Pasture Soil Testing Protocol

A step by step protocol for sampling pasture soil so lab results represent the field, written for producers and advisers who build fertility plans from soil tests.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Divide pastures into uniform sampling areas
2. Avoid dung pats, trails and water points
3. Clean the probe and bucket
4. Take cores at a consistent depth
5. Combine cores and mix thoroughly
6. Label each sample with field name
7. Submit to the chosen lab with the right form
8. File results with the field record

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask your lab which sampling depth it recommends for pasture and use that same depth every year.