# Interpreting Soil Test Results to Plan Your Tree Fertilization Program

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# KUHNS TREE FARM About 45 Acres of Trees



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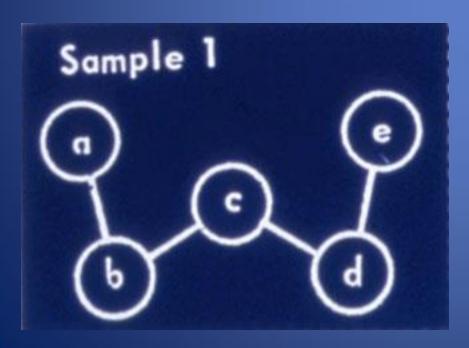


# Factors That Affect a Tree's Response to a Fertilizer Application

- Current pH and nutrient levels Soil Test
- Nutrient balance primarily Ca : Mg : K
- Soil type Sandy vs Clay-based soils
- Incorporation of lime and fertilizer (esp. P)
- Timing of application Cyclical Root Growth?
- Weather Temperature / Rainfall

## **Soil Testing**

- Soil probe, trowel
- Min. (10) ¾" dia. cores
- 6" deep
- Randomly taken





- Mix into bucket
- Air dry over night
- Take composite sample for testing



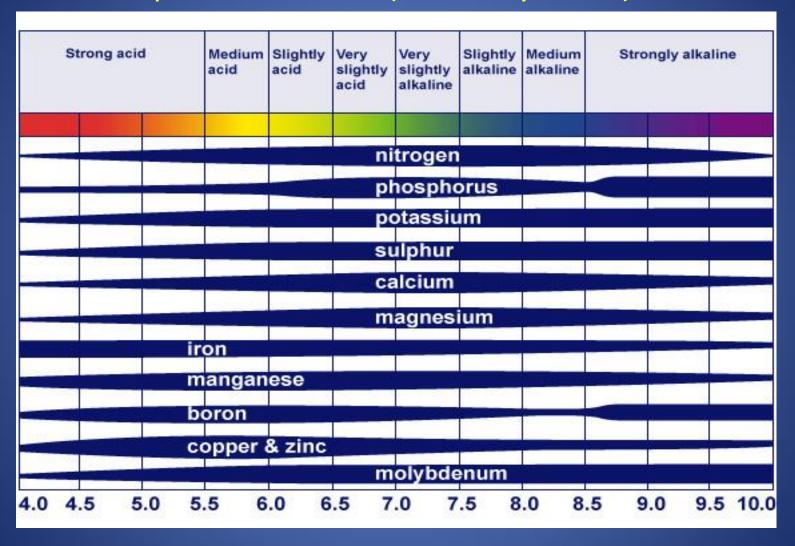
### pH - Explanation

pH = Negative <u>log</u> of the Hydrogen Ion Concentration What does that mean???

Decrease of 1 pH unit (pH 6 to 5) = 10X increase in H<sup>+</sup>

pH 7 is neutral. Lower is acid, Higher is basic

# The importance of pH is: It determines the availability of all of the plant nutrients (solubility/form)



Fraser, Balsam, Canaan, White Pine Native to the east, where pH tends to be low (acid)

Douglas fir, White fir, Colo. spruce Native to the west, where pH tends to be high There are different opinions on what the optimum pH is for different Christmas tree species. It comes down to which expert do you want to believe.

Rutgers, NJ acid loving: 5.2-5.8

non-acid loving: 6.2-6.8

Oregon Fr Fir & Can Fir 5.3-6.0

Doug & Con Fir 5.5-6.5+

North Carolina Fraser Fir 5.0-5.5

Spectrum Analysis Fras & Can 5.5-6.0

Canada 5.4-5.8

Larry, for all trees 5.5-6.5

# I like to start all of my trees in the higher end of the range of 5.5 to 6.5

Christmas trees have around a 10 year production cycle. During this time, pH naturally decreases.

