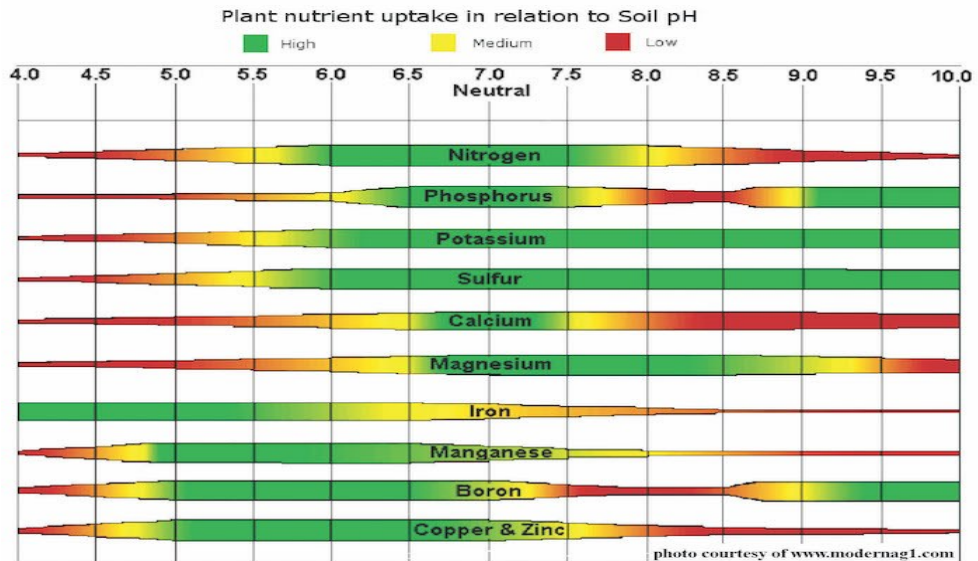


Nutrient Testing Fact Sheet

Nutrient Testing of Your Soils can Provide Higher Yields!



What is Nutrient Testing?

Farmers choose to complete nutrient testing of their soils because it provides a decision-making tool to determine what nutrients to apply and the appropriate application rate. Information provides levels of pH, plant available phosphorus and potassium, magnesium and calcium and percentage of organic matter in the soil.

Why Complete Nutrient Testing?

Nutrient testing has a number of benefits that include a potential for higher yields and higher quality crops. If you know what nutrients are in your soil, then you know exactly what your crops need to thrive. Knowing this can help farmers save money on fertilizer use.

Things to Consider When Nutrient Testing

- When testing was last completed, should be collected every 4 years at a minimum
- The number of sampling areas by field
- The zigzag collection pattern across the sampling field/acre
- How often you should test the soil and timing that would be best to test

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