Zone Soil Sampling Protocol

Protocol for zone soil sampling, where a field is divided into management zones and each zone is sampled and handled as its own unit for testing and recommendations.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Gather yield maps, soil maps and imagery for the field
2. Draw zone boundaries based on soil and yield patterns
3. Name each zone and mark it on the map
4. Collect cores across each zone, not between zones
5. Keep zone samples in separate labeled containers
6. Record sampling depth and tool used
7. Submit samples to the lab by zone
8. Review zone results before drawing up plans

YOUR NOTES

TIP Confirm zone boundaries on the ground before sampling, since maps and imagery can miss real changes in soil.