



Please complete this form and include it with your sample and payment. **Standard turnaround time is 2-3 days.** For additional information, please review the back of this form or visit us online.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION** *Please enclose payment with this form (do not send cash).*

**Number of Samples** \_\_\_\_\_ *There is a \$7<sup>00</sup> charge per sample.*

**Total Payment \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check or Money Order *(please make checks payable to Auburn University--Soil Testing Lab)*

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Call in CC# or pay online AFTER receiving invoice.**

**VISIT US ONLINE!**  
[www.aces.edu/soiltest](http://www.aces.edu/soiltest)

- ✓ Learn more about soil testing at AU
- ✓ Complete this form electronically
- ✓ Check your results
- ✓ Submit payment

**SAMPLE(S) SUBMITTED BY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UP TO 5 SAMPLES PER FORM**

Potting soils, bark, mulch, composite mixes, litter and manure samples require a **SPECIAL** analysis. These forms are located on our website under **Forms & Publications**.

**SEND MY RESULTS (for fastest delivery select email)**

\_\_\_ Email    \_\_\_ Fax    \_\_\_ USPS Standard Mail

**COUNTY WHERE SOIL WAS COLLECTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Sample Name	Acres	Crops/Plants	Yield	When Limed Last	Lab ID (Lab Use Only)
			<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Year _____ Tons per acre ____  <input type="checkbox"/> Never	LAB USE ONLY
			<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Year _____ Tons per acre ____  <input type="checkbox"/> Never	
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**Describe any specific problems you have observed or want to correct.** \_\_\_\_\_

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## PROCEDURE FOR TAKING SOIL SAMPLES

**NOTE: Soil tests results can be no better than the soil sample itself.** For a soil test to be of benefit, the sample must represent the area sampled. Proper collection of samples is **extremely** important. **Be sure to read instructions below before taking samples.**

1. Soils that differ in appearance, plant growth, or past treatment should be **sampled separately**. One sample can represent only one soil condition. Even when the area is small, if the plants are growing well in most of the area but poorly in a spot, collect a sample from the poor spot and another from the good area so that lime and fertilizer recommendations may be made for both areas.
2. Avoid taking samples that include organic residue or recently applied fertilizer. Do this by scraping the spots clean before sample is taken.
3. Each sample should be a mixture of subsamples from at least 10 or more places in each area. Areas treated differently should be sampled separately. For field crops, a single sample should not represent more than about 10 acres. For cultivated areas, sample to the depth of plowing, usually about 6–8 inches. For established pastures, hayfields, and lawns, sample the top 2–3 inches of soil.  
**Wet samples should be sent in plastic bags. Send us 1 pint, or 2 cups, or 450 grams.**
4. **Label** each container with the sample number or name. Keep a record for yourself of the area represented by each sample number or name.
5. Give information requested on reverse side of this sheet.
6. **Make check payable to: Auburn University–Soil Testing Lab**
7. Enclose samples, information sheet, check and mail to:

Soil Testing Laboratory  
ALFA Agricultural Services & Research Building  
961 S. Donahue Drive  
Auburn University, AL 36849-5411  
Telephone: (334) 844-3958  
[www.aces.edu/soiltest](http://www.aces.edu/soiltest)  
[soiltest@auburn.edu](mailto:soiltest@auburn.edu)

8. Test results and recommendations will normally be mailed within 3–7 days from the time the samples are received.

**Do not use this form for nematode soil samples. Nematode sample forms are available at <http://www.aces.edu/dept/plantdiagnosticlab>.**

**FIELD/YARD**  
suggested method  
for collecting samples

