

WHAT IS A HEALTHY SOIL?

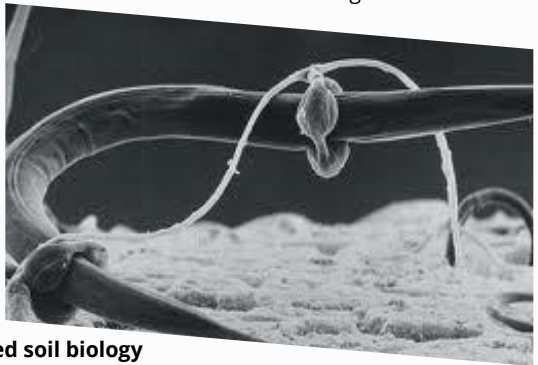
A healthy soil has...



Good structure - "Like cottage cheese, not powdery parmesan or tough mozzarella"



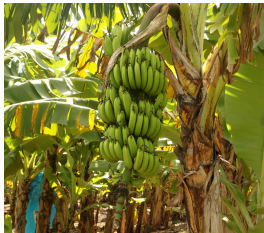
Adequate soil organic matter.
It smells as good as it looks!



Balanced soil biology

Electron micrograph of a nematode being trapped by fungal rings <apsnet.org> Let your critters do the work!

THE BENEFITS OF HEALTHY SOILS

Healthy soils provide	Productivity and profit	Environmental benefits
Good environment for plant roots	Your plants will grow more efficiently, requiring less water and lower inputs	More efficient use of nutrients and water means less to run off or leach into waterways
Optimal nutrient cycling capacity	More efficient use of fertilisers, saves you money and time	
Good water holding and good drainage	Less waterlogging/drying out - more even growth	
Minimal soil-borne diseases	Less need for chemicals to combat disease. Better yield, more efficient production, lower costs	
Optimal plant health	Less yield loss, lower input costs You sleep better!	More efficient use of nutrients and water means less to run off or leach into waterways