

Complete this form and include it with your sample and payment. **Standard turnaround time is 3 to 7 days.** For additional information, review the back of this form or visit us online.

PAYMENT INFORMATION *Please enclose payment with this form (Do not send cash.).*

Number of Samples _____ *There is a \$10.00 charge per sample.*

Total Payment \$ _____

___ Check or Money Order *(Make checks payable to Auburn University-Soil Testing Lab.)*

Check Number: _____

Call in CC# or pay online AFTER receiving invoice.

Visit us online!

www.aces.edu/soiltest

- ✓ Learn more about soil testing at AU
- ✓ Complete this form electronically
- ✓ Check your results
- ✓ Submit payment

SAMPLE(S) SUBMITTED BY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

UP TO 5 SAMPLES PER FORM

Potting soils, bark, mulch, compost mixes, litter, and manure samples require a **SPECIAL** analysis. These forms are located on our website under **Forms & Publications**.

<https://aub.ie/soillab>



SEND MY RESULTS (for fastest delivery, select email)

___ Email ___ USPS Standard Mail **County where soil was collected:** _____

Your Sample Name	Acres	Crops/Plants	Lab ID (Lab Use Only)

Describe any specific problems you have observed or want to correct *(Please note we only test soil nutrient content and pH.)* _____

PROCEDURE FOR TAKING SOIL SAMPLES

NOTE: Soil tests results can be no better than the soil sample itself. For a soil test to be of benefit, the sample must represent the area sampled. Proper collection of samples is **extremely** important. **Read instructions below before taking samples.**

1. Soils that differ in appearance, plant growth, or past treatment should be **sampled separately**. One sample can represent only one soil condition. Even when the area is small, if the plants are growing well in most of the area but poorly in a spot, collect a sample from the poor spot and another from the good area so that lime and fertilizer recommendations may be made for both areas.
2. Avoid taking samples that include organic residue or recently applied fertilizer. Do this by scraping the spots clean before sample is taken.
3. Each sample should be a mixture of subsamples from at least 10 or more places in each area. Areas treated differently should be sampled separately. For field crops, a single sample should not represent more than about 10 acres. For cultivated areas, sample to the depth of plowing, usually about 6 to 8 inches. For established pastures, hayfields, and lawns, sample the top 2 to 3 inches of soil. **Wet samples should be sent in plastic bags. Send 1 pint=2 cups=450 grams.**
4. **Label** each container with the sample number or name. Keep a record of the area represented by each sample number or name.
5. Give information requested on reverse side of this sheet.
6. **Make check payable to: Auburn University–Soil Testing Lab**
7. Enclose samples, information sheet, and check and mail to:

Soil Testing Laboratory
ALFA Agricultural Services & Research
Building
961 S. Donahue Dr
Auburn University, AL
36849-5411 Telephone:
(334) 844-3958
www.aces.edu/soiltest
soiltest@auburn.edu



*Plant Diagnostic Lab Submission
Forms*

8. Test results and recommendations will normally be mailed within 3 to 7 days from the time the samples are received. **Do not use this form for nematode soil samples. Nematode sample forms are available at [Plant Diagnostic Lab Forms - Alabama Cooperative Extension System \(aces.edu\)](#).**

Sampling Procedures and Policies

- 1) An analysis is only as good as the sample submitted. Every effort should be made to ensure that a good representative sample is taken. Please include at a minimum a pint of soil.
- 2) Soil samples will only be stored in the laboratory for 30 days upon completion of the tests requested.
- 3) If you are unsure of any result that you receive, you may call the lab and request that the component in question be reanalyzed to confirm the original result. Retest requests made within 7 days of the "Date Printed" on the report will be performed free of charge.
- 4) All pricing is USD per sample. Prices and services subject to change without notification.
- 5) Visit our website for more information on sampling or call prior to submitting your samples.
- 6) There will be a \$2.00 charge for insufficient paperwork.
- 7) For higher quantities of samples please use our multi-sample form.

*Please note sample retention times: Wet samples are retained for one-week, dry ground samples retained for one month.