



2021 North American Proficiency Testing Program
Quarter 1 Soil Report - Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Laboratory ID
General

Soil	Soil 2021-101				Soil 2021-102			Soil 2021-103			Soil 2021-104			Soil 2021-105			
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	%	23	61.7	2.78		54.5	2.70		48.6	3.25		49.8	3.70		45.0	2.64	
pH - sp	Unit	33	7.40	0.060		7.04	0.070		6.10	0.130		6.00	0.200		6.43	0.100	
ECe - sp	dS/m	32	2.69	0.310		1.52	0.140		0.865	0.180		1.52	0.210		0.458	0.044	
HCO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	18	5.29	0.83		4.86	1.00		1.53	0.293		2.79	0.48		2.53	0.469	
Ca - sp	mmolc/L	27	15.1	1.32		7.15	0.576		5.44	1.15		11.5	2.02		3.14	0.520	
Mg - sp	mmolc/L	27	9.96	0.900		4.83	0.370		2.48	0.282		2.40	0.238		1.01	0.170	
Na - sp	mmolc/L	27	1.27	0.120		0.220	0.032		0.250	0.040		0.817	0.077		0.220	0.026	
SAR - sp	value	23	0.366	0.036		0.100	0.010		0.127	0.027		0.300	0.020		0.160	0.020	
Cl - sp	mmolc/L	21	2.17	0.250		3.81	0.429		0.230	0.045		0.830	0.095		0.480	0.100	
SO ₄ - sp	mmolc/L	22	2.42	0.255		1.68	0.170		1.11	0.085		0.905	0.170		0.765	0.095	
NO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	14	16.8	1.66		2.55	0.56		4.78	1.00		9.28	1.40		0.060	0.013	
B - sp	mg/L	16	0.385	0.045		0.500	0.033		0.220	0.028		0.025	0.005		0.060	0.007	
Soil pH & EC																	
Soil EC (1:1)	(dS/m)	38	1.20	0.120		0.578	0.066		0.465	0.045		0.439	0.060		0.194	0.026	
Soil EC (1:2)	(dS/m)	43	0.890	0.067		0.457	0.063		0.310	0.020		0.330	0.050		0.130	0.020	
pH (1:1) Water	Unit	85	7.50	0.050		7.10	0.050		6.14	0.060		5.62	0.090		6.50	0.070	
pH (1:2) Water	Unit	26	7.60	0.060		7.20	0.065		6.21	0.105		5.72	0.184		6.57	0.075	
pH (1:1) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	23	7.35	0.060		6.85	0.030		5.81	0.040		5.40	0.050		6.03	0.030	
pH (1:2) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	14	7.32	0.070		6.80	0.035		5.81	0.035		5.52	0.145		5.99	0.020	
Buffer pH, Lime Req.																	
SMP Buffer pH	Unit	27	7.37	0.050		7.21	0.050		6.90	0.050		6.37	0.072		7.08	0.055	
Adams-Evans Buf pH	Unit	8	7.68	0.100		7.80	0.095		7.58	0.055		7.17	0.080		7.68	0.075	
Woodruff Buf. pH	Unit	19	7.16	0.040		6.99	0.020		6.73	0.040		6.36	0.130		6.85	0.040	
Mehlich Buffer pH	Unit	7	6.74	0.070		6.61	0.020		6.20	0.040		5.98	0.045		6.38	0.020	
Sikora Buffer pH	Unit	30	7.37	0.035		7.30	0.035		6.91	0.060		6.44	0.056		7.13	0.060	
Titrateable Acidity	cmol/kg																
Inorganic Nitrogen (NO₃-N & NH₄-N)																	
NO ₃ -N Cd. Rd.	mg/kg	71	157	12.5		38.9	3.04		48.7	2.71		68.1	4.00		7.40	0.520	
NO ₃ -N ISE	mg/kg	5	152	12.4		39.5	1.51		50.0	0.680		66.9	3.92		10.0	2.80	
NO ₃ -N CTA	mg/kg	1	194	0.000		41.0	0.000		48.9	0.000		69.4	0.000		9.80	0.000	
NO ₃ -N Ion Chr.	mg/kg	1	210	0.000		96.0	0.000		127	0.000		79.3	0.000		16.8	0.000	
NO ₃ -N Other	mg/kg	11	166	15.6		40.2	3.27		48.2	1.66		67.9	4.11		8.57	0.735	
NH ₄ - N (KCl Extr.)	mg/kg	55	47.2	4.55		105	10.0		7.54	0.840		12.9	1.29		26.5	2.36	
Phosphorus and Sulfur																	
PO ₄ -P Bray P (1:10)	mg/kg	47	44.0	3.00		122	8.20		36.0	2.00		39.0	3.00		19.1	1.57	
PO ₄ -P Bray P1 (1:7)	mg/kg	6	36.3	2.80		99.6	3.10		33.2	5.80		24.9	3.11		17.6	2.31	
PO ₄ -P Olsen/Bicarb	mg/kg	62	38.0	3.76		51.9	4.90		24.2	2.10		20.0	2.30		12.7	1.70	
PO ₄ -P AB-DTPA	mg/kg	2	21.0	2.26		32.1	5.52		14.0	2.92		16.5	8.57		9.37	2.51	
PO ₄ -P Modified Morgan	mg/kg	4	39.0	4.95		18.6	2.40		12.6	0.500		1.90	0.600		3.65	0.300	
PO ₄ -P True Morgan	mg/kg	8	39.4	0.750		19.6	1.12		13.6	1.07		2.20	0.330		4.30	0.452	
PO ₄ -P Mod. Kewlona	mg/kg	2	47.8	8.25		91.6	8.35		27.4	4.65		16.5	0.500		12.0	1.95	
PO ₄ -P Stong Bray (1:10)	mg/kg	10	138	3.00		212	9.05		89.0	8.66		57.8	2.70		43.1	3.00	
PO ₄ -P Water Soluble	mg/kg																
SO ₄ - S (PO ₄ Extr.)	mg/kg	29	23.1	4.83		14.0	1.80		8.12	1.15		12.1	1.78		6.25	1.36	