- \*Rainfall leaches nutrients from the field
- \*The trees absorb nutrients from the field
- \*Additions of nitrogen add H ions to the soil, which lowers pH

# % N, lbs needed to provide 100 lbs of Nitrogen, and amount of lime needed to neutralize the N added

Nitrogen Source	% N Ca	aCO <sub>3</sub> Equivalent fert.
Urea	46 (200)	1680
Ammonium Nitrate	34 (300)	1180 pounds
Diammonium phosphate	18 (500)	1480
Ammonium Sulfate	21 (500)	2240

# ANY QUESTIONS ON PH?

### CEC – CATION EXCHANGE CAPACITY

CATIONS have a positive charge ANIONS have a negative charge

Soil particles have negative charges on their surface. The negative charges will hold cations. The number of negative charges a soil has determines the number of cations that it can hold. This is the CEC of the soil. Clay soils have high CEC's (8-12) and sandy or shaly soils have lower CEC's (4-6).

#### CEC – CATION EXCHANGE CAPACITY

The CEC = the total of the Exchangeable Cations
The CEC of the soil is almost completely filled
with H, K, Mg, and Ca

H and K have a single positive charge (+).

Ca and Mg have a double positive charge (++).

They are held tighter onto the CEC than H or K

## pH – General Rule

It is easy to raise pH

- -The chemical reaction with lime is simple
- Ca++ and Mg++ replace H+

It is difficult to lower pH

- -The chemical reaction with sulfur involves bacteria and is complex
  - H+ must replace Ca++ and Mg++

# How does soil texture impact fertilization practices?

- Sandy soils Low CEC, leaches readily
  - Will require lighter and more frequent applications of fertilizer

Clay soils - High CEC, limited leaching

### **BASE SATURATION**

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K, Mg, and Ca are considered to be bases

Base saturation = the % of the CEC that is occupied by the bases (K, Mg, Ca)

### **BASE SATURATION**

Plants need more Ca than Mg, and more Mg than K

The relative amounts of the Ca, Mg, and K in the soil are more important than the actual amounts, because they are absorbed in similar ways by plants.

Suggested: Calcium around 50% of the CEC

6 - 8 to 1 Ca: Mg

2 - 3 to 1 Mg: K

### **PHOSPHORUS**

Penn State P recommendations are based on a target amount of 150 to 200 lbs/A for Christmas trees.

NC State is in the same range

Canada recommends 100 – 150 kg/ha

Spectrum Analytical – 80-120 lbs for Christmas trees

A & L Labs has a target amount of about 25 ppm, which equal about 50 lbs/A. Virginia is the same.

