



2020 North American Proficiency Testing Program
Quarter 4 Soil Report - Friday, January 8, 2021

Laboratory ID
General

Soil	Soil 2020-116				Soil 2020-117			Soil 2020-118			Soil 2020-119			Soil 2020-120			
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	%	17	55.0	4.00		57.0	3.80		53.1	3.09		65.1	2.90		25.0	2.00	
pH - sp	Unit	26	7.04	0.065		5.41	0.150		7.39	0.075		7.00	0.100		6.63	0.100	
ECe - sp	dS/m	25	1.80	0.160		0.930	0.110		1.00	0.123		0.940	0.070		0.860	0.120	
HCO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	10	4.16	0.50		0.89	0.145		4.57	0.48		3.20	0.615		1.40	0.245	
Ca - sp	mmolc/L	21	9.32	0.880		5.50	0.700		6.90	1.01		7.33	0.630		3.56	0.490	
Mg - sp	mmolc/L	21	3.74	0.441		2.38	0.240		2.09	0.330		1.17	0.100		2.78	0.310	
Na - sp	mmolc/L	21	1.15	0.110		0.170	0.030		0.670	0.092		0.220	0.021		0.130	0.020	
SAR - sp	value	17	0.430	0.030		0.090	0.020		0.300	0.030		0.100	0.010		0.068	0.008	
Cl - sp	mmolc/L	14	0.530	0.100		0.225	0.045		0.795	0.125		0.165	0.015		0.280	0.040	
SO ₄ - sp	mmolc/L	14	1.89	0.200		1.14	0.138		0.947	0.110		0.440	0.060		0.795	0.090	
NO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	10	8.85	1.61		3.82	0.60		1.84	0.44		3.65	0.64		4.25	0.79	
B - sp	mg/L	11	0.210	0.030		0.110	0.027		0.080	0.010		0.090	0.010		0.140	0.010	
Soil pH & EC																	
Soil EC (1:1)	(dS/m)	39	0.831	0.081		0.445	0.035		0.660	0.090		0.370	0.036		0.220	0.035	
Soil EC (1:2)	(dS/m)	44	0.598	0.040		0.330	0.020		0.400	0.043		0.343	0.044		0.162	0.023	
pH (1:1) Water	Unit	82	7.17	0.050		5.42	0.062		7.68	0.070		7.05	0.050		6.82	0.056	
pH (1:2) Water	Unit	25	7.34	0.090		5.50	0.100		7.75	0.140		7.19	0.080		6.97	0.130	
pH (1:1) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	25	6.93	0.030		5.09	0.040		7.36	0.060		6.71	0.040		6.35	0.050	
pH (1:2) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	12	6.86	0.090		5.10	0.032		7.32	0.090		6.73	0.040		6.32	0.055	
Buffer pH, Lime Req.																	
SMP Buffer pH	Unit	23	7.31	0.060		6.42	0.070		7.39	0.060		7.13	0.070		7.14	0.050	
Adams-Evans Buf pH	Unit	10	7.73	0.045		7.33	0.110		7.68	0.065		7.73	0.110		7.80	0.045	
Woodruff Buf. pH	Unit	21	7.05	0.040		6.39	0.080		7.10	0.020		6.98	0.020		6.88	0.030	
Mehlich Buffer pH	Unit	7	6.57	0.030		6.00	0.050		6.74	0.060		6.54	0.020		6.50	0.020	
Sikora Buffer pH	Unit	29	7.30	0.040		6.42	0.065		7.37	0.030		7.20	0.050		7.22	0.050	
Titrateable Acidity	cmol/kg																
Inorganic Nitrogen (NO₃-N & NH₄-N)																	
NO ₃ -N Cd. Rd.	mg/kg	67	89.7	5.99		52.8	3.20		37.1	2.10		44.5	5.20		20.8	1.90	
NO ₃ -N ISE	mg/kg	5	89.0	5.23		57.1	0.640		42.3	3.38		49.5	13.1		25.0	1.25	
NO ₃ -N CTA	mg/kg																
NO ₃ -N Ion Chr.	mg/kg	2	102	1.50		59.3	1.30		41.6	0.600		53.4	0.350		21.2	0.850	
NO ₃ -N Other	mg/kg	9	92.1	6.00		51.3	3.00		36.9	2.33		40.8	6.58		22.9	3.48	
NH ₄ - N (KCl Extr.)	mg/kg	52	7.95	0.750		45.0	3.62		15.1	1.10		4.69	0.815		21.1	2.04	
Phosphorus and Sulfur																	
PO ₄ -P Bray P (1:10)	mg/kg	46	108	7.00		14.9	1.86		34.3	06.7		150	8.70		68.0	4.86	
PO ₄ -P Bray P1 (1:7)	mg/kg	5	74.9	15.4		8.80	0.780		13.3	2.88		86.8	29.0		51.7	9.85	
PO ₄ -P Olsen/Bicarb	mg/kg	52	69.7	5.22		16.6	1.51		29.7	2.10		68.0	8.90		31.4	3.14	
PO ₄ -P AB-DTPA	mg/kg	1	35.5	0.000		14.8	0.000		11.0	0.000		35.3	0.000		17.0	0.000	
PO ₄ -P Modified Morgan	mg/kg	4	88.6	4.70		2.60	0.100		17.3	1.80		41.6	2.30		7.77	1.20	
PO ₄ -P True Morgan	mg/kg	8	68.9	13.8		2.90	0.212		17.3	2.29		40.6	2.78		9.25	0.550	
PO ₄ -P Mod. Kewlona	mg/kg	2	89.8	3.15		7.51	0.090		32.5	4.80		138	2.50		45.0	5.15	
PO ₄ -P Stong Bray (1:10)	mg/kg	11	368	6.84		39.1	3.01		151	17.0		366	3.50		121	6.00	
PO ₄ -P Water Soluble	mg/kg	1	18.0	0.000		0.500	0.000		1.60	0.000		5.40	0.000		1.50	0.000	
SO ₄ - S (PO ₄ Extr.)	mg/kg	29	17.2	2.10		12.9	2.43		9.00	1.68		5.30	1.18		4.96	0.60	

