



2022 North American Proficiency Testing Program
Quarter 1 Soil Report - Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Laboratory ID
General

Soil		Soil 2022-101			Soil 2022-102			Soil 2022-103			Soil 2022-104			Soil 2022-105			
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	%	20	47.9	4.79		25.6	3.50		24.3	2.55		52.9	6.10		51.0	4.26	
pH - sp	Unit	30	6.52	0.090		6.86	0.070		6.60	0.075		7.60	0.085		5.90	0.050	
ECe - sp	dS/m	28	0.832	0.120		0.995	0.160		0.853	0.115		2.66	0.515		0.400	0.050	
HCO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	12	1.34	0.144		2.46	0.575		1.79	0.430		10.7	1.47		1.99	0.292	
Ca - sp	mmolc/L	24	6.14	0.864		4.25	0.655		3.46	0.444		9.36	0.860		2.67	0.405	
Mg - sp	mmolc/L	24	0.925	0.124		2.13	0.345		2.72	0.350		6.62	0.766		1.05	0.184	
Na - sp	mmolc/L	24	0.200	0.035		0.720	0.156		0.142	0.019		4.14	0.542		0.130	0.011	
SAR - sp	value	16	0.115	0.025		0.390	0.030		0.100	0.011		1.46	0.155		0.105	0.010	
Cl - sp	mmolc/L	17	0.214	0.025		0.520	0.071		0.280	0.032		3.12	0.620		0.555	0.076	
SO ₄ - sp	mmolc/L	18	0.426	0.056		2.88	0.565		0.905	0.159		3.10	0.600		1.03	0.162	
NO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	12	5.59	1.33		3.08	0.736		4.38	0.978		10.8	1.14		0.225	0.050	
B - sp	mg/L	9	0.100	0.016		0.310	0.050		0.130	0.028		0.386	0.040		0.095	0.009	
Soil pH & EC																	
Soil EC (1:1)	(dS/m)	36	0.400	0.039		0.291	0.034		0.235	0.047		1.25	0.110		0.260	0.032	
Soil EC (1:2)	(dS/m)	41	0.257	0.020		0.200	0.030		0.166	0.023		0.909	0.085		0.165	0.025	
pH (1:1) Water	Unit	81	6.60	0.088		7.06	0.060		6.76	0.040		7.70	0.067		6.09	0.060	
pH (1:2) Water	Unit	26	6.76	0.140		7.22	0.110		6.90	0.100		7.88	0.130		6.22	0.125	
pH (1:1) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	24	6.30	0.045		6.60	0.045		6.30	0.025		7.50	0.045		5.60	0.040	
pH (1:2) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	12	6.25	0.060		6.55	0.090		6.28	0.073		7.42	0.080		5.59	0.030	
Buffer pH, Lime Req.																	
SMP Buffer pH	Unit	28	7.12	0.085		7.31	0.060		7.15	0.070		7.45	0.050		6.72	0.084	
Adams-Evans Buf pH	Unit	9	7.67	0.080		7.83	0.020		7.76	0.040		7.80	0.050		7.54	0.110	
Woodruff Buf. pH	Unit	21	6.91	0.030		6.99	0.030		6.91	0.040		7.20	0.020		6.63	0.060	
Mehlich Buffer pH	Unit	8	6.40	0.035		6.55	0.090		6.48	0.055		6.75	0.010		6.12	0.055	
Sikora Buffer pH	Unit	30	7.15	0.050		7.36	0.045		7.22	0.025		7.49	0.040		6.74	0.060	
Titrateable Acidity	cmol/kg																
Inorganic Nitrogen (NO₃-N & NH₄-N)																	
NO ₃ -N Cd. Rd.	mg/kg	60	42.2	2.05		17.7	1.70		20.6	2.15		123	8.35		6.50	0.780	
NO ₃ -N ISE	mg/kg	7	44.0	6.90		16.1	6.14		20.4	4.56		123	20.7		6.63	1.14	
NO ₃ -N CTA	mg/kg	2	45.2	3.05		18.0	1.85		21.0	2.40		130	5.00		8.26	1.48	
NO ₃ -N Ion Chr.	mg/kg																
NO ₃ -N Other	mg/kg	16	41.7	5.38		18.2	3.48		22.2	4.01		117	13.5		7.00	0.96	
NH ₄ - N (KCl Extr.)	mg/kg	49	3.40	0.500		42.5	4.06		22.6	2.08		6.57	0.570		55.9	5.66	
Phosphorus and Sulfur																	
PO ₄ -P Bray P (1:10)	mg/kg	43	28.2	1.34		100	9.95		72.0	5.20		106	16.0		39.0	3.00	
PO ₄ -P Bray P1 (1:7)	mg/kg	8	23.3	1.30		72.1	4.95		56.0	5.28		89.6	17.6		29.7	2.12	
PO ₄ -P Olsen/Bicarb	mg/kg	51	20.0	2.22		41.0	4.54		30.4	3.68		123	9.00		24.8	3.00	
PO ₄ -P AB-DTPA	mg/kg	2	11.1	2.44		39.3	5.86		21.4	3.86		34.8	8.47		12.2	2.68	
PO ₄ -P Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	3.00	1.60		17.0	6.60		5.50	3.10		147	41.5		3.00	1.40	
PO ₄ -P True Morgan	mg/kg	8	5.35	0.750		25.8	2.35		9.65	1.20		154	37.4		5.35	1.11	
PO ₄ -P Mod. Kewlona	mg/kg	2	19.1	0.855		55.2	5.15		45.7	1.30		158	22.0		19.0	0.000	
PO ₄ -P Stong Bray (1:10)	mg/kg	10	60.4	3.55		159	17.9		122	8.45		276	11.0		77.5	1.88	
PO ₄ -P Water Soluble	mg/kg																
SO ₄ - S (PO ₄ Extr.)	mg/kg	26	4.39	0.780		13.8	1.65		5.98	1.12		31.1	2.94		8.82	0.840	
Bases																	
K Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	70	248	9.50		247	19.6		219	21.0		2,760	192		243	17.0	
Ca Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	65	2,080	117		858	88.0		760	90.0		3,890	492		2,650	159	
Mg Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	66	131	7.59		146	13.5		204	19.9		734	31.9		410	24.9	
Na Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	52	11.7	2.48		15.7	2.65		8.05	1.61		132	11.3		11.6	2.27	
Bray Extractable K	mg/kg	5	202	4.30		228	7.00		205	2.00		1,620	250		169	17.0	