#### Factors Affecting the Absorption of Phosphorus

Phosphorus Storehouse in the Soil

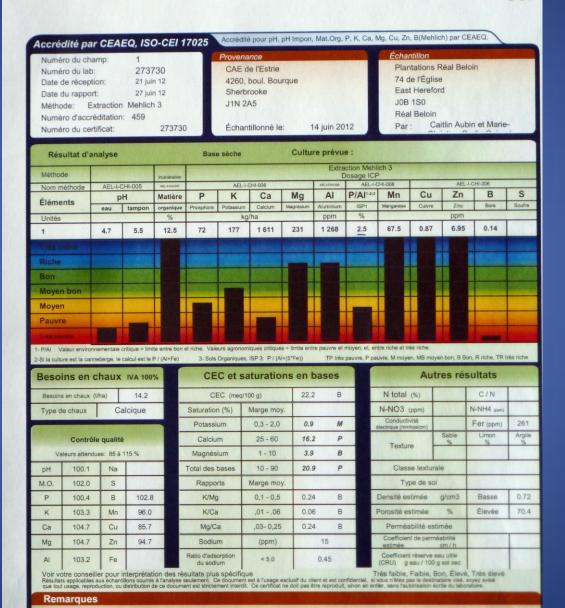
Mycorrhizae

 Relatively high amounts of phosphorus in the soil don't seem to harm trees



#### CERTIFICAT D'ANALYSES

Sol



Résultat d'a	analyse			Base	e sèche		Cultu	re prévu	e:					
Méthode			Incinération		Extraction Mehlich 3 Dosage ICP									
Nom méthode	AEL-I-	CHI-005	AEL-I-CHI-007		AEL-I-CHI-006			AEL+CH+008	AEL-I-C	CHI-008		AEL-I-C	HI-006	
Éléments	F	Н	Matière	Р	K	Ca	Mg	Al	P/AI1-2-3	Mn	Cu	Zn	В	S
Licinonts	eau	tampon	organique	Phosphore	Potassium	Calcium	Magnésium	Aluminium	ISP1	Manganèse	Cuivre	Zinc	Bore	Soufre
Unités			%		kg	/ha		ppm	%			ppm		
1	4.7	5.5	12.5	72	177	1 611	231	1 268	2.5	67.5	0.87	6.95	0.14	
			E											
Riche									2 7 32					
Bon									254					
Moyen bon														
Moyen														
Pauvre														
Très pauvre			B										BEAR .	13.00

<sup>1-</sup> P/Al Valeur environnementale critique = limite entre bon et riche. Valeurs agronomiques critiques = limite entre pauvre et moyen, et, entre riche et très riche.

2-Si la culture est la canneberge, le calcul est le P / (Al+Fe)

3- Sols Organiques, ISP 3: P / (Al+(5\*Fe))

TP très pauvre, P pauvre, M moyen, MB moyen bon, B Bon, R riche, TR très riche

Besoins en chaux IVA 100%								
Besoins	en chaux (to	ha)	14.2					
Type d	e chaux	C	Calcique					
Contrôle qualité  Valeurs attendues: 85 à 115 %								
рН	100.1	Na						
M.O.	102.0	S						
Р	100.4	В	102.8					
К	103.3	Mn	96.0					
Ca	104.7	Cu	85.7					
Mg	104.7	Zn	94.7					
Al	103.2	Fe						

CEC et saturations en bases							
CEC (med	CEC (meq/100 g)						
Saturation (%)	Marge moy.						
Potassium	0,3 - 2,0	0.9	М				
Calcium	25 - 60	16.2	P				
Magnésium	1 - 10	3.9	В				
Total des bases	10 - 90	20.9	P				
Rapports	Marge moy.						
K/Mg	0,1 - 0,5	0.24	В				
K/Ca	,01 - ,06	0.06	В				
Mg/Ca	,03- 0,25	0.24	В				
Sodium	(ppm)	15					
Ratio d'adsorption du sodium	< 5,0	0.45					

Au	sultats		
N total (%)		C/N	
N-NO3 (ppm)		N-NH4 (ppm)	
Conductivité électrique (mmhos/cm)	Fer (ppm)	261	
-	Sable %	Limon %	Argile %
Texture			
Classe textu			
Type de so	ol		
Densité estimée	g/cm3	Basse	0.72
Porosité estimée	%	Élevée	70.4
Perméabilité es	stimée		
Coefficient de perr estimée			
Coefficient réserve (CRU) g eau / 100	g sol sec	Taka álová	

Voir votre conseiller pour interprétation des résultats plus spécifique

Résultats applicables aux échantillons sournis à l'analyse seulement. Ce document est à l'usage exclusif du client et est confidentiel, si vous n'êtes pas le destinataire visé, soyez avisé que tout usage, reproduction, ou distribution de ce document est strictement interdit. Ce certificat ne doit pas être reproduit, sinon en entier, sans l'autorisation écrite du laboratoire.