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Bases												
K Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	78	1,210	100	266	19.5	254	14.0	64.8	5.75	162	8.00
Ca Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	73	4,960	470	1,330	98.2	2,530	146	1,930	171	1,470	78.0
Mg Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	73	1,080	74.0	300	16.7	416	21.3	149	10.8	175	9.18
Na Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	62	47.7	5.97	09.6	1.48	15.1	3.12	26.2	3.42	11.0	1.53
Bray Extractable K	mg/kg	7	736	30.7	212	11.0	183	2.00	43.3	3.30	123	2.80
K- Olsen/Bicarb.	mg/kg	4	1,020	62.0	263	3.00	218	4.50	53.3	0.920	152	4.00
K Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	1,210	4.00	270	6.00	236	8.00	61.5	3.50	156	5.50
K True Morgan	mg/kg	6	736	37.5	223	10.8	163	14.0	40.9	2.84	122	10.3
Ca Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	7,160	606	1,720	21.0	2,590	135	2,530	45.0	1,620	171
Aluminum KCL Extr.	mg/kg	4	0.726	0.294	0.750	0.322	0.915	0.085	1.00	0.500	0.658	0.350

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	8	54.6	1.36	82.5	7.36	66.9	3.46	12.6	1.93	24.6	1.94
K	mg/kg	8	579	37.7	215	10.7	154	11.5	33.4	1.48	114	4.32
Ca	mg/kg	8	4,740	721	1,710	63.6	2,530	100	2,290	41.8	1,370	45.1
Mg	mg/kg	8	915	38.4	337	27.2	376	22.5	136	4.22	156	1.47
Mn	mg/kg	7	43.3	6.66	416	35.6	111	5.49	64.6	2.99	121	5.56
Zn	mg/kg	7	0.730	0.130	4.83	0.130	3.09	0.220	1.13	0.030	1.41	0.040

Mehlich-3 Mult-Element (scoop)												
Scoop Soil Mass	g	25	1.84	0.070	1.83	0.090	2.03	0.055	1.85	0.120	1.98	0.130
Assumed Density	g/cm ³	19	0.920	0.045	0.915	0.045	1.03	0.040	0.930	0.070	0.990	0.060
Volume of Scoop	cm ³	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	16	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000	20.0	0.000
P Colorimetric	mg/kg	12	65.4	3.60	153	4.20	42.3	2.70	32.3	1.85	20.8	1.30
P ICP-AES	mg/kg	53	72.5	3.00	164	9.30	48.1	2.46	43.6	5.17	26.0	1.50
K	mg/kg	51	1,150	60.5	263	12.5	249	8.68	62.0	4.00	162	6.30
Ca	mg/kg	50	5,500	290	1,570	87.3	2,800	127	2,290	161	1,580	76.4
Mg	mg/kg	50	1,200	67.5	332	18.6	444	14.6	158	8.10	189	10.1
Na	mg/kg	41	47.0	1.90	12.0	1.71	16.6	2.00	26.2	1.90	12.0	1.98
S	mg/kg	46	36.9	2.30	24.6	1.40	14.5	0.921	21.9	1.16	11.3	1.20
Al	mg/kg	33	532	33.0	833	42.7	392	18.9	1,230	81.0	500	30.8
Zn	mg/kg	46	3.30	0.200	4.34	0.320	4.08	0.255	1.52	0.180	1.71	0.170
Mn	mg/kg	46	103	5.85	358	27.7	253	11.5	67.7	2.91	205	12.0
Fe	mg/kg	46	182	14.1	362	28.5	135	11.4	222	14.7	236	13.3
Cu	mg/kg	46	4.74	0.340	1.63	0.183	1.58	0.090	1.10	0.105	1.69	0.160
B	mg/kg	38	4.93	0.315	1.86	0.153	1.14	0.090	0.260	0.031	0.480	0.080

