

My answer: Commercial fertilizers **may** contain one or many of these trace elements, but rarely will a fertilizer producer list the included trace element content, if any, on his commercial fertilizer packages. Federal restrictions are so severe on advertising claims that the producer ignores even the known trace element claims that he could make since that would require a constant and guaranteed percentage of content in all batches and from all plant sources. To comply with Federal labeling laws the costs of testing and blending would overshadow the anticipated additional revenue that a manufacturer could anticipate by offering a bonafide "complete plant growth fertilizer" even when considering a "premium content" price.

When considering the high value of essential trace elements, wood ash becomes equally valuable pound per pound with high quality commercial fertilizers.

After this discussion, my proof reader stated this information was critical and should be inserted in the article.

(Morrie Otte's postscript in the Region 3 BULLETIN reflected his sense of humor)

...I WOOD ASH EVERY POSSIBLE PROSPECT TO JOIN THE A.I.S. ...

FAVORITE GUESTS SELECTED

Rachel Drumm reports, for the 1980 Convention Committee, that 312 different varieties received votes from conventioners as Favorite Guest Irises seen in Tulsa. The following were the top vote-getters.

Variety	Hybridizer	Votes Received
1. SUNRISE SUNSET	B. Williamson	183
2. TWIST OF FATE	C. Palmer	140
3. MYSTIQUE	J. Ghio	119
4. GOLD BURST	D. Palmer	109
5. LAWRENCE WELK	H. Danielson	106
6. IDA RED	B. Clark	96
7. THICK & CREAMY	J. Weiler	96
8. HAUNTING MUSIC	W. Moores	91
9. MICHAEL PAUL	W. E. Jones	91
10. MARTHA MIA	E. Hunt	88
11. SHAMPOO	V. Messick	87
12. GENETIC DANCER	H. Danielson	83
13. OKLAHOMA BANDIT	H. Nichols	81
14. MAUMELLE	R. Butler	80
15. MIRROR-MIRROR	J. Gibson	79