# CEC / Base Saturation / pH / Ca : Mg : K Add N and P and Mg / No lime or K

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#### SAMPLE HISTORY

Sample Field		LAST CROP		LAST LIME APPLICATION		SOIL INFORMATION					
ID	ID	Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre		SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group	
BUF A	131415 RLT	Corn (Grain), No Till (1)			0	CCB2 100					

LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	45	204	1195	77	2.4	8.3	0.6	16.0	0.2	
Rating	Н-	Н-	М	M-	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	

Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat.	Mg Sat.	K Sat. (%)	Organic Matter (%)
Result	6.3	6.22	4.6	23.1	76.9	64.4	6.9	5.6	

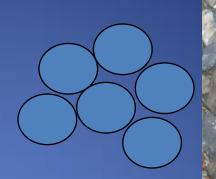
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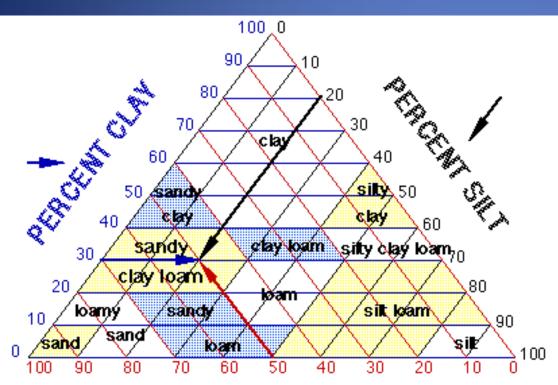
Crop: Christmas Trees-Fraser Fir, etc. (113)

Lime, TONS/AC			Fertilizer, lb/A	<b>L</b>
Amount	Type	N	P205	K20
0	•	50	60	60

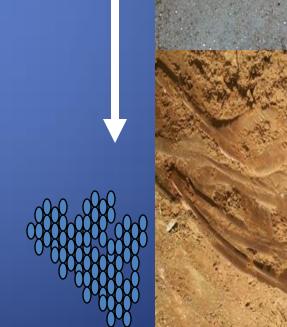


## **Soil Texture**







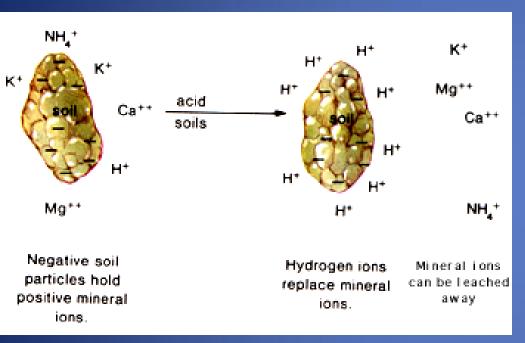


# How does soil texture impact fertilization practices?

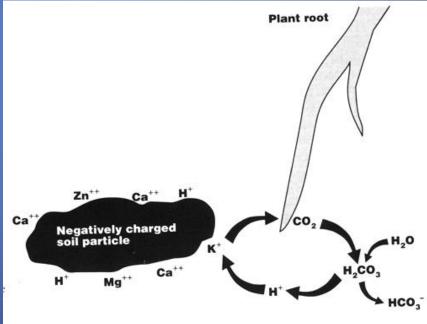
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# **Nutrient Holding Capacity**



Cation Exchange Capicity (CEC): The transfer of cations to and from the soil surface **↑**Surface area = **↑** Capacity



Nutrient Uptake

## Timing

- Plant growth cycles
  - Plants with one flush of growth (determinant)
    - Colorado spruce
  - Plants with multiple growth flush (indeterminant)
    - Offers an opportunity in the nursery for increased rates and applications throughout the year
- Fall application vs. Spring application
  - Fall NH<sub>4+</sub> preferred over NO<sub>3-</sub>
  - Cations are held tighter to the soil and through winter
  - Anions are not held and flush readily with soil temperature and moisture in the soil

### Timing of application in the landscape

- If needed, an annual app of N is sufficient in most soils
- Response to fertilization is greatest when moisture levels are high
- Utilization may not occur until growth begins in late winter/early spring
- Research shows that: early shoot growth depends almost entirely on the level of dormant stored nutrients, before significant uptake occurs from the soil
- A slow release nitrogen fertilizer in the late summer/fall will allow nitrogen to be available for spring growth.