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K- Olsen/Bicarb.	mg/kg	4	220	0.500	218	6.00	187	1.50	2,200	40.0	196	3.50
K Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	252	7.22	231	13.8	198	20.1	2,320	42.0	244	7.79
K True Morgan	mg/kg	6	170	1.00	188	10.0	161	4.00	1,900	130	152	7.30
Ca Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	2,350	40.4	844	184	738	152	15,000	1,760	2,880	27.0
Aluminum KCL Extr.	mg/kg	4	0.476	0.196	0.600	0.330	0.516	0.184	0.394	0.125	0.467	0.257

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	10	31.3	1.90	71.8	5.01	42.3	2.94	117	7.08	20.5	1.70
K	mg/kg	10	166	10.3	197	10.1	182	9.18	1,230	86.6	144	12.8
Ca	mg/kg	10	1,880	78.3	935	21.7	879	50.6	5,080	575	2,260	127
Mg	mg/kg	10	115	3.93	148	3.89	223	10.8	629	67.0	322	24.6
Mn	mg/kg	7	32.6	1.61	148	11.2	120	2.20	7.44	0.391	129	3.54
Zn	mg/kg	7	2.48	0.142	31.1	0.820	3.40	0.151	0.080	0.020	1.72	0.127

Mehlich-3 Multi-Element (scoop)

Scoop Soil Mass	g	28	2.12	0.110	2.40	0.100	2.47	0.080	2.04	0.071	1.91	0.092
Assumed Density	g/cm ³	20	1.05	0.051	1.19	0.036	1.22	0.035	1.02	0.038	0.956	0.052
Volume of Scoop	cm ³	27	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	12	34.6	1.50	113	3.92	95.5	4.00	221	10.7	53.0	3.74
P ICP-AES	mg/kg	55	36.1	2.30	119	7.54	100	7.48	244	9.97	54.2	3.60
K	mg/kg	55	257	12.0	268	18.3	243	13.2	2,650	196	234	17.4
Ca	mg/kg	54	2,220	144	1,010	73.6	923	57.8	5,240	356	2,770	138
Mg	mg/kg	54	145	8.65	175	11.2	251	15.2	905	57.4	406	21.1
Na	mg/kg	44	12.2	1.85	17.3	1.67	9.58	1.53	134	9.80	11.7	1.69
S	mg/kg	45	9.00	1.04	20.7	1.20	12.5	1.06	51.1	3.22	15.4	1.40
Al	mg/kg	31	679	44.9	323	22.1	817	52.0	263	21.0	601	31.7
Zn	mg/kg	50	3.24	0.211	35.2	2.53	3.56	0.202	6.14	0.325	2.18	0.178
Mn	mg/kg	49	135	16.5	158	8.80	120	7.80	124	9.50	151	8.09
Fe	mg/kg	49	211	16.9	381	33.4	388	34.2	54.4	4.18	433	40.3
Cu	mg/kg	49	4.40	0.300	8.67	0.950	1.15	0.140	1.90	0.170	2.40	0.392
B	mg/kg	42	0.590	0.095	0.900	0.140	0.665	0.145	5.20	0.346	0.771	0.186

