

## Taking soil samples and ID for analysis at USDA-ARS, Temple TX

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Using the sweat less sampler (see attached pdf), take enough samples to fill a **half quart zip lock bag** per field, **no cloth bags**, sample bags from soil testing services are OK. Take 0-6 inch samples. We only use about 60 grams for analysis so take a good sample. Label the bags with your last name and a number. I don't need to know what field the samples come from only you do, so a simple ID system like "John Doe 1, John Doe 2, etc. will work best for the analysis. Please send an accurate, itemized list of samples. Send less than 40 samples at a time, we are not a commercial lab, we are a research lab and cannot rapidly process a large amount of samples. We will send the results in an Excel spreadsheet along with a built in calculator for crop nutrient requirements so you can easily calculate your own fertilizer needs.