Soil Insect Sampling Protocol

This soil insect sampling protocol lists the steps to dig, sift and record grubs, wireworms and other soil pests, so you know what is feeding below ground before planting.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Pick sample sites across the field
2. Note crop history and prior damage
3. Dig soil to rooting depth per extension advice
4. Sift soil over a tray or sheet
5. Count and sort the insects found
6. Record each site on a map
7. Compare counts with local guidance
8. Decide on control or rotation

YOUR NOTES

TIP Sample when soil insects are active and moist soil is workable, and ask extension for local sampling depth and timing.