



SOIL & PLANT-TISSUE LABORATORY TESTING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

The **Agricultural Laboratory Testing Association (ALTA)** is an industry organization founded on the premise that farmers and others in the agriculture industry require information that is accurate, consistent, and reliable. To address this need, ALTA maintains two certification programs to help ensure end-users in the agriculture industry have access to high-quality testing results. The **Soil Analysis Certification (SAC)** and **Plant Analysis Certification (PAC)** demonstrate a lab's commitment to high standards of quality.

HISTORY:

In 1981 the Illinois Soil Testing Association (ISTA) was founded to help address the need of Illinois growers for quality soil test information. Since then, it has grown to include member labs that service not just Illinois, but the rest of the Midwest, as well as the Southern and Northeastern United States. As a result of this growth, ISTA was re-branded in 2020 as the **Agriculture Laboratory Testing Association**.

OBJECTIVE:

ALTA's primary objective is to promote the interests of agriculture testing industry in the United States to strive for high quality testing data that will improve farm production, profitability, and sustainability.

WHY PARTICIPATE:

Participating in and earning certification through ALTA brings industry credibility, validation and standardization; all critical attributes to succeeding in the agricultural testing business. Contact ALTA to learn how to become part of this important organization.



MEMBERSHIP:

Laboratories wishing to participate in the ALTA-SAC and/or PAC program will be required to:

1. Be a member of ALTA.
2. Be enrolled in the ALP Program for the calendar year.
3. Provide plant nutrient analysis by methods recognized by the ALTA, each ALP cycle.

Laboratories that fail to meet performance limits of the ALTA-PAC program will be offered a retest program for reinstatement.

Laboratories who submit soil / plant analysis results for each method and achieve results within specified performance limits will be placed on the ALTA list of approved certified labs and posted on the association's web site: www.alta.ag

MEETINGS:

ALTA holds two meetings annually; a winter and summer seminar. The meetings are designed to allow members to share information, collaborate, discuss on-going projects, conduct business, review field research, educate lab employees, and get to know our fellow members in the ag industry. ALTA also sponsors educational seminars on various industry topics / research.

2022 ALTA SUMMER MEETING • AUG 29

Holiday Inn & Suites Des Moines Northwest
4800 Merle Hay Roads • Urbandale, IA 50322
Mon. Aug. 29: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



<https://alta.ag/meetings-events>

To Become a Member or Participate:

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