NutriHarvest® Organic Nutrition Grows Better Cabbage, Builds Soil, and Protects Water

Balanced feeding supports high-quality crops with improved nutrient efficiency

Large cabbage field showing production scale and context. (Image courtesy of NutriHarvest, used with permission.)

BURLIGNGTON, VT, UNITED STATES, February 17, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, on Cabbage Day, it's worth remembering that the best cabbage is shaped before the first seed goes in the ground, when growers choose nutrition programs that influence head formation, texture, and field performance. To mark the occasion, NutriHarvest® is sharing new cabbage learnings, highlighting how balanced feeding can support high-quality cabbage while improving nutrient efficiency and protecting water.

NutriHarvest® provides organic plant nutrition designed for farms, horticulture, and specialty crop systems, with a focus on nutrient efficiency that helps keep more nutrients in the crop-and-soil system and supports water-quality stewardship. For growers and partners planning the season, the cabbage update offers a practical reference point for how balanced organic nutrition with NutriHarvest® can support crop quality outcomes—especially for widely grown vegetables where consistency, soil function, and responsible nutrient management matter.

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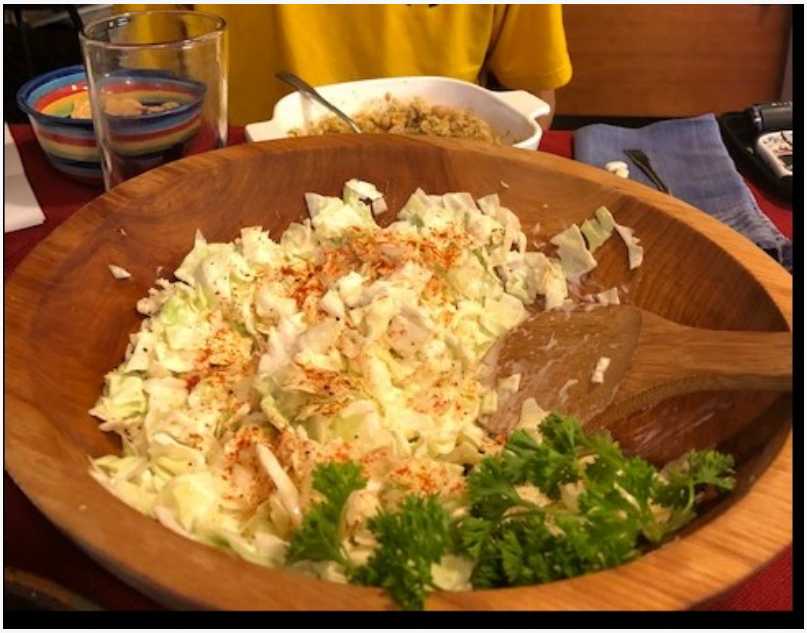
Cabbage is a true scale crop, so meaningful gains in nutrient efficiency can ripple across acres and supply chains. In the United States, USDA NASS reports 20.7 million cwt of cabbage produced in 2024 with an estimated crop value of $642 million. Globally, FAO reports roughly 74 million tonnes of cabbages in 2023, and FAO analysis shows cabbages were about six percent of total vegetable production in 2020.

In practical terms, that scale is measured in fields and markets. USDA NASS estimates about 51,900 acres planted and 50,800 acres harvested for U.S. cabbage in 2024, with most volume sold into the fresh market and a meaningful share going to processing. Together, that scale underscores why soil and water stewardship in cabbage nutrition matters at worldwide scale.

Side-by-side cabbage field trial plots. (Image courtesy of NutriHarvest, used with permission.)

With that context in mind, NutriHarvest® is highlighting what the cabbage results suggest for growers, distributors, and consumers: producing high-quality cabbage isn't just about yield—it's about nutrition that supports plant uptake, soil performance, and water-quality outcomes that matter beyond the field.



Homemade coleslaw from NutriHarvest-grown cabbage. (Image courtesy of NutriHarvest, used with permission.)

