

## ALBRECHTISMS

1. Insects and disease are the symptoms of a failing crop, not the cause of it.
2. The use of sprays is an act of desperation in a dying agriculture. It is not the overpowering invader we must fear, but the weakened condition of the victim.
3. The excessive use of chemical salts in fertilizers is upsetting plant nutrition.
4. Manure forms an organic shield around the salts. It is a buffer against injury. As soils become lower in organic matter, we will not be able to use salts so directly.
5. Fertilizer placement is the art of putting the salts in the ground so the plant roots can dodge it.
6. To help them maintain their soils, farmers should be given a depletion allowance on their income tax, the same as owners of mines, oil wells and timber tracts.
7. Most of the south will be a good bull market, just as it was a good mule market. The soils of the south do not have the virgin fertility to produce a good breeding stock.
8. We are exhausting the quality of our soils. As we do so, the quality of our plants goes down, and we are accepting this.
9. Don't lime to fight acidity, use lime to feed the plant.
10. Study nature more than you study books.

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