Micronutrients

Zn - DTPA	mg/kg	61	1.96	0.140	17.7	2.00	1.61	0.190	2.30	0.240	1.52	0.180
Mn - DTPA	mg/kg	49	14.7	1.48	91.8	10.2	65.6	6.15	19.9	3.18	154	11.8
Fe - DTPA	mg/kg	53	37.4	5.25	77.2	12.9	90.9	16.1	8.80	1.58	205	26.5
Cu - DTPA	mg/kg	53	2.44	0.164	6.16	0.740	0.760	0.095	0.800	0.078	2.70	0.296
Zn - HCl	mg/kg	2	3.30	0.400	37.1	1.28	3.72	0.025	6.83	0.000	2.33	0.025
Mn-H3PO4	mg/kg	9	23.9	2.50	107	9.40	85.0	8.00	11.7	0.79	104	8.00
Cl - Ca(NO3)2 Extr.	mg/kg	14	4.34	0.59	5.17	0.61	4.15	0.55	60.7	4.32	9.90	1.40
B - Hot Wat.	mg/kg	22	0.300	0.043	0.538	0.122	0.300	0.048	2.40	0.385	0.430	0.075
B-DTPA/Sorbitol	mg/kg	20	0.253	0.046	0.453	0.050	0.297	0.047	2.79	0.260	0.390	0.090

Soil Organic Matter

Soil Kjeldahl N	%	13	0.107	0.007	0.070	0.008	0.065	0.007	0.302	0.027	0.180	0.015
Soil TN (combustion)	%	38	0.112	0.011	0.067	0.007	0.068	0.008	0.308	0.012	0.187	0.013
Soil TOC (Combustion)	%	16	0.890	0.035	0.578	0.023	0.657	0.033	3.08	0.215	2.24	0.059
Soil Total C (Combustion)	%	36	0.920	0.030	0.600	0.030	0.690	0.036	3.92	0.137	2.25	0.074
SOM - Walkley-Black	%	25	1.50	0.100	1.10	0.130	1.20	0.100	5.20	0.293	3.82	0.180
SOM - LOI (% Wt loss)	%	68	2.00	0.100	1.21	0.070	1.38	0.075	5.25	0.185	4.24	0.162

Other

CaCO3 Content	%	12	0.510	0.078	0.530	0.057	0.526	0.083	8.46	0.595	0.600	0.067
CEC - Cation Displacement	cmol/kg	14	14.0	1.58	6.75	1.12	7.05	1.25	25.4	2.20	23.4	3.42
CEC - Estimation	cmol/kg	12	13.4	1.44	7.02	0.900	7.19	0.900	35.7	4.30	21.8	1.60
Soil Density (Scoop)	g/cc	10	1.25	0.015	1.44	0.040	1.50	0.040	1.20	0.026	1.13	0.040

Particle Size Analysis-Hydrometer

Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	29	13.1	1.53	58.1	3.10	69.2	2.10	47.3	3.70	12.0	2.70
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	29	65.0	3.70	30.0	2.70	20.0	1.40	34.2	3.00	60.7	3.58

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Clay 2 - 0 um	%	29	22.0	3.00	13.6	2.43	10.8	1.80	19.6	3.62	26.9	2.90
Particle Size Analysis- Pipette												
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	7	10.0	5.52	59.2	1.20	68.9	1.86	48.0	2.60	7.82	5.82
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	7	66.0	5.78	29.0	0.600	22.0	1.00	32.2	5.96	65.0	6.80
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	7	22.6	0.600	11.0	1.80	10.2	1.00	20.4	8.40	27.0	1.50
Soil Health												
Autoclave-Citrate Extractable (ACE) protein	mg/kg	1	1.94	0.000	3.10	0.000	2.23	0.000	7.29	0.000	6.34	0.000
Microbial CO2 respiration (1 day incubation-STCM)	mg/kg	5	0.055	0.020	0.035	0.014	0.035	0.005	0.13	0.050	0.12	0.005
Microbial CO2 respiration (4 day incubation-STCM)	mg/kg											
Microbial enzyme activity - As	mg PNP/kg soil h											
Microbial enzyme activity - Beta Glucosidase (BG)	mg PNP/kg soil h	1	13.0	0.000	10.3	0.000	10.4	0.000	85.5	0.00	29.9	0.00
Microbial enzyme activity - NAG	mg PNP/kg soil h	1	3.58	0.000	3.52	0.000	2.85	0.000	25.3	0.00	12.5	0.00
Microbial enzyme activity - Pase	mg PNP/kg soil h											
PMN 7 day anaerobic	mg/kg	1	11.0	0.000	3.00	0.000	6.00	0.000	89.0	0.00	074	00.0
Reactive carbon - permanganate oxidizable (POxC)	mg/kg	2	419	158	408	189	425	213	884	195	604	198

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