Why cabbage quality matters from field to fork

Cabbage is often sold by weight, but repeat purchases are driven by eating quality—firm heads, clean cutting, and the crisp bite that holds up in slaws, salads, and cooking. One practical signal tied to that experience is harvest moisture, which influences texture and freshness.

Postharvest science shows that maintaining vegetable tissue water status helps preserve cell turgor and firmness, key drivers of crispness and "fresh" eating quality (American Society for Horticultural Science, HortScience, 2010; National Library of Medicine/PubMed Central, 2024). Research focused specifically on cabbage leaves also reports that water content can serve as an indicator tied to human freshness perception (Elsevier, Postharvest Biology and Technology, 2020).

That same crisp, fresh experience carried from field to kitchen. One cool mom table-tested crisp, sweet, healthy organic cabbages grown with NutriHarvest® fertilizer, and they were a hit. It was

from a prior harvest, but the verdict is still unforgettable.

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What the cabbage findings suggest

NutriHarvest-grown cabbages measured meaningfully higher harvest moisture, about 3 percentage points higher than the popular commercial organic brand and about 2 percentage points higher than a chemical nitrate source. Higher harvest moisture is associated with the firm, crisp bite that drives cabbage eating quality in slaws, salads, and cooking. Relative to that same commercial organic brand evaluated in the trial, NutriHarvest delivered about 4 percent higher fresh yield while maintaining comparable harvest quality indicators.

Soil health was evaluated in the study. Less leftover nitrate keeps nitrogen aligned with crop uptake and can reduce losses through runoff and leaching. Compared with a leading commercial organic brand, NutriHarvest showed about 31 percent lower peak soil nitrate during the main mid-season window, meaning less nitrate was left sitting in the soil at the seasonal high point. By late season, NutriHarvest had about 56 to 68 percent less residual soil nitrate than the commercial organic brand (depending on sampling date), meaning less leftover nitrogen remained after peak crop growth.

Overall, the soil health indicators reported were stable across treatments, consistent with many soil health metrics that typically shift over longer time horizons rather than within a single season.

These findings were generated in an independent Northeast university Extension field study.

The cabbage findings suggest NutriHarvest® can translate well to other nutrient-demanding, quality-sensitive crops with similar soil and water-management needs, including brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale), leafy greens (lettuce, spinach, chard, arugula), fruiting vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash), root crops (carrots, beets, radishes, onions), and herbs (basil, parsley, cilantro, dill, chives, oregano, thyme). For these crops, balanced nutrition that supports moisture and nutrient efficiency, along with lower late-season residual nitrate, can help maintain eating quality while reducing nutrient-loss risk to waterways.

What this means for soil health and water quality

For growers, “protecting water” often comes down to a practical goal: keep more nutrients in the crop-and-soil system, and reduce the amount that can be lost when weather turns. When soil nitrate is elevated during high-risk periods, the potential for losses to drainage, runoff, or leaching can increase. The study’s nitrate patterns—especially the contrast between nitrate-source spikes and NutriHarvest’s closer-to-baseline trajectory—support NutriHarvest’s focus on

nutrient efficiency that helps protect water quality.

NutriHarvest® organic fertilizers are produced through proprietary nutrient recovery technology that converts agricultural by-products into stable organic plant nutrition. This circular approach is designed to support crop productivity while improving nutrient retention dynamics that matter for long-term soil and water stewardship.

“Cabbage is a quality crop. You can taste it when nutrition is balanced and the plant stays healthy all season. It shows up at harvest and it shows up on the plate,” said Anju D. Krivov, President and CEO of GSR Solutions and NutriHarvest. “We’re building organic plant nutrition that supports growers in producing high-quality crops while strengthening soil and protecting water.”

Availability and partner inquiries
NutriHarvest® organic fertilizers are available nationwide at NutriHarvest.com.
NutriHarvest is expanding distribution across farm, horticulture, and specialty-crop channels.
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