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## Stagnant National Average FFB Yields of Oil Palm in Malaysia

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*Average FFB yields are related to soils inherent properties. The relatively good commercial yields of the 1980's and 1990s should have shown improvements with the introduction of higher yielding materials and improved management practices, but have not. This seems to be due to more and more areas of lower productivity viz land/soils with limitations being brought into cultivation.*

*The paper then reviews methods to improve the soils productivity especially with regards to improving physical properties (including soil water), reducing erosion, increasing carbon content and hence enhancing potential response to inorganic fertilisers.*

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