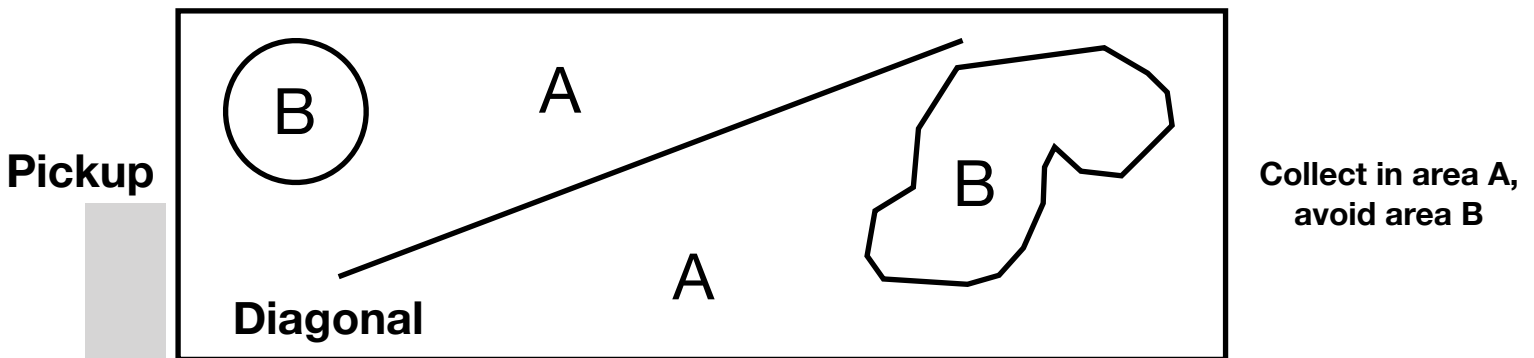


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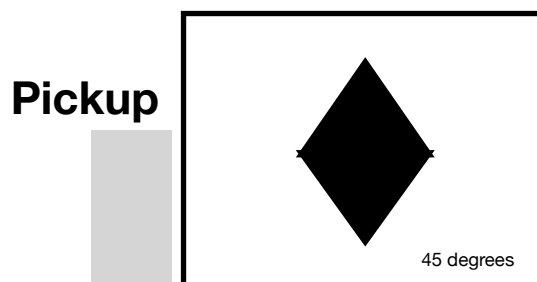
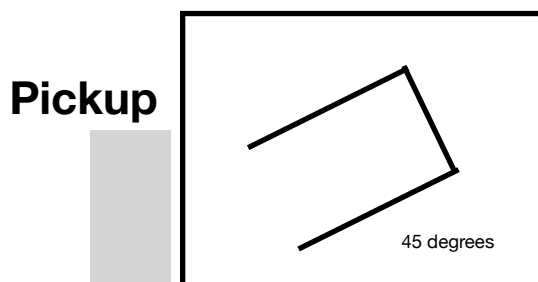
Here you are in the field. You have your bucket, bags and soil probe. And you wish someone else was doing this for you! No need to worry! This is what you need to get the **BEST RESULTS** with the **LEAST EFFORT**. Don't forget, the sample integrity starts with you!

STEP ONE: 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).

STEP TWO: Remember, the best sample starts with you! If you want to sample the bad/good areas of the field, collect them separately. We have a test for these called a 1F & 1G. F being typical (good), G being problematic (bad). If submitted together F is full price and G is half. If you're wanting an over all composite sample, collect from multiple areas as shown in the diagram below.



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



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STEP FOUR: Be sure to remove the top one-inch of soil prior to probing to prevent incidental contamination from things such as, bird/animal droppings or chemical residue. Collect 7-15 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. Discard any stones, stems, weeds, etc. Fill your bag to the fill line (approx. 2 cups). Make sure all pertinent information is included with each sample, written legibly. Please utilize our submission forms on www.westernlaboratories.com/submission-forms to ensure the proper testing is given!

PLEASE NOTE: If you're needing disease and nutrient testing, please fill the bag entirely (close to 3-4 cups of soil). This ensures we can have the correct amount of soil for all testing needed.

COLLECTING SOIL FOR NEMATODE OR DISEASE TESTING: Use the same method as above. If during the winter months, your soil temperature is below 45 degrees, collect the sample and leave in an open bag in a warm office or room. The sample needs to come to temperature for about a week to ensure the best possible testing! As always, remember the best sample comes from you first. Please utilize our submission forms on www.westernlaboratoreis.com/submisson-forms.

For any further questions or concerns please contact us!