



2019 North American Proficiency Testing Program
Quarter 4 Soil Report - Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Laboratory ID
General

Soil	Soil 2019-116			Soil 2019-117			Soil 2019-118			Soil 2019-119			Soil 2019-120				
Analysis	Units	n	Median	MAD	Lab ^{1,2}	Median	MAD	Lab ^{1,2}	Median	MAD	Lab ^{1,2}	Median	MAD	Lab ^{1,2}	Median	MAD	Lab ^{1,2}
Salinity																	
Sat. Paste Moisture	%	18	52.2	3.80		50.4	3.25		47.4	2.55		21.9	2.68		42.0	3.05	
pH - sp	Unit	26	7.57	0.055		5.24	0.120		6.36	0.090		6.68	0.110		4.56	0.085	
ECe - sp	dS/m	26	2.88	0.190		0.370	0.030		0.414	0.065		0.840	0.120		0.532	0.080	
HCO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	10	5.56	0.55		0.95	0.130		2.94	0.581		1.85	0.325		0.762	0.136	
Ca - sp	mmolc/L	23	9.45	1.34		1.99	0.190		2.91	0.330		3.67	0.435		2.33	0.320	
Mg - sp	mmolc/L	23	6.87	0.670		0.720	0.088		1.38	0.120		2.99	0.290		0.700	0.100	
Na - sp	mmolc/L	23	4.17	0.350		0.130	0.015		0.210	0.050		0.180	0.014		0.191	0.027	
SAR - sp	value	18	1.42	0.115		0.100	0.020		0.140	0.030		0.100	0.020		0.166	0.035	
Cl - sp	mmolc/L	13	3.40	0.460		0.230	0.050		0.250	0.050		0.200	0.040		0.140	0.013	
SO ₄ - sp	mmolc/L	14	3.24	0.350		0.460	0.046		0.770	0.055		0.580	0.070		0.308	0.042	
NO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	8	12.3	2.70		0.91	0.148		0.350	0.073		4.52	0.85		2.77	0.49	
B - sp	mg/L	10	0.370	0.053		0.057	0.006		0.161	0.020		0.033	0.005		0.057	0.006	
Soil pH & EC																	
Soil EC (1:1)	(dS/m)	37	1.25	0.220		0.190	0.014		0.279	0.026		0.200	0.049		0.210	0.020	
Soil EC (1:2)	(dS/m)	39	0.865	0.075		0.124	0.013		0.160	0.020		0.130	0.020		0.152	0.015	
pH (1:1) Water	Unit	82	7.74	0.060		5.30	0.065		6.50	0.060		6.82	0.060		4.71	0.060	
pH (1:2) Water	Unit	27	7.88	0.120		5.46	0.071		6.60	0.070		6.96	0.080		4.85	0.060	
pH (1:1) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	24	7.50	0.045		4.81	0.050		6.06	0.040		6.40	0.030		4.22	0.055	
pH (1:2) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	12	7.50	0.085		4.78	0.045		6.06	0.040		6.34	0.060		4.24	0.033	
Buffer pH, Lime Req.																	
SMP Buffer pH	Unit	23	7.45	0.060		6.53	0.060		6.93	0.070		7.30	0.080		6.30	0.120	
Adams-Evans Buf pH	Unit	8	7.82	0.045		7.54	0.085		7.64	0.080		7.88	0.025		7.37	0.080	
Woodruff Buf. pH	Unit	19	7.18	0.020		6.47	0.050		6.80	0.020		6.94	0.036		6.24	0.080	
Mehlich Buffer pH	Unit	6	6.79	0.035		6.00	0.040		6.29	0.020		6.56	0.040		5.80	0.030	
Sikora Buffer pH	Unit	31	7.50	0.030		6.57	0.068		6.93	0.045		7.40	0.040		6.24	0.090	
Titrateable Acidity	cmol/kg																
Inorganic Nitrogen (NO₃-N & NH₄-N)																	
NO ₃ -N Cd. Rd.	mg/kg	62	123	7.72		14.1	0.935		10.4	0.775		20.4	2.45		26.0	1.10	
NO ₃ -N ISE	mg/kg	7	112	6.57		14.9	1.10		11.0	2.00		22.0	1.92		27.1	1.11	
NO ₃ -N CTA	mg/kg																
NO ₃ -N Ion Chr.	mg/kg	2	134	6.00		15.6	0.450		11.6	0.450		17.8	2.15		27.0	0.950	
NO ₃ -N Other	mg/kg	5	119	2.80		14.4	1.80		10.5	0.580		19.3	1.70		24.6	1.90	
NH ₄ - N (KCl Extr.)	mg/kg	48	4.99	0.775		6.54	0.770		17.4	1.36		2.71	0.544		6.90	0.900	
Phosphorus and Sulfur																	
PO ₄ -P Bray P (1:10)	mg/kg	44	120	17.4		61.5	2.45		36.2	2.75		88.5	10.6		76.6	4.30	
PO ₄ -P Bray P1 (1:7)	mg/kg	7	108	15.3		51.4	4.67		29.3	5.69		63.8	7.48		64.2	7.88	
PO ₄ -P Olsen/Bicarb	mg/kg	49	127	11.1		34.0	2.37		24.4	1.45		22.6	4.05		44.8	3.72	
PO ₄ -P AB-DTPA	mg/kg	2	97.2	20.4		19.0	5.48		19.8	4.91		18.4	4.79		21.5	6.55	
PO ₄ -P Modified Morgan	mg/kg	4	158	7.50		4.76	0.850		9.90	0.500		11.1	1.25		5.32	0.835	
PO ₄ -P True Morgan	mg/kg	7	160	12.5		5.70	0.500		11.6	0.500		12.9	0.650		6.30	0.210	
PO ₄ -P Mod. Kewlona	mg/kg	2	170	9.50		49.7	6.00		28.7	4.90		62.8	8.15		63.4	4.95	
PO ₄ -P Stong Bray (1:10)	mg/kg	11	286	9.20		82.3	3.50		84.0	4.40		110	9.00		94.0	3.70	
PO ₄ -P Water Soluble	mg/kg																
SO ₄ - S (PO ₄ Extr.)	mg/kg	26	30.0	3.18		5.56	1.34		5.59	0.900		3.29	0.705		8.31	1.17	

