicon are integral to cell wall formation, enhancing plant structure and strength.

**Enzyme Function:** Elements such as magnesium and zinc act as cofactors for enzymes, driving critical biochemical reactions.

**Photosynthesis:** Nitrogen is a key component of chlorophyll, while magnesium is central to the chlorophyll molecule itself, both crucial for photosynthesis.

**Osmoregulation:** Potassium regulates osmotic balance within plant cells, influencing water uptake and retention.

**Energy Transfer:** Phosphorus is vital for ATP production, the energy currency of cells.

### **Fundamental Principles for Optimal Plant Nutrition**

Plant nutrition is governed by several key principles that guide the application and management of nutrients for optimal plant growth and development:

**Nutrient Essentiality:** Elements required for plant growth and development, which cannot be substituted by any other element. The current definition of plant nutrients should be broadened to include beneficial elements and compounds that enhance plant growth and resilience. It is worth emphasizing the importance of redefining plant nutrients to advance scientific research and foster innovation in plant nutrition.

## **Criteria for Essential Nutrients:**

- **Necessary for Plant Growth:** Without it, the plant cannot complete its life cycle.
- **Specificity:** The element is directly involved in the plant's metabolism.
- **Deficiency Symptoms:** Absence of the nutrient leads to specific deficiency symptoms.

**Law of the Minimum:** Plant growth is determined by the most limiting nutrient. Ensuring that all essential nutrients are available in adequate amounts is crucial for optimal growth.

**Nutrient Interactions:** Nutrients interact with each other in various ways. For example, an excess of one nutrient can inhibit the uptake of another, highlighting the importance of balanced fertilization.

**Nutrient Mobility:** Nutrients vary in their mobility within the plant. Mobile nutrients (e.g., nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium) can be relocated to new growth areas, while immobile nutrients (e.g., calcium, boron) remain where they are first deposited.

**Nutrient Cycling:** Nutrients are continuously cycled through the soil-plant system. Efficient nutrient management involves optimizing this cycle to minimize losses and improve use efficiency.

**Soil-Plant Relationships:** Understanding the interactions between soil properties and plant root systems is crucial for effective nutrient management.

**The 4R Principles:** Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place. These principles ensure that nutrients are applied efficiently and effectively to maximize crop uptake and minimize environmental impact. Understanding and determining the plant demand for nutrients or fertilizers and synchronizing the application rates as per the plant demand increases yield and quality, minimizes nutrient losses, and environmental pollution, and provides financial savings for growers. Therefore, considering soil status, leaf tissue analysis, water analysis, and tree nutrient requirements before making fertilizer recommendations is essential.

**Nutrient Uptake:** Nutrients are absorbed by living, active roots in growing plants, with water being essential for this process. During dormancy, no nutrient uptake occurs. The soil must provide adequate water and oxygen for root growth. Nutrient uptake is demand-driven, meaning the yield potential determines the fertilizer rate, not the other way around.

**Challenges and Limitations of Plant Nutrition in Modern Agriculture:** Modern agriculture faces numerous challenges and limitations related to plant nutrition. These challenges affect the efficiency of nutrient use, crop yield, soil health, and environmental sustainability. Below are some of the key challenges, along with potential alternative solutions.

**Growing World Population and Unsustainable Agriculture Practices:** Meeting the Growing Food Demand Sustainably Despite the advances in fertilizer technology and nutrient management practices, several challenges persist in the realm of plant nutrition. The global population is projected to reach approximately 9.7 billion by 2050. With a rapidly growing global population, the demand for food is increasing exponentially. Meeting this demand presents a critical challenge, especially given the current unsustainable agricultural practices that are depleting natural resources and degrading ecosystems. Many current agricultural practices are unsustainable, leading to soil degradation, water scarcity, and environmental pollution.

**Consequences of Unsustainable Practices:**

**Monoculture Farming:** The widespread practice of growing a single crop over large areas year after year depletes soil nutrients, increases vulnerability to pests and diseases, and reduces biodiversity.

**Excessive Chemical Use:** Over-reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides leads to soil degradation, water pollution, and harm to beneficial organisms.

**Deforestation:** Clearing forests for agricultural expansion contributes to habitat loss, climate change, and reduced biodiversity.

**Inefficient Water Use:** Over-irrigation and inefficient water management practices lead to water wastage, soil salinization, and depletion of freshwater resources.

**Soil Erosion:** Poor land management practices, such as overgrazing and improper tillage, lead to soil erosion, reducing soil fertility and agricultural productivity.

