



Soil Sampling – Instruction Sheet

What you will need

- 2 x Plastic Bag – no perforations or holes, e.g. freezer bag
- Soil Sampling Instruction Sheet
- An A4 Jiffy bag / box, or similar, for posting the sample to the James Hutton Institute

Soil Sampling

A soil analysis is only as good as the soil sample from which it is taken.

Each sample should be composed of 10-20 sub-samples taken at random across the field to a depth of approximately 10 – 15 cm.

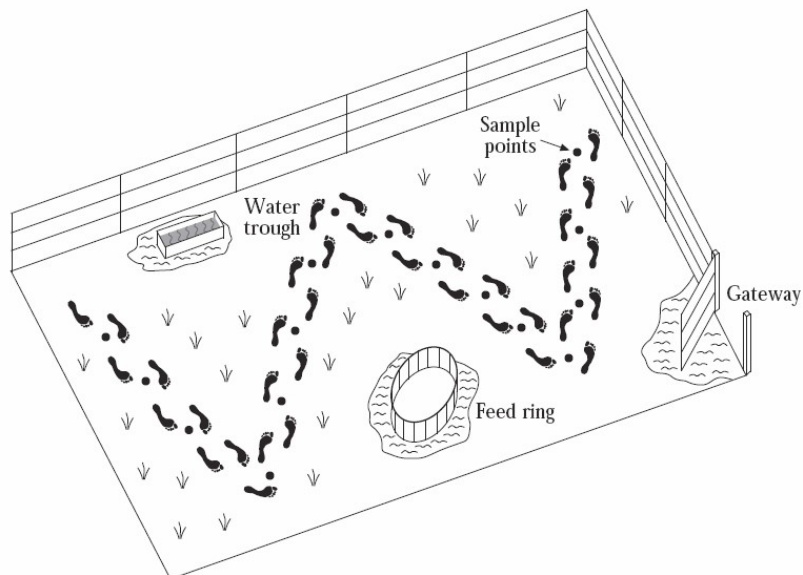
Place the sub-samples in a strong plastic bag or bucket and mix thoroughly by hand before filling your plastic bag (approximately 500 g of soil). Seal the plastic bag and place in second plastic bag. Seal the second plastic bag.

Note: do not send samples that are so wet they risk leaking during transit.

To keep your sample as representative of the field as possible:

- avoid field gates,
- avoid water troughs,
- stay away from feed rings etc.
- we suggest walking across the field in a 'W' pattern to aid sampling.

'W' Pattern Field Sampling



Return your samples to the James Hutton Institute:

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