## Current pH and nutrient levels

- Fertilization should be based on knowledge
  - Soil testing and foliar analysis
  - Understanding that nutrient balance will impact the growth and health of plants

 Know the plants on the site and the pH that they prefer

06/23/00	5772	060508	AGRONOMY RESEARCH	00	25-9	UNSPECIFIED
		SERIAL NO.	COUNTY	ACRES	FIELD	SOIL

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SOIL NUTRIENT	LEVELS:	LOW MEDIUM	HIGH EXCESSIVE
Soil pH		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Phosphate	(P20s)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Potash	(K20)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Magnesium	(MgO)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Calcium	(CaO)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
RECOMMENDAT	IONS FOR LANDS	CAPE, MAINT, PH 5.5 MG AND CALCIUM A LB/100 SQ.	

PH ADJUSTMENT EPSOM SALTS LB/100 SQ.FT. CALCITIC

NONE

PLANT NUTRIENT NEEDS: LBS/100 SQ.FT.

LIMESTONE (0-3% MG) NONE

5-10-10 NONE NONE

**GYPSUM** 

NONE

10-10-10

21-53-0 0-46-0 NONE NONE

UREA 0.5

- \* IF SOIL PH IN LABORATORY RESULTS IS GREATER THAN 5.5. USE SULFUR (SEE TABLE ON BACK) TO LOWER PH TO DESIRED LEVEL OF 5.5.
- \* THE ABOVE LIME AND FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR THIS SDIL SAMPLE AND THIS SEASON ONLY. PLANT NUTRIENT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR FERTILIZERS CONTAINING SPECIFIC RATIOS OF NITROGEN (N), PHOSPHATE (P205) AND POTASH (K20). AS AN EXAMPLE 5-10-10 CONTAINS 5% N, 10% P205, AND 10% K2D. IF FERTILIZERS WITH THE RATIOS SHOWN ARE NOT AVAILABLE, CONTACT YOUR ECCAL GARDEN CENTER OR FERTILIZER SUPPLIER FOR THE APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTION.

SOIL PH	P 1b/A	EXCHANGEABLE CATIONS (meg/100 g)				g)	% SATURATION			
		ACIDITY	K	Мд	Ca	CEC	K	Mg	Ca	
7.1	300	0.0	0.97	3.3	20.3	19.3	5.0	17.0	77.7	
LABORATORY RESULTS:					1 083			0.0		

#### OTHER TESTS:

#### Soil Test

- Requirements:
  - Name your crop
- Results
  - Soil pH
  - Phosphorus
  - Potassium
  - Magnesium
  - Calcium
  - CEC
- Recommendations
  - Liming or sulfur recs
  - General fertilizer recs

## **Nutrient Balance**

### **Common Antagonisms and Interactions**

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## Placement (continued)

- Foliar
  - For testing for deficiencies and as a temporary application of a minor element
- Trunk injection (Implants/microinjection)
  - When absolutely necessary
  - Restricted root zone situations
  - Soil-induced problems (Fe, Mn)
  - Tree injury an issue
- Drip line application?

### **General Rates**

- At planting-
  - In the nursery
    - 10 lbs. of 5-10-5/cubic yard
- Established plants-
  - Soil test and amend as directed
    - Keep in mind pH and nutrient balance
  - -1-6 lbs. of Nitrogen/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - -40 250 lbs. of N/Acre
- Adjust the rate to fit the site
  - Open lawn vs. 4' square planting

# Soil Testing I – Interpreting the Soil Test Report

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### **SEVEN SITES**

### THREE LABS

Carbon County – 2

Penn State

Centre County – 2

North Carolina State

Indiana County – 2

A & L – Fort Wayne, IN

Huntington County - 1

## Penn State Lab Results What is Included?

- pH
- P (lb/A)
- Exchangeable Cations
  - -Acidity
  - -K (Potassium)
  - -Mg (Magnesium)
  - -Ca (Calcium)

- CEC Cation Exchange Capacity
- % Saturation of the CEC
  - -K
  - -Mg
  - -Ca

### pH - Explanations

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There are different opinions on what the optimum pH is for different plant species.