**Nutrient Runoff and Pollution:** Overuse of fertilizers leads to water pollution and eutrophication.

**Soil Degradation:** Loss of soil fertility and structure due to intensive farming practices.

**Cost of Inputs:** High costs of synthetic fertilizers.

**Climate Change:** Agricultural practices contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. **Production of Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS):** Biotic and abiotic stresses, such as drought, salinity, and pathogen attacks, lead to the production of ROS in plants. ROS can cause oxidative damage to cells, leading to impaired growth and reduced yield.

### **Managing Stress Factors to Improve Crop Yield and Quality**

**Biotic Stress Factors:** **Pests:** Insects, mites, and nematodes can cause significant damage to crops, reducing yield and quality. **Diseases:** Fungal, bacterial, and viral pathogens infect crops, leading to reduced growth, yield losses, and post-harvest spoilage. **Weeds:** Compete with crops for nutrients, water, and light, reducing crop productivity.

#### **Abiotic Stress Factors:**

**Drought:** Water scarcity affects plant growth and development, leading to reduced yield and crop failure. **Temperature Extremes:** Both high and low temperatures can damage plant tissues, affect metabolic processes, and reduce crop yields. **Salinity:** High soil salinity disrupts water uptake and nutrient absorption, leading to poor plant growth and reduced yields.

**Nutrient Deficiency:** Lack of essential nutrients in the soil limits plant growth and productivity. **Heavy Metals:** Contamination of soil with heavy metals can be toxic to plants, affecting their growth and development.

**Impact:** These challenges result in low yield, poor quality, and inefficiency, creating a barrier to reaching the genetic potential of our crops. Abiotic and biotic stresses lead to significant crop losses. The adverse effects of these challenges are evident in the agricultural sector. For instance, abiotic and biotic stresses significantly reduce crop yields. Studies show that corn, wheat, and soybean can lose up to 66%, 82%, and 69% of their potential yields (Bray et al., 2000), respectively, due to these stresses. Nutrient inefficiencies can also lead to substantial yield losses in fruit, nut crops, and vegetables, affecting economic viability and sustainability. **Adopting Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Agriculture**

Given the significant impact of stress factors on crop yield and quality, adopting innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture becomes crucial. These solutions include:

**Precision Agriculture:** Using technology for precise application of nutrients.

**Integrated Nutrient Management:** Combining organic and inorganic sources to enhance soil fertility. **Biostimulant Use:** Incorporating

Biostimulants to reduce dependency on chemical fertilizers and improve efficiency and sustainability. **The Link Between Plant and Human**

**Nutrition:** Plant nutrition and human nutrition are intricately linked through the food systems that sustain human populations.

Understanding the principles of plant nutrition is essential for improving crop productivity, enhancing the nutritional quality of food, and ensuring sustainable agricultural practices. This publication explores the

fundamental aspects of plant nutrition, the role of Biostimulants, and how these factors impact human nutrition and global food security.

Plants are the primary source of nutrients for humans, including carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins, and minerals. Improving plant

nutrition enhances the nutrient content of crops, contributing to better human health and nutrition. **The Science of Human Nutrition:** Human

nutrition is the science of how the food and drink we consume affect our body's health and well-being. It involves the study of nutrients and other

substances in food, their actions, interactions, and balance in health and disease. Human nutrition also encompasses the processes by which the

body ingests, digests, absorbs, transports, utilizes, and excretes food substances. **Why Proper Nutrition is Essential:** Proper nutrition is

essential for maintaining overall health and well-being. It supports growth, development, and the body's ability to repair tissues and

maintain organ function. Adequate nutrition is also critical for preventing diseases, enhancing immune function, and ensuring optimal

physical and cognitive performance. Plants are a primary source of essential nutrients for humans, including **Macronutrients:**

Carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

**Micronutrients:** Vitamins and minerals. **Phytonutrients:** Beneficial compounds such as antioxidants, flavonoids, and polyphenols. The nutrient content of plants directly influences human nutrition. Improving plant nutrition enhances the nutrient density and overall quality of the food produced. **How Plant Nutrition Improves Human Health: Iron in Spinach:** Spinach with adequate iron nutrition contains higher levels of iron, which is essential for human blood health and oxygen transport. **Vitamin C in Citrus Fruits:** Citrus trees with sufficient nutrient supply produce fruits rich in vitamin C, vital for immune function and skin health. **Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Flaxseeds:** Properly nourished flax plants produce seeds high in omega-3 fatty acids, which are important for heart and brain health. **Boosting Nutrient Quality and Bioavailability through Plant Nutrition**

