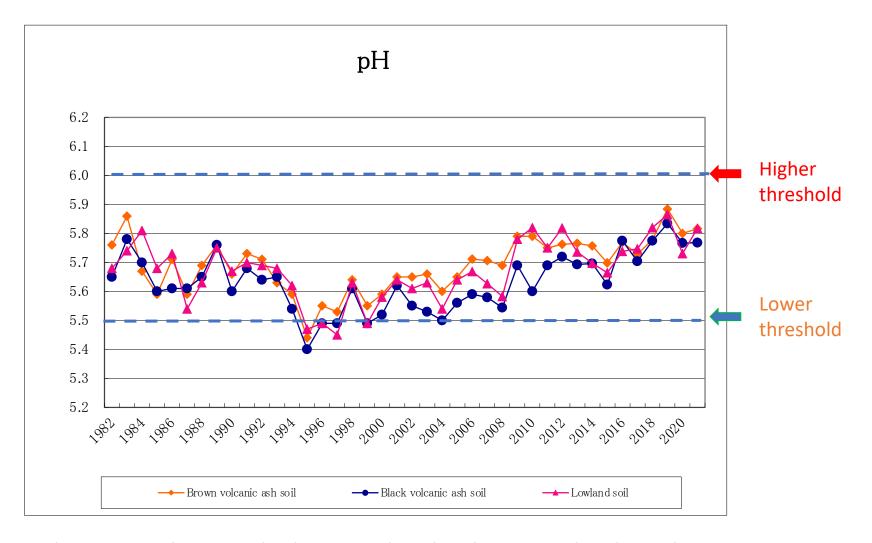
Various soil problems in Tokachi

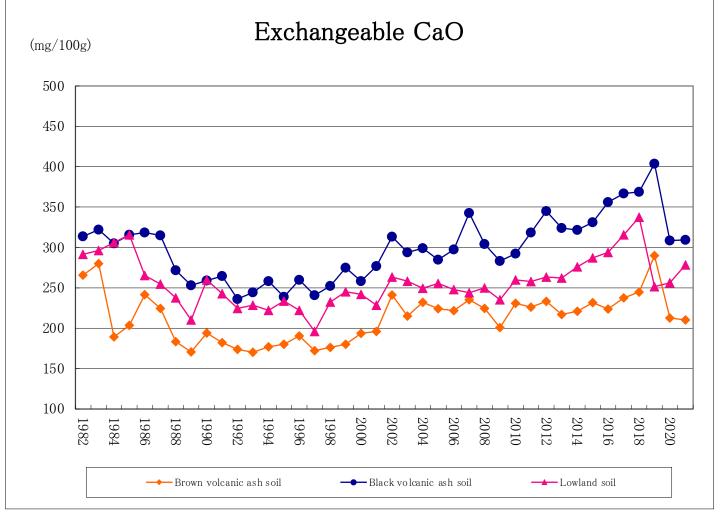
- Decreasing soil pH
- Imbalance in soil nutrition (Excess P2O5, decrease in Ca, Mg)
- Micronutrient deficiency (Cu, Zn, Mn, B)
- Deterioration of soil physical properties
- Soil erosion
- Water and land pollution by animal wastes

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Change in soil pH in Tokachi; normal Andosols, wet Andosols, and lowland soils. Data: Tokachi Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives.

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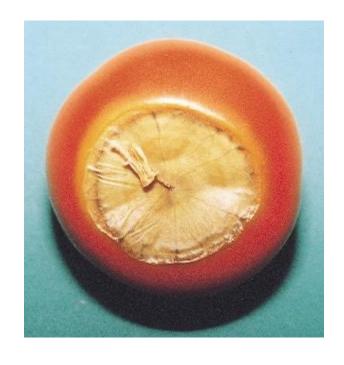


Standard for CaO differs by soil CEC. The range is 40-60% of CEC.

Change in exchangeable CaO in Tokachi; normal Andosols, wet Andosols, and lowland soils. Data: Tokachi Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives.

