

## FOLIAR IN HYDROPONICS?

This Insight showcases **CSF + Nutricover** tank mix being ‘blown’ across **lettuce** and the benefit to plant health, growth and quality from foliar-applying phosphorus and trace elements

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This is a portion of the 6,000m<sup>2</sup> of undercover, hydroponically grown gourmet-lettuce crop in Virginia, South Australia.

The lettuce grows in a ‘hole’ in the ‘white’ growing trays, and the roots are immersed in a nutrient-laden water solution that runs through the tray. Normally preferring all nutrients to be supplied through the roots, foliar applications are not so common.

This grower however recognises the benefit to plant health, growth and quality from foliar-applying phosphorus and trace elements. Here the **CSF + Nutricover** tank mix is being ‘blown’ across the lettuce, and this is repeated several times during the growing period.

One of the key issues for this grower is in the knowledge that healthy plants are less prone to insect attack, which in turn lessens the need to use insecticides.

A lessened, chemical withholding period allows these growers to get their produce to market quicker!