

Soil Testing Service



2011 showed us how important soil tests can be to help match fertiliser to yields. With above average yields and high protein, a lot of nitrogen will have been removed, but soil moisture over summer will also have mineralised N from organic matter, making it difficult to predict just what we will be starting with in 2012.

Rural Directions Pty Ltd is once again offering an independent soil testing service. With our hydraulic soil coring rig we are able to offer deep soil nitrate testing as well as topsoil testing. Deep soil N results are converted to approximate kg/ha of nutrient to enable you to prepare your fertiliser plans for the coming year.

We will sample the paddock, send the soil off for testing through CSBP laboratories, and send you the results. All we need from you is directions to the paddock!

Deep Soil Nitrate Testing

- Important for crops where nitrogen strategy will be a major factor in grain quality such as durum, malting barley, or oaten hay
- Also useful on paddocks that are coming out of a nitrogen fix, such as a vetch pasture or lentil crop

Topsoil Testing

- Recommended if phosphorus rates are being cut back
- Useful for identifying soil limitations
- Good practice to 'work around the farm' testing every paddock every 5 years
- Tests for Colwell Phosphorus, PBI, pH, Colwell Potassium (K), CEC, Organic Carbon, (other tests can be arranged)

Investment

- \$130 per paddock (GST exclusive) for a deep N test or topsoil test only
- \$190 per paddock (GST exclusive) for a deep N test and topsoil test

To Book

To book in some paddocks simply fill in the attached form clearly indicating the paddocks you want tested, the type of test you would like done, and draw or attach a clear map so that we can find the paddocks from a main road.

Return the form:

by email to bwallis@ruraldirections.com
or by fax to (08) 8842 1766

We will be in touch to let you know when the sampling will occur.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call Brendan on 08 8525 3000.

Soil Testing Service Form

Your Details:

First Name: Surname:

Trading Name:

Phone No: Mobile No:

Soil Testing Requirements:

	Pdk 1	Pdk 2	Pdk 3	Pdk 4	Pdk 5
Name					
Area (ha)					
2011 Crop					
Sample Depth (please circle)	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm	10cm
	60cm	60cm	60cm	60cm	60cm

In this space please draw a mudmap to the relevant paddocks to make them easy to find from a main road. Alternatively attach a map with the paddocks marked.

Please fax completed form back to 08 8842 1766.