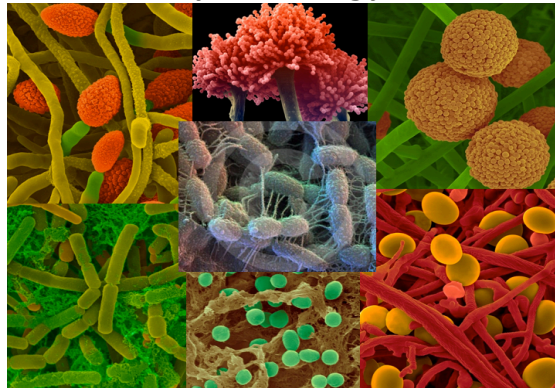


Fertilizing Seedlings

A word about fertilizing your seedlings. I believe in feeding the soil and not just the plant. That means feeding the life that exists within the soil. When soil is teeming with life, it is healthy and the seedlings will also be healthy. The thing you don't want to do is use strong chemicals to feed your seedlings. Not only will you kill off the microbes in the soil, but you could destroy the seedlings as well.

There are a couple of ways to feed the microbes. One is to add naturally occurring minerals to the potting mix. The other is to use a commercial product that specifically feeds the microbes. I do the latter when I am working with



seedlings. I have used many different products over the years. The one I am using now is designed to wake up, energize and stimulate the naturally occurring microorganisms in the soil, plants, and water. It contains a complete system of enzymes for microorganism stimulation and replication. The enzymes also work with natural plant hormones to help plants reach their full potential. The product is called "Nano-Ag-Answer." It furnishes immediate energy to microbial life by providing high energy and a balanced blend of water soluble trace mineral electrolytes derived from 8 different carbon sources. Thus the organisms in the soil maintain a high level of activity. Both products are made by BMZ Ag Solutions.

As soon as the seedling pops its head up out of the soil, I spray them with a solution. I also spray them again at about week 5. A final feeding is done just as the plants begin to bear. All I use to spray them is a hand held spray bottle. It gives them a great start. BMZ Ag Solutions is not the only product that feeds microbes. There are many quality organic fertilizers that do similar things for the microbes. Gardens Alive is another company that carries similar products.

Next month we are going to discuss soil and the symbiotic relationship the microbes have with the plants. I will also be giving you names of companies you can go to in order to purchase organic fertilizers that feed the microbes in the soil.