Most Christmas tree species will grow OK in the range of 5.0 to 6.5

#### General rule:

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6-8 to 1 Ca:Mg

2-3 to 1 Mg:K

### **PHOSPHORUS**

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For agronomic crops (corn, soybeans) Penn State has a target of around 50 lbs/A

A & L Labs has a target amount of about 25 ppm, which equal about 50 lbs/A

### **A&L Labs**

Report K, Mg, Ca, and P in parts per million (ppm) instead of meq/100g (So what?)

For P, ppm X 2 = lbs/A

K, Mg, and Ca are also reported in % base saturation of the CEC

### North Carolina State

Reports Mg and Ca as % base saturation of the CEC

### Reports K and P as indexes:

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0-10 = \text{Very Low}
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11-25 = Low

26-50 = Medium

51-100 = High

100+ = Very High

### North Carolina State

Other characteristics measured:

% Humic Acid (a measure of organic matter)

Weight:Volume (W/V)

Exchangeable acidity (Ac) in meq/100g

Mn, Zn, Cu, S, NH4 indexes

#### Virginia Cooperative Extension Soil Test Report

Questions? Contact: Louisa County Office Virginia Cooperative Extension - Louisa P. O. Box 399 Louisa, VA 23093-0399 540-967-3422

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SEE NOTES: 1 4

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SAMPLE HISTORY

C F O O P R Y

#### LAST LIME LAST CROP SOIL INFORMATION Field APPLICATION Sample Months SMU-2 SMU-3 Yield SMU-1 Productivity ID Yield ID Name Tons/Acre Prev. Group Estimate Tall Grass - Hay (44) HT 1 CLBRK HT 18+ 0.1-1.0 ANB2 100

LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (p	ppm)	Cu (ppn	n) Fe (j	ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	5	71	949	112	0.9	12	. 6	0.4	10	. 3	0.1	
Rating	L	L+	M-	М	SUFF	SUI	PP	SUFF	SU	FF		
Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCE0 (meq/100	-	2	se Sat. (%)		a Sat. (%)	Mg Sat. (%)		K Sat. (%)	Organic Matter (%)
Domb		4 00					-					

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

Crop: Tomatoes - Processing, Mult Harvest (72)

Lime, To	ONS/AC		Fertilizer, Ib/A	
Amount	Type	N	P205	K20
1	AG	115	250	300

- 990. We are trying to improve our service. PLEASE take a moment to complete our brief, anonymous customer survey at tinyurl.com/soiltestsurvey
- 991. Numbered notes are viewable at http://www.soiltest.vt.edu/Files/publications.html
- 652. Boron is needed. For rate of application, see Note 4.

### **Nutrient Balance**

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-Mg:K-2-3:1
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- Ca : Mg - 6-8 : 1

### CEC / Base Saturation / pH / Ca : Mg : K Add N / dolomitic lime / P (P2O5)

SAMPLE	HISTORY
SAWIFLE	HISTORY

Sample	Field	LAST CROI	P		T LIME ICATION		soi	L INFOR	MATION	
ID	ID	Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre	SMU-1 %	SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group
PSTRB				18+	1.1-2.0	ENC3	END3 30	ASC 28		

#### LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	26	183	474	94	1.0	3.2	0.7	20.3	0.1	
Rating	М	H-	L	M-	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	

Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat. (%)	Mg Sat.	K Sat.	Organic Matter (%)
Result	5.4	5.88	4.9	63.1	36.9	24.2	7.9	4.8	