**Iron Fortification in Crops:** Biofortification is a strategy used to increase the iron content in crops like beans and rice. Iron is a crucial mineral for preventing anemia in humans. When plants receive adequate iron and supporting nutrients, they produce iron-rich foods, improving iron intake in human diets. **Zinc in Wheat:** Zinc is vital for immune function and enzyme activity. Zinc-fortified wheat can help address zinc deficiency in populations reliant on wheat-based diets. Proper plant nutrition ensures that wheat grains contain higher levels of bioavailable zinc. **The Health Benefits of Nutrient-Rich Plants**

**Micronutrient Deficiencies:**

**Vitamin A:** Deficiency can lead to vision problems and weakened immunity. Biofortified crops like golden rice, enriched with beta-carotene (a precursor of vitamin A), can combat these deficiencies.

**Iodine:** Deficiency can cause thyroid problems. Plants irrigated with iodine-rich water can help supplement iodine in human diets.

**Balanced Diets:** Proper plant nutrition ensures a diverse and balanced diet, reducing the risk of both overnutrition (leading to obesity) and undernutrition (leading to malnutrition).

**Disease Prevention:** Antioxidants: Nutrients like selenium and vitamins C and E, found in well-nourished plants, have antioxidant properties that protect cells from damage and reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease.

## **Promoting Sustainable Practices in Agriculture**

**Example: Organic Farming:** Organic farming practices enhance soil health and plant nutrient content without synthetic chemicals, producing healthier and more nutritious food. **Example: Integrated Nutrient**

**Management:** Combining organic and inorganic fertilizers improves plant health and crop yield sustainably, ensuring long-term food security. **Current Challenges in Human Nutrition and Consequences**

**Micronutrient Deficiencies:** Affecting over 2 billion people worldwide, leading to health issues like anemia, stunted growth, and impaired cognitive function. **Overnutrition:** Contributing to obesity, diabetes,

and cardiovascular diseases. **Undernutrition:** This leads to weakened immunity, increased susceptibility to infections, and higher mortality rates. **Food Security:** Ensuring access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious

food for all, especially in developing countries. **Consequences of Poor Nutrition: Health Impacts:** Micronutrient deficiencies can lead to developmental delays, increased morbidity and mortality, and lower productivity. Stunted growth and cognitive development in children.

**Economic Burden:** Malnutrition reduces workforce productivity and increases healthcare costs. Reduced productivity and economic growth. Increased susceptibility to diseases. **Intergenerational Effects:** Poor nutrition in pregnant women affects fetal development, leading to long-term health issues in children. **Enhancing Human Nutrition through Improved Plant Nutrition:** To enhance human nutrition through improved plant nutrition, several innovative solutions (such as genetic engineering, sustainable farming practices, organic farming, and integrated pest management) can be integrated. However, this publication will focus on biofortification and biostimulants due to their significant potential and relevance. Plant nutrition has a direct impact on human nutrition. Well-nourished plants produce nutrient-dense foods that are essential for human health. Fertilizers play a significant role in enhancing human nutrition through agronomic biofortification, which involves fortifying crops with essential micronutrients to address human nutritional deficiencies.

Programs like HarvestPlus focus on developing biofortified crops to alleviate micronutrient deficiencies in vulnerable populations. This approach has shown significant success in alleviating deficiencies in zinc, selenium, iodine, and other vital nutrients in various communities worldwide. **Reducing Micronutrient Deficiencies Through Biofortification:**

**Zinc Fortification:** Zinc is crucial for immune function and cognitive development. Agronomic biofortification with zinc fertilizers has been implemented in countries like India and Bangladesh, leading to improved zinc content in staple crops such as rice and wheat. This has significantly reduced zinc deficiency in these populations.

**Selenium Fortification:** Selenium is an essential antioxidant that helps prevent cellular damage. Finland has successfully used selenium-enriched fertilizers to increase selenium levels in crops, addressing the selenium deficiency that was prevalent in the population.

**Iodine Fortification:** Iodine is essential for thyroid function and preventing goiter. In areas where iodine deficiency is common, the use of iodine-fortified fertilizers has increased the iodine content in crops, contributing to better thyroid health in the population.

