


THE MICRONUTRIENT SCORE CARD

As micronutrients become a regular component of farmers' soil testing and fertilizer programs, retailers need to be prepared to sell high-quality micronutrient products that can fit their blending systems and meet customers' needs. To aid retailers, Compass Minerals Plant Nutrition has assessed four different types of soil-applied micronutrient products in categories that matter to retailers' businesses and growers crops: granular micronutrients, macronutrient granules that include micronutrients, Wolf Trax™ DDP® (Dry Dispersible Powder) Fertilizer Coatings, and liquid fertilizer coatings. Here are eight categories and how each micronutrient type scores: from 1 star to 3 stars.

Category	Granular Micronutrients	N-P-K Granulars with Micros	Liquid Micronutrient Coatings		DDP Coating Advantages
Field Distribution	★	★★	★★★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every fertilizer granule is coated Even distribution for optimal crop uptake
Customization	★★	★	★★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDP products are easily mixed to meet crop demand
Storage & Bin Space	★★	★	★★★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More efficient nutrient use Less product is needed
Handling	★★	★★★	★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable automated and manual application options are available
Research Proven	★	★★★	★★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tested in over 1,000 rigorous field and lab trials Thousands of growers on millions of acres count on DDP product performance
Dual Action Availability	★	★★	★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each nutrient is formulated with at least two forms of the mineral Ensures immediate uptake and continuous feeding over time
Plant Available Particle Size	★	★	★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideal small particle size for plant uptake avoids soil tie-up and loss
Acidifiers & Adjuvants	★	★	★	★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed for better, earlier availability to plants
Overall Grade	D	C	C	A	It is clear there are pros and cons of different micronutrient fertilizer options, but Wolf Trax DDP stands out as the best choice for improved nutrient efficiency, handling, & storage