HOMEGROWN - OFF-THE-FIELD IN NORTHWEST MINNESOTA—SOYBEAN MEAL FERTILIZER BLENDS FOR LAWN AND GARDEN



How did this project start?

- > Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council (MSRPC) contracted with AURI to explore fertilizer uses for soybean meal in lawn and garden markets.
- > Three different versions of soybean meal fertilizers were formulated with AminOrganix out of Bloomington, MN.
- > Two of the formulations include 50 percent soybean meal, a third contains 25 percent soybean meal but was delayed in formulation.

Proven, Highly Effective and Safe

- > AminOrganix products have been available since the early 1990s in Minnesota.
- > AminOrganix products are presently used by six of the top ten golf courses and polo fields in the Southeast, including Pelican Course, Old Dominion, Old Florida, Old Colliers, the National Polo Center and others.
- > AminOrganix products have been successfully used in the Southeast on peanuts, strawberries, corn, squash and cucumbers.
- > All AminOrganix products are made with natural feed-grade ingredients in a feed-grade certified manufacturing facility.
- > People and animals can work and play immediately after application.

Soybean meal as a soil amendement and fertilizer for lawn & garden applications*

- > Soybean meal (SBM) is used by home gardeners as both a soil amendment and fertilizer
- > SBM is available for purchase at Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon and other retailers in varyingbag sizes. The specific formulations for this project are being targeted for rural supply cooperatives andhome garden centers initially.
- > SBM is considered a natural fertilizer because it contains no synthetic nitrogen, phosphorus or potassium.
- > A benefit of soybean meal is that it is very high in nitrogen (7% vs. 3%) for a natural fertilizer and doesn't typically burn plants.
- > SBM contains a variety of amino acids which act as growth stimulants for both roots and leaves.







MN grown, MN manufactured and MN benefits to the lawn and garden sectors

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^{*}This is a competitive product with other products in the same class.