**Biostimulants as Innovative and Sustainable Solutions: What are Biostimulants?**

**Innovative Agriculture: The Power of Biostimulants:** Biostimulants, which include substances or microorganisms, stimulate natural plant processes, enhancing nutrient uptake, efficiency, stress tolerance, crop quality, and availability of confined nutrients in the soil or rhizosphere. The European Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 provides a comprehensive framework for these products. Biostimulants, which include substances or microorganisms such as amino acids, humic acids, seaweed extracts, and beneficial microorganisms, stimulate natural plant processes, enhancing nutrient uptake, efficiency, stress tolerance, crop quality, and the availability of confined nutrients in the soil or rhizosphere. Biostimulants are recognized globally as crucial to crop physiology, plant nutrition, and soil fertility.

**The Significant Role of Biostimulants in Modern Farming:** Biostimulants enhance current fertilizer programs, improve soil and plant health, and boost crop productivity and quality. They improve nutrient uptake and utilization, stress tolerance, and soil health, promoting sustainable farming practices. Biostimulants offer economic benefits by increasing yields, reducing costs, and improving produce marketability. They complement fertilizers and crop protection methods, making agricultural systems more resilient and sustainable, contributing to global food security, and improving human health and well-being.

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Biostimulants complement fertilizers by enhancing nutrient uptake, stress tolerance, and overall plant and soil health. They improve the availability, assimilation, translocation, and use of nutrients. Biostimulants operate through mechanisms different from fertilizers and crop protection products, acting on plant metabolism and enriching the soil microbiome, making them part of the 4R nutrient stewardship toolbox. **Nutrient-Rich Crops: The Human Health Benefits of Biostimulants:**

Biostimulant-treated crops have higher levels of essential nutrients, improving human nutrition. They reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, promoting environmental health and sustainable food production. Increased crop yields and quality improve farmers' income, contributing to better living standards and food security. **Innovative Biostimulants: Enhancing Plant and Human Well-being:**

Biostimulants enhance nutrient uptake and utilization, increasing the efficiency and bioavailability of essential nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and micronutrients. They improve plant resilience to abiotic stresses such as drought, salinity, and extreme temperatures, ensuring consistent crop quality and yield. Biostimulants also enrich the soil microbiome by stimulating beneficial microbial activity, crucial for nutrient cycling, soil structure improvement, and overall soil fertility. Crops treated with biostimulants yield more and have higher nutritional value, containing increased levels of vitamins, minerals, and beneficial compounds, leading to better human nutrition.

Biostimulants reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides, promoting environmental sustainability by lowering pollution and aiding carbon sequestration through improved soil health. Additionally, biostimulants align with regenerative agriculture principles by enhancing soil fertility, biodiversity, and ecosystem health, fostering long-term agricultural sustainability and resilience. **Challenges and Solutions for Biostimulants:** Biostimulants face challenges such as variable efficacy due to differing environmental conditions. Conducting localized trials can determine optimal application methods. Regulatory hurdles and inconsistent guidelines pose issues, which can be mitigated by standardizing regulations for consistency and quality. Economic barriers due to higher costs can be addressed by making biostimulants more affordable through technological advancements and economies of scale. In summary, biostimulants enhance plant and human well-being, support sustainable farming, and improve environmental health. Addressing the challenges will maximize their potential and ensure widespread adoption.

**Conclusion:** Plant nutrition is a cornerstone of sustainable agriculture and global health. With the world's population projected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050, the demand for food has never been higher. This immense pressure necessitates efficient, sustainable agricultural practices to ensure long-term food security. Fertilizers play a critical role by providing essential nutrients that enhance plant growth, improve crop yields, and contribute to human nutrition. However, current agricultural practices face limitations, including soil degradation, water scarcity, and nutrient inefficiencies, leading to low yield and poor crop quality. Addressing these challenges requires innovative solutions and sustainable practices. Biostimulants emerge as a pivotal addition to conventional agricultural methods.

Unlike traditional fertilizers, Biostimulants stimulate natural plant processes, enhancing nutrient uptake, improving soil health, and increasing plant resilience to abiotic stress. They complement existing practices, thereby increasing the efficiency and profitability of farming operations sustainably. Biostimulants align with the concepts of regenerative agriculture and organic farming, promoting environmental stewardship and supporting sustainable practices.

Integrating Biostimulants into agricultural practices supports sustainable farming and promotes human health and well-being. Nutrient-rich crops, enhanced by Biostimulants, contribute to better human nutrition, improving mental health and overall quality of life. The combined use of advanced nutrient management practices and Biostimulants represents a significant advancement in global food systems, aiming to achieve long-term agricultural success and sustainability. Embracing these innovative and sustainable solutions is key to achieving global food security and ensuring a healthier and more sustainable world for future generations.

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