Soil Color & Texture Guide

This Soil Color & Texture Guide helps growers identify soil color and texture. Fill it in by hand and keep it with your farm records for later seasons.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Gather a fresh soil sample
2. Moisten soil to a workable state
3. Make a soil ribbon or ball
4. Compare texture to a guide
5. Compare color to a color chart
6. Record the texture class
7. Note organic matter and stones
8. Compare with a lab test

YOUR NOTES

TIP Check your hand texture result against a lab test now and then.