



3 ways to soil test

How to determine where to take a soil test depends on what information the farmer is looking for:

1 Base nutrition

If we are looking at base nutrition pick the largest soil type in the paddock and miss any areas where anomalies occur (such as sheep camps and headlands).

2 Problem areas

Test areas with poor/good growth separately to isolate nutrition problems.

3 Variable rate seeding

If Precision-Ag is going to be used with VR, then it would be extremely beneficial to test each soil type within a paddock separately. This may not even be visual soil type – it may be a wet flat or a rocky hill – anywhere that yield differs within years. This will help create a soil picture for your property that yield maps can be plotted against.


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