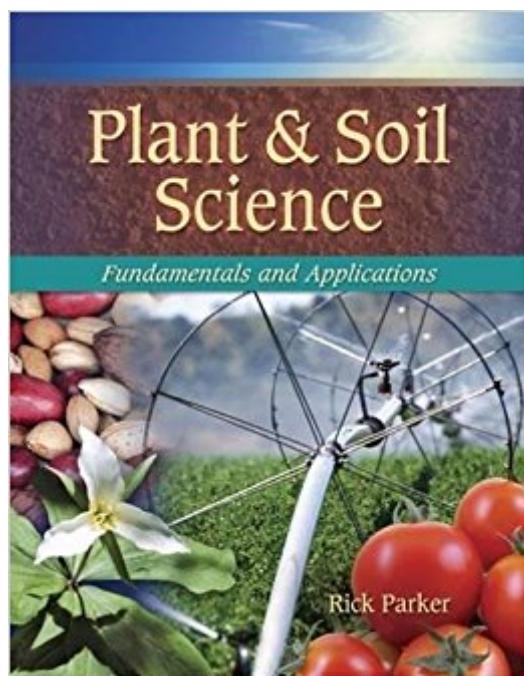


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Plant & Soil Science: Fundamentals and Applications leads the learner through four major sections, Introduction to Plants, Fundamentals of Soil Science, Fundamentals of Plant Growth and Propagation, and Crops - Applied Plant and Soil Science. Organized into twenty-eight chapters, each chapter features learning objectives, key terms (defined in the glossary), tables, charts, illustrations and color photographs to aid the learning and teaching process. Learning objectives at the beginning of each chapter indicate to the student and the teacher the important concepts. The review questions at the end of each chapter are tied to the learning objectives to help assess the students grasp of key concepts contained within each chapter. Similarly, additional resources are listed at the end of each chapter, and a "Knowledge Applied" section contains student activities designed to get the students "doing" so that they begin "understanding" plant and soil science. In the final chapter, students who enjoy learning about and working with plants and soils can learn more about employing the necessary skills and education for a career paths in plant and soil science.

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