Calcium deficiency

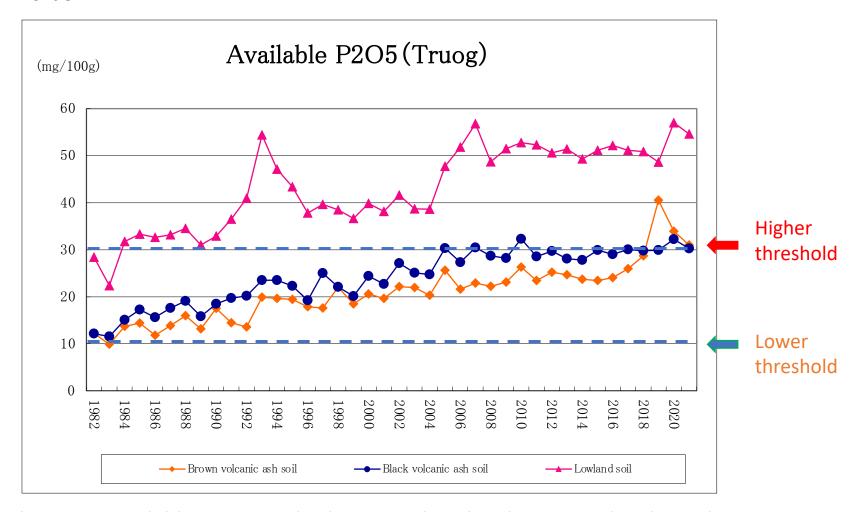
Calcium deficiency is common in broad leaf crops.





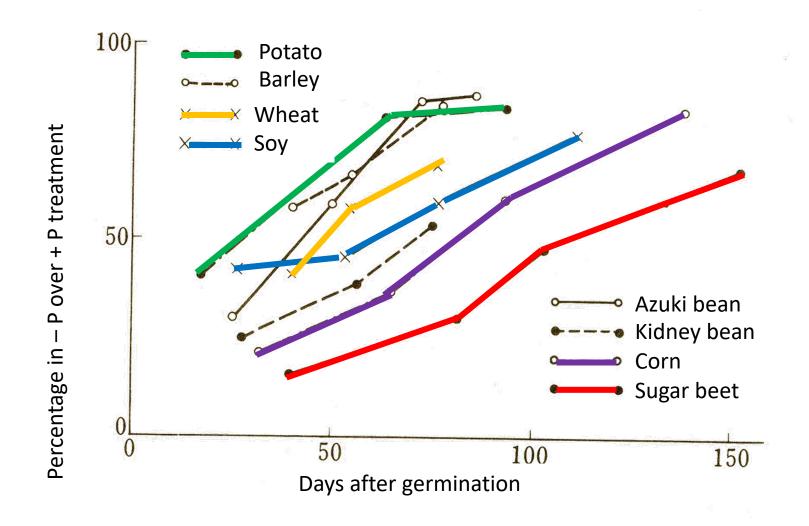
Blossom-end rot in tomato.

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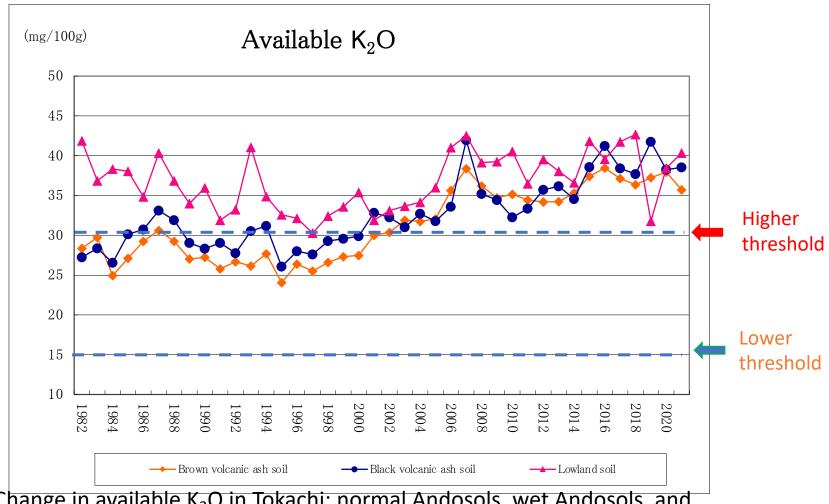


Change in available P_2O_5 in Tokachi; normal Andosols, wet Andosols, and lowland soils. Data: Tokachi Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives.

Dry matter production in –P treatment compared with +P treatment.

