

Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory Department of Soil and Crop Sciences Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



WATER SAMPLE INFORMATION FORM

Please submit this completed form and payment with samples. Mark each sample bottle with your sample identification and ensure that It corresponds with the sample identification written on this form. *See sampling and mailing instructions on the back of this form. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

SUBMITTAL AND INVOICE INFORMATION: This information will be used for all official invoicing and communication. Sheet of					
Name		County where sampled			
Mailing Address		Phone			
City	StateZip	Email*			
CLIENT NAME: Name	Client name will only be included with information above on result reports.	Payment (DO NOT SEND CASH) Check/ Money Order (keep your M.O. receipt) Amount Paid \$			
Lab Use only		Order Number\$ amount Extension of Credit-Bill, AG-257 on file Samples will not be processed if payment is not received or a valid AG-257 is not on fil with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. See Website for Form AG-257 Information			

(For Lab Use)	Laboratory # Your Sampl	le Wat	Water Source Water Use:		Analyses
	□ Public □ Private	 □ Well □ Pond □ Lake □ Stream □ Processing Plant □ Other 	 Aquaculture Commercial Domestic Greenhouse Irrigation-forage Irrigation-ornan 		Analyses
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*A \$2.00 mail fee will be charged for all invoice and sample results mailed via USPS. Results and invoice can be emailed in PDF form for free.

We strongly suggest emailing the laboratory at <u>soiltesting@tamu.edu</u> prior to shipping your samples. This will provide the laboratory a valid email address for returning your results and invoice. Bounced emails will be billed \$2 and a hardcopy will be mailed to the address listed above.

1. Routine Analysis (R) (201) (Conductivity, pH, Na, Ca, Mg, K, CO ₃ ²⁻ , HCO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , Cl ⁻ , P,	\$25 per sample	The latest form can be downloaded at the laboratory's website: soiltesting.tamu.edu
B, Nitrate-N. Hardness, and SAR) 2. R + Metals (202) In addition to Routine Analysis includes: (Zn, Fe, Cu, and M	\$40 per sample	The laboratory's website provides access to multiple water use and water quality publications.
 3. R + Titrate of Drip Irrigation (203) 4. R + Metals + Titrate for Drip Irrigation (204) 	\$33 per sample \$47 per sample	Contact laboratory to determine services available beyond the suite analyses listed to the left or above.
5. R + Metals + Heavy metals and Fluoride (205) In addition to test number 2, includes As, Ba, Cr, Cd, F, Ni, Pb. Hardcopy mailed to address listed above	\$75 per sample \$2 per invoice	Pricing valid until 12-31-2021.

How To Take A Water Sample

Water analyses can only be accurate if the sample is taken correctly. When collecting a water sample, please follow these simple guidelines:

CONTAINERS

Samples should be collected in a new clean, plastic bottle with a screw cap. Purchased 16-20 ounce drinking water bottles can be reused if you rinse the bottle three times with the water source to be submitted to the laboratory. Insure the cap is tight prior to shipping. Please note that the lab does not test for bacteria, pesticides, or petrochemicals. Clearly identify each bottle with a simple sample I.D. matching those used on the front side of this form. When mailing, place bottles in a box and pack with a loose, soft packing material to prevent crushing. Avoid glass containers, as boron concentrations may change, and glass has higher potential for breakage.

AQUACULTURE

Provide as much information as possible about the condition of the pond. If fresh water is running into the pond, collect the sample in the area of the pond least affected by the fresh water. When samples are taken from salt-water ponds where fresh water may have been added, gather water from both the top and bottom of the pond. The lab cannot test for dissolved oxygen, free carbon dioxide, or hydrogen sulfide, even though these criteria all affect fish mortality. These substances must be tested for on-site, and kits for conducting these tests are commercially available.

WELL WATER

Let the pump operate ten minutes to an hour before taking the sample. Take the sample as close to the pump as possible.

ASSESSING PROBLEM WATERS

Two separate water samples may be required to address water related problems due to plumbing and/or fixtures. One sample should be collected at the point of entry (well or water service) and another at point of use (faucet, pool and etc.). This sampling method will help pinpoint problematic plumbing.

LIVESTOCK

Collect samples from the specific area of the trough or pond where the water was consumed. Place these samples in a clean plastic container. In the event of sick or dead livestock, samples should be sent to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (979) 845-3414.

Hydroponic Concentrates and Wastewater Effluents (not to be submitted on this form) These analyses require digestion of the wastewater and are primarily designed to address potential fertilizer value of the material. These samples should be sent under the laboratory's biosolid submittal form.

** **NOTICE:** Water samples will be tested for the salts commonly found in water. Interpretations will be given only for suitability for irrigation and consumption by livestock but not for human consumption. Our laboratory does NOT analyze for or organic compounds such as pesticides or petrochemicals. <u>Please do not acidify or use other water preservation</u> <u>chemicals.</u>

PAYMENT

Payment must be included with samples, prepaid on Aggie Marketplace or a completed AG-257 must be on file for samples to be processed. Go to the laboratory website for easy access to the Aggie Marketplace payment option. Please note that the *price is per sample*. The AG-257 is attached or can be located at https://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/documents/ag-257.pdf/

Shipping information:				
United States Postal Service	Other Couriers (FedEx, UPS and etc.)			
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