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Bases													
K Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	66	2,680	202	229	12.2	261	12.4	140	18.5	304	11.4	
Ca Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	60	3,900	428	1,100	59.6	2,590	132	481	76.4	741	39.5	
Mg Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	60	746	33.7	155	9.37	418	15.4	120	17.2	90.2	5.75	
Na Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	49	135	12.9	9.99	2.49	16.3	2.60	7.06	0.81	9.48	2.18	
Bray Extractable K	mg/kg	6	1,930	137	184	5.00	201	8.20	146	9.50	251	6.31	
K- Olsen/Bicarb.	mg/kg	4	2,120	30.0	226	12.5	217	11.5	120	9.50	291	13.5	
K Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	2,510	5.00	229	13.0	240	16.0	107	8.00	300	9.00	
K True Morgan	mg/kg	5	1,760	45.0	179	10.0	168	11.0	102	4.40	247	7.00	
Ca Modified Morgan	mg/kg	2	10,300	5,120	1,220	153	2,500	162	342	75.0	752	82.5	
Aluminum KCL Extr.	mg/kg	4	0.433	0.117	7.40	1.60	0.480	0.020	0.700	0.392	79.2	12.8	

Mehlich-1 Multi Element (scoop)													
Scoop Soil Mass	g	5	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	
P	mg/kg	9	114	2.53	31.7	4.59	58.0	6.55	51.6	8.62	34.7	4.36	
K	mg/kg	9	1,170	102	156	7.81	162	12.3	136	16.5	226	10.9	
Ca	mg/kg	9	4,810	651	916	30.7	2,600	217	621	69.5	632	30.4	
Mg	mg/kg	9	628	39.3	133	2.95	407	30.2	145	11.9	81.5	5.10	
Mn	mg/kg	7	5.62	0.520	98.4	0.950	180	9.92	37.2	6.31	98.6	8.02	
Zn	mg/kg	7	0.130	0.077	2.44	0.070	3.21	0.319	2.21	0.150	1.74	0.050	

Mehlich-3 Multi-Element (scoop)													
Scoop Soil Mass	g	25	2.05	0.060	1.86	0.081	2.10	0.065	2.76	0.080	2.05	0.090	
Assumed Density	g/cm3	19	1.03	0.050	0.925	0.065	1.06	0.040	1.39	0.060	1.06	0.085	
Volume of Scoop	cm3	24	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	
Extractant Volume mL	mL	19	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	
P Colorimetric	mg/kg	10	220	7.85	66.4	2.20	40.2	1.95	91.5	3.51	80.8	2.16	
P ICP-AES	mg/kg	51	240	8.24	71.2	3.03	46.6	2.69	104	6.50	85.8	4.60	
K	mg/kg	53	2,690	150	224	9.91	265	12.2	164	9.50	316	13.6	
Ca	mg/kg	50	5,300	302	1,090	46.5	2,850	107	599	43.1	751	48.8	
Mg	mg/kg	50	931	45.1	162	8.73	454	29.6	152	12.2	97.6	8.15	
Na	mg/kg	42	139	11.3	11.0	1.91	17.9	2.83	9.26	2.12	12.2	1.86	
S	mg/kg	44	50.1	2.25	11.5	0.780	12.0	1.10	7.90	1.00	14.6	1.02	
Al	mg/kg	31	260	28.0	800	45.0	412	21.2	559	46.2	925	34.8	
Zn	mg/kg	46	6.25	0.430	3.19	0.170	4.22	0.299	2.98	0.212	2.26	0.185	
Mn	mg/kg	45	112	7.82	175	7.58	300	21.3	125	13.7	167	6.86	
Fe	mg/kg	45	55.2	5.21	237	12.8	210	12.0	147	12.3	197	9.16	
Cu	mg/kg	45	1.90	0.130	1.10	0.070	2.13	0.090	1.48	0.120	0.930	0.070	
B	mg/kg	37	5.24	0.380	0.380	0.039	1.24	0.110	0.250	0.054	0.236	0.025	

