Sodic Soil Management Guide

Guide to managing sodic soils, covering how to recognize the problem, confirm it with testing and plan amendments, water management and crop choices. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Note symptoms such as crusting or ponding
2. Collect soil samples for lab analysis
3. Review test results with an adviser
4. Check irrigation water quality
5. Evaluate drainage details
6. Choose amendments per lab advice
7. Plan water management
8. Choose tolerant crops
9. Retest and record changes

YOUR NOTES

TIP Confirm sodicity with a lab test first, since crusting and poor drainage have other causes too.