## **SOIL FOOD WEB**

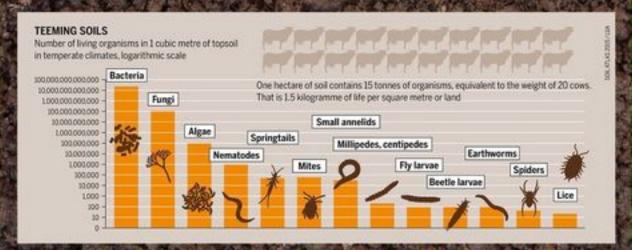
In a spoonful of garden soil there are **BILLIONS** of different living organisms – **INDUSTRIOUS ORGANISMS** that make your soil a better place for plants to grow.

As organisms consume other organisms, nutrients convert from one form to another and are made available to plants (grass, trees, shrubs, agricultural crops) and other soil organisms. They improve

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soil structure and increase nutrient retention, among many other things.



The organic contents of soil must be REPLENISHED CONSTANTLY as plants consume soil elements and pass them up the food chain.

## Sources

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