

FACTS Horticulture Certification & Training Scheme

Outline

- Designed to develop competence in providing fertiliser advice in commercial horticulture with a due regard for the protection of the environment for those involved in the production of high value horticultural crops.
- [Information Sheet](#)
- **The online examination is comprised of 3 elements**
- Written – 60 multi-choice questions (no books / notes allowed)
- Completion of a scenario question - incorporating a nutrient planning exercise – open book exam (text books and notes allowed)
- Viva – involving the chairman and two people from the fertiliser industry.
- Elements of both the multi-choice and scenario papers may be included in the viva discussions

- **Autumn Course Dates:** 8th 9th 10th Oct 24 delivery at Growtrain
- 14th Oct delivery via Zoom - 17th Oct 24 FACTS Exam online - 18th Oct 24 FACTS Viva panel online

- **Spring Course Dates:** 25th, 26th, 27th Feb 25 delivery at Growtrain
- 4th Mar delivery via Zoom - 5th Mar.25 FACTS Exam online - 6th Mar. FACTS Viva panel online

- **Course Cost:** £1100 plus vat
- **FACTS Exam:** £329
- **To book:** email courses@growtrain.co.uk

Topics Covered

- Soil or Growing Medium In Relation To Plant Nutrition
- Nature and properties of fertilisers & liming Materials
- Plant nutrients & the basis for choice of fertilisers for main horticultural crops
- Transport, storage, handling & application of fertilisers
- Code of good agricultural practice & legal requirements to protect the environment
- [FACTS Syllabus](#)

Knowledge

- The course assumes a basic level of horticultural knowledge.
- It is recommended that you have 2 years of experience in commercial horticulture.