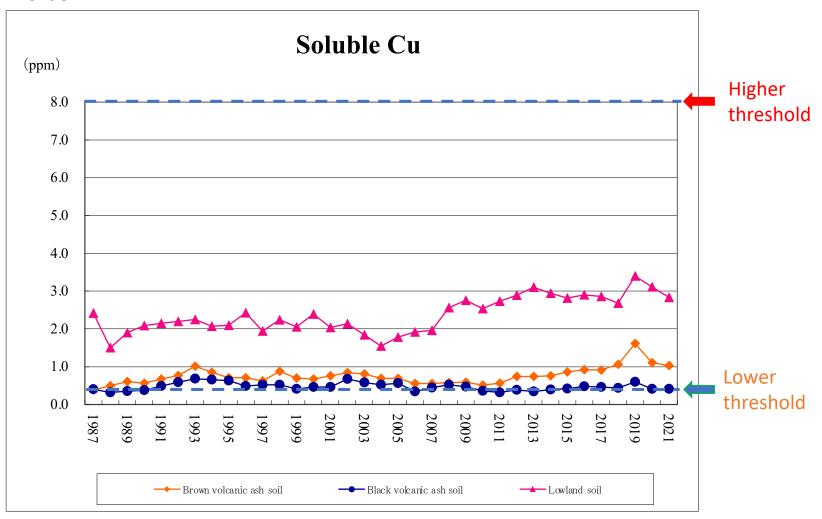


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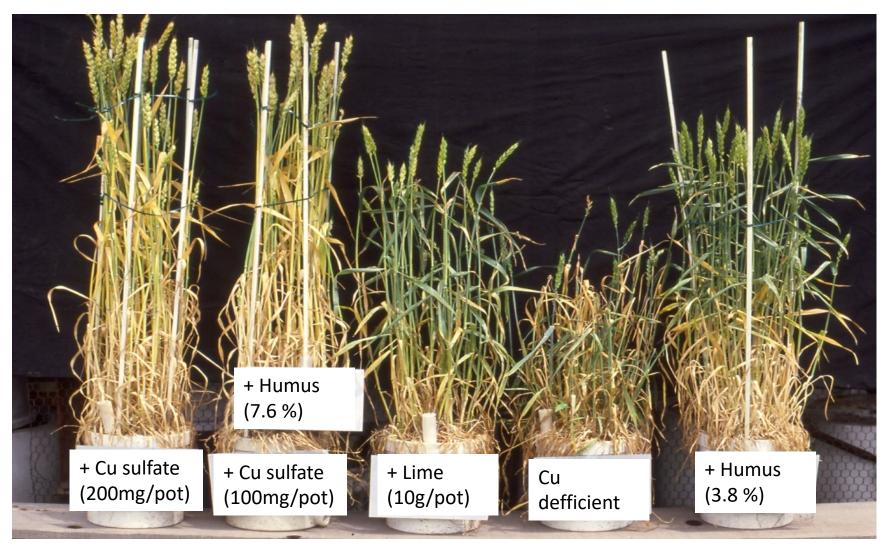
Change in available K₂O in Tokachi; normal Andosols, wet Andosols, and lowland soils. Data: Tokachi Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives.

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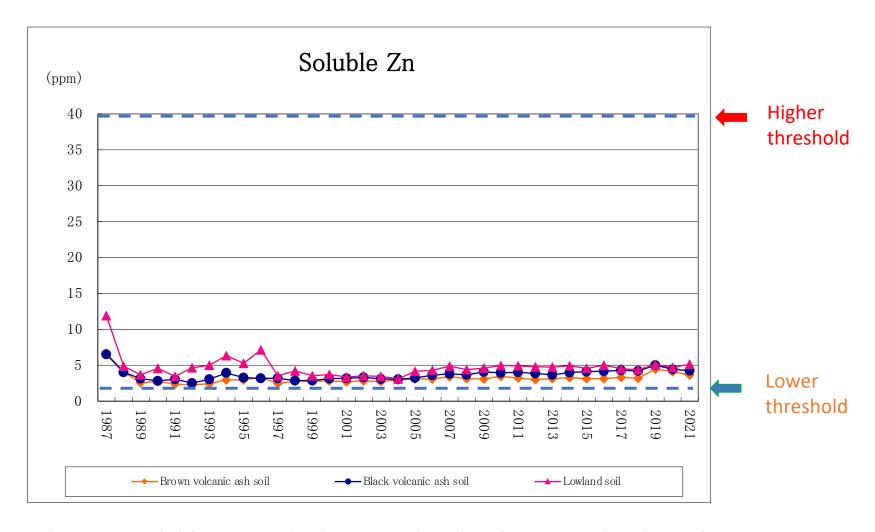
Change in soluble Cu in Tokachi; normal Andosols, wet Andosols, and lowland soils. Data: Tokachi Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives.

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Change in soluble Zn in Tokachi; normal Andosols, wet Andosols, and lowland soils. Data: Tokachi Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives.

Žinc deficiency in adzuki bean.

Zinc deficiency is common in high pH and low humus soils. Growth of young leaf is suppressed.



Conclusion

Farmers in Tokachi have faced various difficulties originating from severe climate conditions and unfavorable soil conditions.

However, they solved the problems by themselves and with the help of agricultural cooperatives, agricultural experiment station and the local and national government policies, and have built the most important upland and dairy farming area in Japan.

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