



# Fertilizer's future

If seeds were the catalyst for yield increases of the first "green revolution," as Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug said, fertilizer was and is the fuel that made it go. But for the past 20 years, research and development on the next generation of fertilizers essentially ceased, while projections of a worldwide population exploded. The IFDC, an international center for soil fertility and agricultural development located in the U.S., is working to create and test fertilizers that will focus on improving food security and averting famine in developing countries. Among their projects, IFDC scientists are researching how to make slow-release fertilizers economically comparable to urea.

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