

Plant Sampling Instructions

Plant analyses are of limited value unless you collect the proper portion of the plant. Our report is only as good as the sample you take!

1. Place plant tissue samples inside a paper bag. Please never mail plant tissue enclosed in a plastic bag. Plant tissue sealed in plastic and mailed arrives to our lab resembling green mush.
2. No roots, please.
3. Please do not send leaves covered in soil.
4. Include sufficient plant material. Two handfuls of fresh plant material is generally sufficient per sample.
5. In general, the most recently matured leaves are the best ones to sample. Contact your county Extension agent if you have questions.
6. You may want to compare a normal plant with a suspected nutrient deficient plant. If so, collect two samples, one from the normal, the other from the abnormal, and place each sample in a separate paper bag. Label the bags to distinguish the two.



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