TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory Department of Soil and Crop Sciences Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



WATER SAMPLE INFORMATION FORM

Please submit this completed form and payment with samples. Mark each sample bottle with your sample identification and ensure that It corresponds with the sample identification written on this form. *See sampling and mailing instructions on the back of this form. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

SUBMITTAL AND INVOICE INFORMATION: This inform	nation will be used	for all official invoicing and communication. Sheet of			
Name County where sampled					
Mailing Address		Phone			
CityState Zip		Email*			
CLIENT NAME: Client name will only be included with informatio above on result reports.	n E	Payment (DO NOT SEND CASH) ☐ Check/ Money Order (keep your M.O. receipt)			
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Lab Use only		Order Number \$ amount (Fill in last 7 digits of order number.) AG-257-Ipayments account number 5000000 (Fill in last 5 digits.)			
form for free.	esults □Cha to confirm email	mailed via USPS. Results and invoice can be emailed in PDF arge \$3 for mailing address. These emails are logged, but no automated response 8 mailing fee, to be paid prior to postal mailing.			
(Conductivity, pH, Na, Ca, Mg, K, CO ₃ ²⁻ , HCO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , Cl ⁻ , P,		mple <u>The latest form can be downloaded at the laboratory's website</u> <u>soiltesting.tamu.edu</u>			
B, Nitrate-N. Hardness, and SAR) 2. R + Metals (202) In addition to Routine Analysis includes: (Zn, Fe, Cu, and M	\$40 per sample In)	The laboratory's website provides access to multiple water use and water quality publications.			
3. R + Titrate of Drip Irrigation (203)	\$33 per sample	Contact laboratory to determine services available beyond the suite of analyses listed to the left.			
 4. R + Metals + Titrate for Drip Irrigation (204) 5. R + Metals + Heavy metals and Fluoride (205) In addition to test number 2, includes As, Ba, Cr, Cd, F, Ni, Pb. 	\$75 per sample				
Hardcopy mailed to address listed above(1 to 100 samples)	as per invoice				
SAMPLE INFORMATI	ON (Require	ed) (see ontions listed below)			

			(see options listed below)		
Laboratory # Your Sample		Water Source	Water Use:		
(For Lab Use) ID					Analyses
	 Public Private 	□ Well □ Pond □ Lake □ Other Please define your "Other" water source	 □ Aquaculture □ Livestock □ Other Please define you 	□ Irrigation □ Domestic r "other" water use	□1 □2 □3 □4 □5
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How To Take A Water Sample

Water analyses can only be accurate if the sample is taken correctly. When collecting a water sample, please follow these simple guidelines:

CONTAINERS

Samples should be collected in a new clean, plastic bottle with a screw cap. Purchased 16-20 ounce drinking water bottles can be reused if you rinse the bottle three times with the water source to be submitted to the laboratory. Insure the cap is tight prior to shipping. Please note that the lab does not test for bacteria, pesticides, or petrochemicals. Clearly

identify each bottle with a simple sample I.D. matching those used on the front side of this form. When mailing, place bottles in a box and pack with a loose, soft packing material to prevent crushing. Avoid glass containers, as boron concentrations may change, and glass has higher potential for breakage.

AQUACULTURE

Provide as much information as possible about the condition of the pond. If fresh water is running into the pond, collect the sample in the area of the pond least affected by the fresh water. When samples are taken from salt-water ponds where fresh water may have been added, gather water from both the top and bottom of the pond. The lab cannot test for

dissolved oxygen, free carbon dioxide, or hydrogen sulfide, even though these criteria all affect fish mortality. These substances must be tested for on-site, and kits for conducting these tests are commercially available.

WELL WATER

Let the pump operate ten minutes to an hour before taking the sample. Take the sample as close to the pump as possible.

ASSESSING PROBLEM WATERS

Two separate water samples may be required to address water related problems due to plumbing and/or fixtures. One sample should be collected at the point of entry (well or water service) and another at point of use (faucet, pool and etc.). This sampling method will help pinpoint problematic plumbing.

LIVESTOCK

Collect samples from the specific area of the trough or pond where the water was consumed. Place these samples in a clean plastic container. In the event of sick or dead livestock, samples should be sent to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (979) 845-3414.

Hydroponic Solutions and Wastewater Effluents (not to be submitted on this form)

These analyses require digestion of the wastewater and are primarily designed to address potential fertilizer value of the material. *These samples should be sent under the laboratory's biosolid submittal form.*

** **NOTICE:** Water samples will be tested for the salts commonly found in water. Interpretations will be given only for suitability for irrigation and consumption by livestock but not for human consumption. Our laboratory does NOT analyze for or organic compounds such as pesticides or petrochemicals, nor are saturated samples such as brines or seawater accepted. <u>Please</u> <u>do not acidify or use other water preservation chemicals</u>.

PAYMENT

• Payment must be included with samples, prepaid on Aggie Marketplace or a completed AG-257 must be on file with Texas A&M AgriLife Backing and Receivables for samples to be processed. Go to the laboratory website for easy access to the Aggie Marketplace payment option. Please note that the *price is per sample*. For AG-257-Ipayments accounts complete the following for https://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/documents/ag-257.pdf/ (select Extension)

• Address the package to the appropriate address:

Post Office only:

Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory 2478 TAMU College Station, TX 77843-2478

FedEx, UPS and Freight Only:

Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory 2610 F&B Road College Station, TX 77845 (979) 321-5960

Email: soiltesting@ag.tamu.edu Website: https//soiltesting.tamu.edu

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