



2021 North American Proficiency Testing Program
Quarter 4 Soil Report - Thursday, February 3, 2022

Laboratory ID
General

Soil	Soil 2021-116				Soil 2021-117			Soil 2021-118			Soil 2021-119			Soil 2021-120			
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	%	16	48.9	2.12		45.4	2.50		49.4	2.00		34.5	3.94		24.6	2.16	
pH - sp	Unit	24	6.05	0.068		6.10	0.080		7.10	0.075		7.52	0.135		7.03	0.090	
ECe - sp	dS/m	24	1.04	0.084		0.855	0.140		0.955	0.095		1.26	0.185		1.37	0.190	
HCO ₃ - sp	mmol/L	11	1.62	0.260		2.00	0.260		6.00	1.40		4.90	0.54		2.40	0.245	
Ca - sp	mmol/L	20	5.04	0.688		5.55	1.10		6.40	0.774		8.87	1.70		7.44	1.25	
Mg - sp	mmol/L	20	2.06	0.392		2.68	0.545		2.70	0.474		3.15	0.588		0.649	0.102	
Na - sp	mmol/L	20	0.160	0.015		0.270	0.040		0.740	0.130		1.28	0.207		0.605	0.063	
SAR - sp	value	18	0.090	0.009		0.115	0.015		0.315	0.040		0.500	0.044		0.288	0.054	
Cl - sp	mmol/L	15	0.800	0.090		0.230	0.030		1.00	0.200		3.16	0.440		0.880	0.110	
SO ₄ - sp	mmol/L	15	0.940	0.170		1.20	0.140		1.60	0.390		2.87	0.530		0.960	0.240	
NO ₃ - sp	mmol/L	12	5.59	1.31		5.26	1.24		1.48	0.30		1.07	0.254		7.64	1.60	
B - sp	mg/L	12	0.145	0.018		0.200	0.039		0.181	0.014		0.215	0.049		0.039	0.005	
Soil pH & EC																	
Soil EC (1:1)	(dS/m)	41	0.499	0.039		0.471	0.051		0.487	0.047		0.443	0.073		0.300	0.029	
Soil EC (1:2)	(dS/m)	36	0.326	0.039		0.310	0.030		0.320	0.030		0.341	0.046		0.240	0.039	
pH (1:1) Water	Unit	90	6.14	0.050		6.16	0.050		7.22	0.065		7.72	0.075		7.20	0.050	
pH (1:2) Water	Unit	23	6.26	0.060		6.22	0.075		7.26	0.060		7.83	0.120		7.31	0.067	
pH (1:1) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	24	5.78	0.040		5.84	0.040		6.86	0.035		7.40	0.040		6.79	0.050	
pH (1:2) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	12	5.78	0.075		5.80	0.046		6.80	0.085		7.29	0.110		6.80	0.080	
Buffer pH, Lime Req.																	
SMP Buffer pH	Unit	24	6.70	0.090		6.92	0.042		7.24	0.040		7.45	0.050		7.40	0.040	
Adams-Evans Buf pH	Unit	9	7.43	0.070		7.61	0.090		7.66	0.040		7.82	0.025		7.90	0.040	
Woodruff Buf. pH	Unit	23	6.60	0.040		6.76	0.040		7.01	0.030		7.15	0.045		7.03	0.050	
Mehlich Buffer pH	Unit	9	6.19	0.050		6.20	0.035		6.54	0.050		6.76	0.040		6.61	0.030	
Sikora Buffer pH	Unit	31	6.69	0.040		6.92	0.045		7.20	0.030		7.51	0.020		7.46	0.060	
Titratable Acidity	cmol/kg																
Inorganic Nitrogen (NO₃-N & NH₄-N)																	
NO ₃ -N Cd. Rd.	mg/kg	60	42.4	1.84		46.0	1.91		19.4	1.30		15.4	1.30		32.5	3.01	
NO ₃ -N ISE	mg/kg	6	41.8	12.6		43.5	10.9		19.1	8.38		14.6	5.02		29.3	9.86	
NO ₃ -N CTA	mg/kg	1	93.0	0.000		99.0	0.000		50.0	0.000		40.0	0.000		81.0	0.000	
NO ₃ -N Ion Chr.	mg/kg	1	48.0	0.000		52.0	0.000		24.0	0.000		17.0	0.000		35.0	0.000	
NO ₃ -N Other _____	mg/kg	12	42.6	2.54		46.2	2.70		19.7	2.58		15.7	1.40		33.7	4.07	
NH ₄ - N (KCl Extr.)	mg/kg	47	135	9.47		8.75	1.45		27.8	2.93		8.91	1.40		16.0	1.61	
Phosphorus and Sulfur																	
PO ₄ -P Bray P (1:10)	mg/kg	44	16.2	2.07		37.2	2.49		83.4	5.65		39.0	2.80		60.6	4.73	
PO ₄ -P Bray P1 (1:7)	mg/kg	5	16.5	6.84		33.6	0.860		69.6	6.95		31.4	2.30		51.5	5.80	
PO ₄ -P Olsen/Bicarb	mg/kg	51	25.0	1.50		24.0	1.00		57.8	4.14		16.6	1.35		14.2	1.70	
PO ₄ -P AB-DTPA	mg/kg	1	13.5	0.000		14.8	0.000		27.2	0.000		10.3	0.000		10.0	0.000	
PO ₄ -P Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	2.00	1.50		9.50	2.80		29.0	1.50		20.0	12.3		3.00	2.91	
PO ₄ -P True Morgan	mg/kg	7	4.01	0.564		14.0	0.900		35.0	2.44		32.0	2.60		6.60	0.400	
PO ₄ -P Mod. Kewlona	mg/kg	1	9.20	0.000		24.4	0.000		76.9	0.000		23.4	0.000		32.9	0.000	
PO ₄ -P Stong Bray (1:10)	mg/kg	12	62.0	5.14		85.6	4.78		254	12.0		128	5.60		76.8	7.06	
PO ₄ -P Water Soluble	mg/kg	1	0.400	0.000		7.70	0.000		8.10	0.000		1.80	0.000		0.400	0.000	
SO ₄ - S (PO ₄ Extr.)	mg/kg	26	8.22	1.70		9.00	0.850		11.7	1.70		21.6	1.90		6.34	1.31	

