



During an anecdotal conversation with Amish farmer, Ivan Miller of Pony Run, he expressed his overall enthusiasm with Holganix. Ivan was introduced to an early formation of Holganix at the end of 2008 and began using the product in March of 2009 on his farm with sandy loam soil. Ivan saw improvements in:

- Soil compaction
- Improved brix indices
- Improved yield
- Decreased need for supplemental products

Prior to using Holganix Ivan treated his hay fields for fifteen years using chicken manure and conventional fertilizers. The soil was very compact, difficult to work with and devoid of biology. After using Holganix in this field as well as his vegetable gardens, he saw much faster recovery in the soil and the soil was looser and more manageable. After two years of using Holganix, Ivan noted improvement in the hay; nice color and thick with no leaf spot disease.

Ivan's pea garden was where he saw the most improvement. He had persistent trouble in the past with his pea crop. They would grow to about a foot tall and then turn yellow. After having the soil tested and following an expensive regiment (\$350/acre), he was able to improve the brix's level by 2%. The next year, Ivan integrated Holganix instead and improved the brix from 6% to 16%, the plants grew to be one foot high with a 100% improved yield. The taste of the peas was also noted, Ivan freezes the peas and notes that even a year later they come out tasting fresh. During this same year, his brix indices improved across the board. Raspberries went from 4% to 14%, Corn 8% to 25%, and strawberries from 7% to 11%. Raspberries were even being picked after the first frost.

Ivan's brother had an interesting experience on his potato crop. He planted four 50 foot rows of potatoes and applied Holganix to three of the rows. At first, he was not impressed with the Holganix treated rows; the plants were not as bushy or as tall. However, he soon realized that the top growth had little to do with the potatoes themselves. At harvest time, he pulled the potatoes from the ground and sorted the non-Holganix and Holganix treated potatoes into two separate piles. His 13-year-old son came out to help and was surprised by the difference in the two groups of potatoes. Curiously, he asked his dad why the potatoes in the second pile were so much bigger. The Holganix rows yielded an average of ten pounds more than the non-Holganix rows a 33% increase in yield!

~Ivan Miller  
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