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Bases												
K Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	69	3,170	269	173	12.2	640	32.0	374	46.0	223	25.2
Ca Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	63	3,370	193	1,890	83.2	5,970	470	3,890	488	783	103
Mg Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	63	525	22.0	317	13.9	595	25.0	147	19.0	208	22.3
Na Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	52	61.3	4.70	11.2	1.97	33.2	3.61	14.0	2.90	7.20	0.98
Bray Extractable K	mg/kg	7	1,690	136	124	10.4	366	42.1	315	19.7	201	8.40
K- Olsen/Bicarb.	mg/kg	4	1,970	270	153	10.5	402	19.0	375	11.0	193	6.16
K Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	2,730	97.0	153	9.50	577	31.5	395	8.00	178	15.0
K True Morgan	mg/kg	5	1,770	22.3	106	4.34	274	15.7	297	15.0	152	4.52
Ca Modified Morgan	mg/kg	2	2,970	409	1,860	208	15,600	9,410	4,990	797	629	141
Aluminum KCL Extr.	mg/kg	4	0.650	0.415	1.04	0.140	0.381	0.169	0.502	0.062	0.480	0.060

Mehlich-1 Multi Element (scoop)												
Scoop Soil Mass	g	6	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000	5.00	0.000
P	mg/kg	11	325	19.4	8.72	2.02	12.9	1.06	116	22.0	45.0	3.95
K	mg/kg	11	1,230	151	115	3.58	170	8.40	286	43.4	190	13.4
Ca	mg/kg	11	3,500	312	1,720	73.1	6,130	886	5,150	482	899	28.0
Mg	mg/kg	11	481	47.6	299	10.5	397	26.4	183	24.8	237	19.9
Mn	mg/kg	9	57.1	7.97	134	4.22	8.83	0.942	62.5	14.7	130	5.60
Zn	mg/kg	9	3.08	0.330	2.70	0.150	0.210	0.047	4.17	0.69	3.49	0.117

Mehlich-3 Mult-Element (scoop)												
Scoop Soil Mass	g	25	2.07	0.066	1.96	0.073	2.04	0.070	1.51	0.080	2.46	0.080
Assumed Density	g/cm ³	20	1.04	0.040	0.986	0.055	1.03	0.065	0.758	0.056	1.22	0.041
Volume of Scoop	cm ³	26	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000
Extractant Volume mL	mL	18	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000
P Colorimetric	mg/kg	11	149	9.00	20.0	1.76	63.6	4.20	210	10.3	92.0	6.50
P ICP-AES	mg/kg	54	155	6.44	25.8	2.50	67.6	3.50	214	10.5	101	5.44
K	mg/kg	53	3,010	152	176	10.6	637	27.0	433	28.5	245	12.5
Ca	mg/kg	52	3,730	140	2,030	79.0	8,360	632	4,930	376	954	47.4
Mg	mg/kg	52	603	25.9	342	16.5	709	36.2	190	12.6	251	16.8
Na	mg/kg	41	61.6	3.64	12.5	2.54	36.1	4.24	28.0	2.96	10.0	1.80
S	mg/kg	48	26.2	1.20	21.4	1.40	19.1	1.61	11.6	0.770	11.6	1.04
Al	mg/kg	33	446	28.2	774	36.6	299	32.9	999	61.6	810	51.0
Zn	mg/kg	49	4.14	0.259	2.57	0.180	3.30	0.230	8.22	0.520	3.38	0.254
Mn	mg/kg	47	117	7.12	126	4.80	127	12.2	134	18.8	121	7.33
Fe	mg/kg	46	121	8.90	496	53.0	90.5	6.40	311	23.6	426	31.8
Cu	mg/kg	47	1.80	0.100	1.55	0.241	3.75	0.250	1.11	0.090	1.00	0.162
B	mg/kg	40	2.06	0.135	0.780	0.120	1.53	0.130	1.10	0.090	0.630	0.100