Micronutrients													
Zn - DTPA	mg/kg	61	2.16	0.140	2.18	0.097	2.50	0.147	0.865	0.170	1.56	0.092	
Mn - DTPA	mg/kg	46	10.6	1.09	96.8	9.20	150	16.1	12.1	1.48	102	7.47	
Fe - DTPA	mg/kg	48	9.30	1.25	86.5	9.78	72.4	10.4	10.9	2.28	74.7	8.78	
Cu - DTPA	mg/kg	49	0.750	0.080	0.941	0.059	1.24	0.125	0.500	0.100	0.836	0.066	
Zn - HCl	mg/kg	2	3.08	2.94	3.25	0.050	4.62	0.360	3.22	0.175	2.40	0.030	
Mn-H3PO4	mg/kg	10	6.64	1.50	82.4	8.48	128	10.2	27.7	2.81	85.0	5.55	
Cl - Ca(NO3)2 Extr.	mg/kg	13	60.0	8.00	3.55	0.24	3.35	0.258	1.66	0.188	2.11	0.210	
B - Hot Wat.	mg/kg	25	2.46	0.290	0.320	0.060	0.802	0.155	0.130	0.022	0.250	0.047	
B-DTPA/Sorbitol	mg/kg	19	2.78	0.180	0.215	0.016	0.546	0.065	0.081	0.015	0.135	0.017	

Soil Organic Matter													
Soil Kjeldahl N	%	10	0.290	0.005	0.158	0.004	0.196	0.004	0.038	0.002	0.110	0.006	
Soil TN (combustion)	%	36	0.310	0.014	0.160	0.010	0.210	0.011	0.040	0.003	0.120	0.010	
Soil TOC (Combustion)	%	11	3.31	0.346	1.59	0.070	2.33	0.148	0.406	0.042	1.12	0.020	
Soil Total C (Combustion)	%	29	4.03	0.113	1.61	0.042	2.30	0.093	0.410	0.035	1.12	0.030	

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SOM - Walkley-Black	%	23	5.00	0.250	2.88	0.150	3.86	0.165	0.800	0.115	1.96	0.140
SOM - LOI (% Wt loss)	%	63	5.30	0.200	3.30	0.110	3.90	0.160	0.800	0.050	2.61	0.090
Other												
CaCO3 Content	%	8	8.48	0.325	0.300	0.110	0.340	0.260	0.320	0.180	0.300	0.100
CEC - Cation Displacement	cmol/kg	9	25.4	3.45	12.2	1.43	20.8	3.96	3.50	0.430	11.3	1.66
CEC - Estimation	cmol/kg	12	34.9	3.87	10.0	1.30	18.1	0.940	4.25	0.650	11.5	1.50
Soil Density (Scoop)	g/cc	10	1.18	0.010	1.08	0.035	1.22	0.020	1.61	0.020	1.19	0.038
Particle Size Analysis-Hydrometer												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	32	48.2	3.37	11.8	1.82	61.0	1.70	88.6	1.55	20.6	3.65
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	32	34.0	4.00	70.0	3.10	20.8	2.00	6.00	0.55	61.0	4.85
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	32	18.4	3.28	17.6	2.50	18.0	1.95	4.30	0.980	18.5	1.96
Particle Size Analysis- Pipette												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	3	48.8	0.800	5.10	2.10	59.0	2.00	89.0	0.600	16.0	2.00
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	3	36.0	0.200	77.0	2.80	23.1	1.90	7.00	0.300	65.0	2.00
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	3	15.0	1.00	15.2	2.20	16.9	0.900	4.00	0.900	16.3	2.70
Solvita CO2												
	ppm	5	107	45.0	104	33.3	122	53.0	14.0	9.00	61.0	27.2

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