Adding Nutrients to Depleted Soils

A man loads manure into a spreader on the farm of Garrett Tolan from Pleasant Plains, Illinois. (Sangamon County, IL, 1936)

Hauling and spreading manure from a low-wheeled wagon (Wisconsin, 1928)

Spreading manure in Carmel at the Lynnwood Farm owned by Purdue University (Hamilton County, 1945)
Charles Rutan fills fertilizer boxes on his corn planter in Frankfort. (Clinton County, 1929)

By rolling down a heavy crop of soybeans, Leonard Hill of Douglas, Illinois, could more easily plow under the crop as a green manure. (St. Clair County, IL; 1932)

Two men fill the fertilizer and seed boxes on a corn planter on the farm of Samuel Voss and Son. (Tippecanoe County, 1952)
To improve the soil on his Wingate-area farm, Griff Quirk used a wheat drill to spread 200 pounds of 2-12-6 fertilizer.
(Montgomery County, 1929)

A man shovels bulk fertilizer into a spreader on the Overmeyer farm in Francesville.
(Pulaski County, 1960)
A farmer fills the tank of a spray rig with liquid fertilizer for top-dressing wheat. (N.p., 1964)

Harold Amos from Kirklin fills an anhydrous ammonia tank from a nurse tank. (Clinton County, 1962)

Plowing under rye and applying anhydrous ammonia on the Ward Wilkins farm in Linden (Montgomery County, 1965)