Micronutrients												
Zn - DTPA	mg/kg	62	1.61	0.110	1.98	0.180	1.59	0.110	2.84	0.421	1.54	0.235
Mn - DTPA	mg/kg	49	21.8	1.80	94.0	6.05	30.6	2.57	11.3	2.20	62.9	8.52
Fe - DTPA	mg/kg	52	22.1	3.40	332	28.6	23.2	3.57	54.4	6.50	96.8	18.5
Cu - DTPA	mg/kg	53	0.900	0.100	2.35	0.205	2.15	0.185	0.500	0.080	0.670	0.120
Zn - HCl	mg/kg	3	4.40	0.250	2.80	0.260	2.92	0.183	8.60	0.230	4.10	0.100
Mn-H3PO4	mg/kg	12	35.2	3.60	88.0	4.30	12.6	1.48	31.6	4.89	89.5	3.77
Cl - Ca(NO ₃) ₂ Extr.	mg/kg	16	12.3	2.41	3.90	0.45	13.6	2.50	4.30	0.62	3.10	0.52
B - Hot Wat.	mg/kg	29	1.23	0.156	0.600	0.088	0.780	0.180	0.600	0.139	0.295	0.044
B-DTPA/Sorbitol	mg/kg	19	0.990	0.080	0.425	0.069	0.900	0.070	0.360	0.060	0.260	0.060

Soil Organic Matter												
Soil Kjeldahl N	%	13	0.269	0.014	0.246	0.016	0.168	0.010	0.238	0.018	0.070	0.006
Soil TN (combustion)	%	35	0.271	0.011	0.240	0.010	0.176	0.014	0.246	0.007	0.070	0.007
Soil TOC (Combustion)	%	16	2.70	0.095	2.54	0.078	1.68	0.145	3.70	0.138	0.668	0.048
Soil Total C (Combustion)	%	32	2.66	0.120	2.47	0.125	2.64	0.105	3.78	0.173	0.680	0.038

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SOM - Walkley-Black	%	23	4.73	0.270	4.36	0.155	2.76	0.181	5.90	0.400	1.26	0.140
SOM - LOI (% Wt loss)	%	69	5.15	0.250	4.80	0.140	3.50	0.210	5.80	0.210	1.35	0.080
Other												
CaCO3 Content	%	10	0.860	0.134	0.440	0.075	8.57	0.685	1.23	0.151	0.385	0.071
CEC - Cation Displacement	cmol/kg	11	27.5	4.09	17.7	2.46	29.0	3.72	21.7	1.28	6.30	0.850
CEC - Estimation	cmol/kg	13	30.5	2.70	18.1	2.10	36.0	4.10	23.4	4.00	7.00	1.00
Soil Density (Scoop)	g/cc	15	1.18	0.040	1.14	0.030	1.19	0.040	0.890	0.020	1.43	0.040
Particle Size Analysis-Hydrometer												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	33	54.5	3.00	17.7	3.38	10.7	1.64	23.5	2.75	70.0	2.50
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	33	29.2	1.80	60.0	4.00	43.0	5.75	60.0	3.00	20.0	2.20
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	33	15.4	2.66	22.4	3.57	43.0	5.00	15.0	3.40	10.6	2.10
Particle Size Analysis- Pipette												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	4	56.8	1.50	14.0	3.60	11.5	7.52	23.5	5.85	71.5	0.900
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	4	25.1	2.10	63.0	2.25	47.8	0.200	64.0	3.15	19.8	1.00
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	4	16.6	3.00	23.3	2.00	48.0	0.200	15.7	1.80	9.06	0.500
Solvita CO2	ppm	6	136	44.7	118	35.1	116	37.1	136	34.6	31.4	17.4

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