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Bases												
K Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	66	246	10.0	257	11.8	840	51.8	323	26.6	173	18.8
Ca Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	61	2,350	118	2,540	124	3,300	162	3,730	422	618	73.3
Mg Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	61	349	16.0	408	17.3	521	29.0	290	24.8	26.8	5.50
Na Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	51	11.2	2.69	15.0	2.09	30.8	3.56	31.1	2.69	11.8	2.50
Bray Extractable K	mg/kg	5	171	11.6	195	12.1	492	27.0	257	15.1	172	7.30
K- Olsen/Bicarb.	mg/kg	4	188	5.00	214	8.50	663	20.5	252	10.0	156	0.500
K Modified Morgan	mg/kg	2	248	11.0	254	8.50	848	42.0	292	6.50	150	15.5
K True Morgan	mg/kg	5	150	7.00	160	9.00	498	17.5	198	9.22	140	8.00
Ca Modified Morgan	mg/kg	2	2,510	76.0	2,610	30.0	3,580	291	5,890	1,300	545	115
Aluminum KCL Extr.	mg/kg	2	0.740	0.440	1.00	0.100	0.550	0.454	1.00	0.600	0.600	0.400

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	5.74	1.12	66.5	4.50	158	29.5	43.4	9.84	32.2	2.75
K	mg/kg	11	157	13.7	153	13.5	491	40.8	200	20.2	157	10.1
Ca	mg/kg	11	2,250	156	2,580	186	3,310	256	5,130	1,020	675	29.2
Mg	mg/kg	11	306	12.1	369	16.5	472	25.5	331	31.0	25.1	2.88
Mn	mg/kg	7	374	18.9	130	7.75	117	7.64	21.5	1.77	8.48	0.480
Zn	mg/kg	7	2.25	0.050	3.03	0.224	6.96	0.600	1.72	0.810	1.34	0.060

Mehlich-3 Mult-Element (scoop)												
Scoop Soil Mass	g	28	2.00	0.080	2.04	0.056	1.83	0.090	2.39	0.077	2.51	0.059
Assumed Density	g/cm ³	22	1.02	0.068	1.03	0.051	0.950	0.082	1.19	0.036	1.24	0.052
Volume of Scoop	cm ³	28	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000	2.00	0.000
Extractant Volume mL	mL	21	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	25.5	3.50	41.0	3.10	105	2.00	52.3	1.30	64.0	4.00
P ICP-AES	mg/kg	61	28.0	4.59	49.8	3.79	110	6.20	59.4	4.10	74.7	4.79
K	mg/kg	58	244	13.9	253	13.6	804	50.0	341	21.6	186	15.6
Ca	mg/kg	58	2,590	125	2,810	131	3,450	188	4,890	394	695	62.8
Mg	mg/kg	58	370	18.9	444	18.1	549	25.2	371	21.3	36.4	4.89
Na	mg/kg	48	12.3	2.22	16.4	2.08	31.0	2.89	36.3	3.10	14.0	2.10
S	mg/kg	51	14.3	0.670	15.6	0.850	17.4	1.01	39.0	2.56	12.5	0.730
Al	mg/kg	38	684	46.7	387	23.1	666	43.0	376	51.0	724	51.1
Zn	mg/kg	54	2.01	0.190	4.26	0.260	10.7	0.700	6.25	0.450	2.12	0.175
Mn	mg/kg	53	335	17.0	277	18.4	160	9.96	64.1	5.23	9.84	1.15
Fe	mg/kg	53	560	74.3	135	11.6	181	12.7	111	8.20	140	8.77
Cu	mg/kg	51	0.661	0.106	1.66	0.120	4.50	0.280	2.41	0.150	0.700	0.100
B	mg/kg	45	0.950	0.169	1.10	0.120	1.30	0.140	2.49	0.250	0.270	0.034

