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Sample Form
Soil 2026

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SEE PROPER SAMPLING TECHNIQUES ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

[a] Select **one application** per soil sample submitted and, where applicable, specify a crop
[b] If the crop is forage select **one USE:** E – establishing, H – hay, G – grazing, HG – one hay cutting & grazing

LAB number (do not use)	Your Sample ID	Test Type	Agronomy / Horticulture / Forestry Application[a] (per acre)	Use[b]	Residential / Landscape / Athletic Application[a] (100s to 1000s sq. ft.)
		☐ Regular ☐ Complete Further tests _____ _____	Yield? _____ ☐ Improved Bermuda ☐ Common Bermuda ☐ Bahia ☐ Annual Ryegrass ☐ Clover / Ryegrass ☐ Clover ☐ Deer Food Plot ☐ Oak / Pine Forest ☐ Xmas Trees ☐ Vegetables / Fruits Specify _____		Lawn: ☐ Upkeep or ☐ Establishing ☐ Garden: Vegetable / Fruit ☐ Azaleas / Camellias ☐ Blueberries ☐ Shade Tree ☐ Flowers ☐ Pecan Tree ☐ Ornamentals Specify _____
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PROCEDURE FOR TAKING SOIL SAMPLES

Soil tests can be only as accurate as the samples on which they are made. Proper collection of soil samples is extremely important. Tests of poorly taken soil samples may actually be misleading.

1. **Establish a plan for soil sampling.** Prepare a property map to include boundaries for each field. Give each field a permanent number. Web Soil Survey, operated by the NRCS, is ideal for this use. Keep this map and all soil test reports for a long-term record. Plan to sample each field at **3-to-5-year intervals** depending on cropping system.

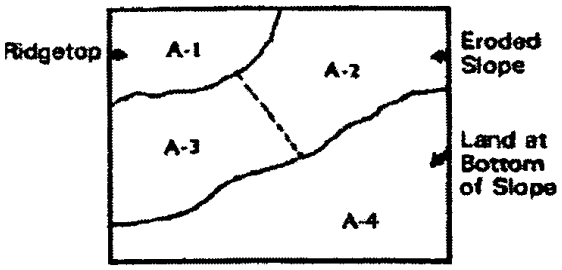
2. **Sample only uniform areas.** Soils that are different as to slope, elevation, color, crop growth, degree of erosion, or past fertilizer and lime treatment should be sampled separately. Depending on the uniformity, one composite sample should represent no more than 10 to 40 acres.

3. **The sample should be taken from all over the area.** Soil from a single place cannot adequately represent the soil in an area. Take soil from 10 to 15 different places in the field, lawn or garden. Sample to a depth of 6 inches where soil is tilled. Sample to a depth of 4 inches in lawns and turf grass or permanent sods used for hay or grazing. Remove plant residue from surface and use a spade, soil auger or soil sampling tube as illustrated. Place the soil in a clean container, mix thoroughly and take approximately 1 pint of composite sample to send to the lab.

4. **Packaging.** Sample bags can be picked up in person at the Soil, Plant, And Water Analysis Lab, local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office, or local Soil and Water Conservation District office. Alternatively, soil sample can be packaged in a clean, quart-sized, resealable plastic bag. Label each sample with permanent marker. Place sample bag(s) in a box and wrap securely. Unwrapped sample bags are often broken in the mail.

5. **Complete the Information Sheet** on the opposite side.

6. **Mailing Instructions.** Place soil information sheet and check or money order in envelope inside the box of samples. Do not insert any paper, form or money, directly in the bag with the soil sample as soil microbes decompose paper.



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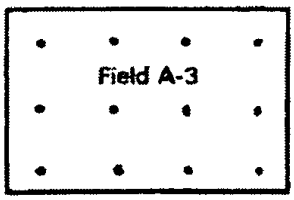

LABORATORY LOCATION:
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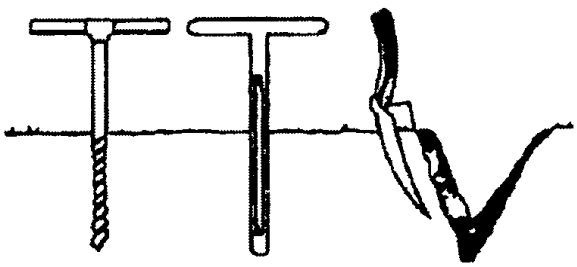

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