How to Collect Your Soil Sample

Here you are at the field. You have your bucket, bags and soil probe…and you wish someone else was doing this for you! No need to worry! This is what you need to know to get the BEST RESULTS with the LEAST EFFORT.

- After visually surveying the field, collect your sample only in the typical part of the field (no ridges or hog wallers, unless that is typical). If you want to sample the bad areas of the field, collect them separately. We have a test for these problems, 1F and 1G. F is typical, G is problematic. If submitted together, F is full price and G is $32.50.

- Start your collecting approximately 40 feet in from the edge of the field. Walk at a 45° angle (to dissect all conceivable applications) for approximately 250 feet.

- Be sure to remove the top one-inch of soil prior to probing to prevent incidental contamination, such as bird and animal droppings. Collect 7 to 15 probes down to a 12-inch depth. Place soil in your plastic bucket. Thoroughly mix the soil contents, breaking up any clods or clumps, with your hands. Throw out any stones, stems, etc. Fill your bag two-thirds full. Make sure all pertinent information is included with each sample, written legibly with a permanent marker. We e-mail the results to you.