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Introduction

The bulk densities (loose and tapped) of a fertilizer provide information relative to the required size of packaging materials, store-houses, stock-rooms, etc. Generally, the bulk density (tapped) is up to 10 % greater than the bulk density (loose), and sometimes it may exceed this value. Both bulk densities depend on the actual density, surface form and particle size of the fertilizers.

The bulk density (loose) can be used to calculate the maximum volume of a given weight of fertilizer which may be expected in practice. The actual volume occupied by a given weight of fertilizer will normally be within the range calculated from the bulk density (loose) and the bulk density (tapped).