

### **Editorial Comment:**

I have to inform you that the manuscript 2014\_IJPSS\_10607 still has critical issues and therefore is unacceptable for publication in the International Journal of Plant & Soil Science in its present form. A comprehensive revision is needed from the authors before resubmitting the manuscript for publication.

The most important issue about the manuscript 2014\_IJPSS\_10607 is the validity of the data.

For example one of our reviewers remarked that

"IN the table 4 the value of 5.03 on fruit length is very big because the fruit weight is normal. I think is an error. Check again please".

Another example: Reading the table 1 the values of available phosphorus and potassium are extremely high. The optimum range for available phosphorus in soils is 10 - 20 mg/kg and the authors presents values of 4900 mg/kg. For the available soil potassium the optimum range is 250 - 350 mg/kg and the authors give values of 3580 mg/kg. These results are unacceptable especially when the authors stated that experimental trees received normal fertilization.

One more the authors must check the validity of the data carefully before resubmitting the paper.

### **Author Feedback:**

1- in table 4 the value of 5.03 on fruit length was corrected and I mentioned that I reviewed the statistical analysis, and found a high value in one replication; I ignore this replication from the analysis and corrected it.

2- Reading the table 1 the values of available phosphorus and potassium is right, in part 1 of chapter 3 in fertility principles book Kenneth D Frank stated that potassium in soil range from 0.3% to 2.5%.

In presentation about UNDERSTANDING SOIL PHOSPHORUS by Larry G. Bundy in Dept. of Soil Science University of Wisconsin stated that

Forms & Concentrations of Phosphorus (P) in Soils

Form Concentration (ppm)

Total 1000

Soil test P (available) 20-50

Soil solution 0.01-0.30

And the sources of these data are attached with revised manuscript.