

Free Soil Testing to Save Money

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Water Resources Institute continue to offer a free soil testing program for agricultural producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. This program supports implementation of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Protection Plan and minimizes nutrient loading to area waterbodies while potentially reducing producer's input costs. Soil tests show what nutrients are needed to produce planned crops and can help producers more accurately plan future nutrient applications.

Soil sampling instructions and sample bags can be picked up at the Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy County AgriLife Extension offices, the TSSWCB Harlingen regional Office, or USDA service centers in those three counties and area agricultural retailers. Once soil samples are collected, they can be dropped off at the locations below for shipping to the Soil Water and Forage testing laboratory at Texas A&M University in College Station. Test results will be sent directly to growers via email address provided on the sample form.

This soil testing campaign is funded by a State Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Samples will be accepted and analyzed free of charge for agricultural producers from now until the spring of 2023 or until grant funds are expended.

To learn more about the soil testing campaign, please contact Mr. Jaime Flores at: jjflores@ag.tamu.edu your local AgriLife County Extension, USDA NRCS, and TSSWCB Offices at:

<p>Cameron County Extension Office 1390 W Expressway 83 San Benito, TX 78586-7633 (956) 361-8236, cameron-tx@tamu.edu</p>	<p>Cameron County USDA NRCS Office 2315 W Expy 83 # 103, San Benito, TX 78586 (956) 399-2522</p>
<p>Hidalgo County Extension Office 410 N 13th Ave Edinburg, TX 78541-3582 (956) 383-1026, hidalgo-tx@tamu.edu</p>	<p>Hidalgo County USDA NRCS Office 2514 S Veterans Blvd, Edinburg, TX 78539 (956) 381-0916</p>
<p>Willacy County Extension Office 170 N 3rd Street Raymondville, TX 78580-1940 (956) 689-2412, willacy-tx@tamu.edu</p>	<p>Willacy County USDA NRCS Office 255 FM Rd 3168, Ste 2 Raymondville, TX 78580-3608 Phone: 956-689-2542</p>
<p>District 12 Extension Office 2401 East Highway 83 Weslaco, TX 78596-8344 (956) 968-5581, d12south@ag.tamu.edu</p>	<p>Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Office 1824 W Jefferson Ave STE A, Harlingen, TX 78550 (956) 421-5841</p>