Micronutrients												
Zn - DTPA	mg/kg	68	1.31	0.110	2.23	0.195	2.58	0.196	0.800	0.100	0.940	0.080
Mn - DTPA	mg/kg	55	29.1	3.57	175	18.0	99.6	12.3	58.9	5.10	88.9	7.76
Fe - DTPA	mg/kg	58	53.0	6.05	127	13.9	49.4	6.02	99.8	14.6	63.2	9.00
Cu - DTPA	mg/kg	60	2.32	0.225	1.60	0.198	0.920	0.090	0.642	0.058	1.28	0.100
Zn - HCl	mg/kg	4	3.68	0.240	5.36	0.935	4.29	0.130	1.40	0.315	1.60	0.275
Mn-H3PO4	mg/kg	12	24.0	2.76	377	23.6	79.6	5.87	55.6	5.44	90.1	6.62
Cl - Ca(NO3)2 Extr.	mg/kg	16	39.2	4.42	63.4	6.10	3.42	0.32	11.0	0.985	6.05	1.00
B - Hot Wat.	mg/kg	31	2.56	0.439	1.34	0.150	0.780	0.111	0.185	0.028	0.295	0.044
B-DTPA/Sorbitol	mg/kg	23	2.42	0.220	1.14	0.067	0.510	0.045	0.185	0.024	0.210	0.025

Soil Organic Matter												
Soil Kjeldahl N	%	14	0.354	0.006	0.189	0.010	0.200	0.010	0.202	0.008	0.130	0.009
Soil TN (combustion)	%	35	0.370	0.015	0.190	0.009	0.204	0.008	0.209	0.010	0.130	0.010
Soil TOC (Combustion)	%	17	3.93	0.078	2.00	0.057	2.27	0.070	2.33	0.052	1.34	0.048
Soil Total C (Combustion)	%	30	4.10	0.125	2.10	0.060	2.28	0.112	2.31	0.065	1.31	0.048

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SOM - Walkley-Black	%	22	6.49	0.340	3.48	0.151	3.74	0.250	3.86	0.215	2.23	0.132
SOM - LOI (% Wt loss)	%	72	7.02	0.300	4.05	0.146	3.80	0.150	4.82	0.190	2.72	0.115
Other												
CaCO3 Content	%	15	2.47	0.35	1.10	0.195	0.630	0.093	0.600	0.093	0.300	0.036
CEC - Cation Displacement	cmol/kg	15	39.4	3.50	12.4	1.50	22.0	3.17	18.8	2.28	12.1	1.11
CEC - Estimation	cmol/kg	11	40.0	1.50	10.2	0.700	19.1	0.900	15.0	1.13	10.0	0.300
Soil Density (Scoop)	g/cc	12	1.08	0.040	1.07	0.022	1.18	0.026	1.08	0.031	1.18	0.030
Particle Size Analysis-Hydrometer												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	31	41.0	4.00	22.0	4.00	59.0	2.00	24.0	3.70	22.0	3.00
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	31	39.6	4.60	57.5	3.50	21.3	3.20	54.0	5.10	61.2	3.80
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	31	18.9	3.10	20.0	2.10	18.8	2.20	22.4	2.60	16.6	2.60
Particle Size Analysis- Pipette												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	4	44.0	5.00	25.5	4.50	61.0	2.00	29.5	6.00	21.0	3.00
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	4	37.0	0.000	58.0	1.50	22.5	0.500	53.5	1.50	63.5	2.50
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	4	17.0	5.00	18.5	2.50	18.5	0.500	19.5	3.50	15.5	1.00
Solvita CO2												
	ppm	6	125	23.8	135	34.2	107	13.8	200	55.2	130	44.0

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