

## **Wildlife Food Plot Soil Recommendation Sheet**

Soil sampling is the first step toward a successful food plot and is the best way to determine how to establish or maintain your plot. Seed selection, proper fertilization, and proper liming are all difficult to achieve without a soil analysis. Skipping this simple, inexpensive step can result in wasted time and resources. Nutrient deficient soils result in weak and stunted plants, but over application can have negative consequences also. Start the right way, start with a soil sample. Proper seed selection, fertilization and liming will not only improve the quality of your planting, but also increase its hardiness and longevity saving you time and money.

### **Soil Submittal Form**

1. Fill out the A&L "[Soil Sample Submittal Form](#)" with your reference information
2. Make sure to write the sample ID on the Ziploc bag using a label or permanent marker
3. Mark the test package you want run on the form (S3 is the complete test that is \$10.25 and the one we recommend for most food plot situations)

### **How to Collect Your Soil Sample**

1. To collect the soil sample, take soil from the top 6 inches
2. Collect from multiple areas throughout your plot. A W shaped pattern is often recommended.
3. Dump these subsamples into a bucket and mix the soil around in the bucket
4. Collect 1 pound to send in a Ziploc bag to the lab. This ensures you have a good representation of the area you are sampling.

### **Payment**

Two Options...

1. Staple a check to the submittal form made out to "A&L Great Lakes Labs, Inc."
2. Call A&L Labs to give your credit card info prior to the completion of the analysis so that reporting is not delayed to you. (260-483-4759)

### **Shipping Instructions**

1. Make sure the sample ID on your Ziploc bag matches the sample ID on your submittal form
2. Insert both sample in sealed Ziploc bag and submittal form into flat rate box or envelope.
3. *Send to: A&L Great Lakes Laboratories  
3505 Conestoga Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808*

Turnaround time is two (2) working days after the lab receives the sample. If you include your email address, you will receive an email PDF copy of the report as soon as it is complete.

Call or email PLOT DR with any questions concerning your sample. If you would like seed, fertility, lime, or any other recommendations please email your soil sample report with a brief explanation of what recommendations you would like us to prepare. We look forward to providing you with valuable information not just products to help you with your property improvement and food plot success.

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