Micronutrients												
Zn - DTPA	mg/kg	57	1.20	0.120	2.54	0.188	5.34	0.440	2.64	0.260	0.580	0.080
Mn - DTPA	mg/kg	48	252	23.0	119	10.1	104	7.60	13.4	1.76	3.90	0.580
Fe - DTPA	mg/kg	51	227	31.5	43.7	4.26	29.2	3.40	26.0	3.69	23.1	4.54
Cu - DTPA	mg/kg	52	2.96	0.245	0.950	0.071	2.53	0.240	1.01	0.140	0.270	0.050
Zn - HCl	mg/kg	1	3.56	0.000	4.34	0.000	11.1	0.000	7.59	0.000	1.25	0.000
Mn-H3PO4	mg/kg	8	264	26.7	104	6.86	97.5	9.14	18.8	4.25	6.95	0.865
Cl - Ca(NO3)2 Extr.	mg/kg	15	11.3	1.13	3.80	0.700	15.0	2.45	40.2	2.80	8.10	1.22
B - Hot Wat.	mg/kg	24	0.592	0.108	0.781	0.165	0.916	0.170	0.975	0.149	0.100	0.017
B-DTPA/Sorbitol	mg/kg	20	0.500	0.050	0.470	0.028	0.665	0.052	1.12	0.138	0.102	0.013

Soil Organic Matter												
Soil Kjeldahl N	%	10	0.192	0.011	0.191	0.006	0.178	0.009	0.148	0.010	0.050	0.010
Soil TN (combustion)	%	37	0.195	0.009	0.202	0.012	0.176	0.006	0.150	0.010	0.048	0.008
Soil TOC (Combustion)	%	14	2.34	0.103	2.24	0.145	2.12	0.085	1.59	0.076	0.455	0.040
Soil Total C (Combustion)	%	32	2.32	0.116	2.27	0.093	2.08	0.090	1.87	0.088	0.472	0.031

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SOM - Walkley-Black	%	21	3.90	0.250	3.79	0.210	3.64	0.264	2.60	0.230	1.00	0.200
SOM - LOI (% Wt loss)	%	69	4.40	0.200	3.83	0.170	4.28	0.280	2.65	0.140	1.00	0.050
Other												
CaCO3 Content	%	8	0.765	0.130	0.400	0.024	0.840	0.135	2.92	0.350	0.480	0.054
CEC - Cation Displacement	cmol/kg	9	20.5	2.03	18.3	2.60	26.9	4.50	11.2	0.885	3.11	0.375
CEC - Estimation	cmol/kg	15	17.8	2.10	19.0	1.44	24.0	1.10	25.0	2.20	4.30	0.300
Soil Density (Scoop)	g/cc	13	1.17	0.020	1.20	0.010	1.08	0.030	1.42	0.030	1.46	0.020
Particle Size Analysis-Hydrometer												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	31	12.8	2.49	58.0	3.00	35.0	3.60	66.0	3.70	76.0	1.80
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	31	60.0	5.20	21.0	2.00	39.6	3.60	22.2	2.60	14.0	2.40
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	31	26.0	2.04	19.4	2.60	26.0	4.00	12.0	2.00	9.00	1.38
Particle Size Analysis- Pipette												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	4	7.00	1.78	59.7	1.00	31.3	0.700	69.0	1.95	80.0	1.05
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	4	61.8	2.00	22.2	1.50	40.8	3.60	22.0	2.45	14.5	1.10
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	4	29.2	1.30	19.6	1.50	27.0	3.00	11.4	1.50	5.94	1.36
Solvita CO2												
	ppm	6	73.0	27.1	91.5	32.4	126	37.2	94.8	29.0	24.0	5.62