

Free Soil Testing Program Set for September, October, & November

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Soil testing is a very important part of most any agriculture and/or horticultural operation. It allows the producer to apply soil amendments that are needed (fertilizer, lime, micronutrients, etc) in amounts needed for maximum crop production potential.

The Madison County Extension District Board, Tri-County Fertilizer and Propane, Southern States of Richmond, The Allen Company, and other local agribusinesses have teamed up to offer free soil testing this fall during the months of September, October, and November.

The normal \$5 per sample charge will be waived. Agricultural and Horticultural samples from Madison County residents, will both be accepted.

Fall is a great time to soil sample: turnaround time at the UK soil testing lab is less due to lower demand during this period of the year (results come back quicker), fertilizer prices are typically less in the fall, if needed, a fall application of phosphorus, potassium, or lime will allow any low testing soils to equilibrate prior to the spring planting season. This is especially important if an application of lime is called for. Also, assessing soil fertility needs in the fall gives you time to plan, price inputs and prepare for spring planting.

For more information on this new service that is available to Madison County residents, please call us at (859) 623-4072.

Here are links to soil testing publications:

“Soil Testing: What It Is and What It Does”

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/agr/agr57/agr57.htm>

“Taking Soil Test Samples”

<http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/agr/agr16/agr16.pdf>

These publications are also available at the Madison County Extension Center, 230 Duncannon Lane, Richmond, or call 859-623-4072 to have a copy mailed.