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

Crop: Christmas Trees-Nursery (116)

Lime, To	ONS/AC
Amount	Туре
0	

Fertili	zer, lbs/1000	sq.ft.
N	P205	K20
See Comment	5	1

733. Apply two and a half pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft.

### CEC / Base Saturation / pH / Ca : Mg : K Add N / No lime / P and K

#### SAMPLE HISTORY

Sample	Field	LAST CROI	P		T LIME . ICATION		SOI	L INFOR	MATION	
ID	ID	Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre	SMU-1 %	SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group
CEMF				18+	1.1-2.0	ELB 100				

#### LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	10	35	1255	191	0.5	4.7	0.1	7.7	0.2	
Rating	L+	L	M+	Н	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	

Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat. (%)	Mg Sat.	K Sat.	Organic Matter (%)
Result	6.7	6.29	4.6	14.2	85.9	67.8	17.0	1.0	

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

Crop: Christmas Trees-Nursery (116)

Lime, To	ONS/AC
Amount	Туре
0	

Fertili	zer, lbs/1000	sq.ft.
N	P205	K20
See	7	5
Comment		

### CEC / Base Saturation / pH / Ca : Mg : K Add N / No lime or P / K ???

SAMPLE HISTORY

Sample Field		LAST CRO	LAST CROP		LAST LIME APPLICATION		SOIL INFORMATION				
ID ID	Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre	SMU-1 %	SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group		
12ACR					0	ELB2	HAC	ELC2			
						40	40	20			

LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
159	135	1415	163	5.3	6.8	0.7		0.2	olozito (ppin
VH	M	M+	Н-	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	-
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Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat.	Mg Sat.	K Sat.	Organic Matter (%)
Result	6.1	6.26	5.2	16.0	84.0	67.8	12.9	3.3	

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

Crop: Christmas Trees-Fraser Fir, etc. (113)

12 Arres

Lime, To	ONS/AC		Fertilizer, lb/A	<u> </u>
Amount	Туре	N	P205	K20
0		110	0	105

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CARROLL JOHN 207 FAIRWAY DR

LOUISA, VA 23093

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SAMPLE HISTORY

Sample Field	Field	LAST CROP		T LIME ICATION	SOIL INFORMATION					
ID	ID	Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre	SMU-1 %	SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group
BUF A	131415 RLT	Corn (Grain), No Till (1)			0	CCB2 100				

LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	45	204	1195	77	2.4	8.3	0.6	16.0	0.2	
Rating	Н-	Н-	М	M-	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	

Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat.	Mg Sat.	K Sat. (%)	Organic Matter (%)
Result	6.3	6.22	4.6	23.1	76.9	64.4	6.9	5.6	

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

Crop: Christmas Trees-Fraser Fir, etc. (113)

Lime, TO	ONS/AC		Fertilizer, lb/A	<b>L</b>
Amount	Type	N	P205	K20
0	-	50	60	60

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#### CARROLL JOHN 207 FAIRWAY DR

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LOUISA, VA 23093

#### SAMPLE HISTORY

Sample ID	Field ID	LAST CROP	LAST LIME APPLICATION		SOIL INFORMATION					
		Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre	SMU-1 %	SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group
HVY A	131415 PLT	Corn (Grain), No Till (1)		7-12		CCB2 100				

#### LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	181	149	8337	116	7.4	17.2	0.7	9.3	0.4	
Rating	VH	М	VH	М	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	

Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat. (%)	Mg Sat.	K Sat. (%)	Organic Matter (%)
Result	8.1	N/A	21.5	N/A	100.0	96.9	2.2	0.9	

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

Crop: Christmas Trees-Fraser Fir, etc. (113)

Lime, To	ONS/AC		Fertilizer, lb/A		
Amount	Type	N	P205	K20	
0		50	0	105	

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#### Soil Test Report Lab #: 2015-39825

Woodsedge Tree Farm Tim Dunne 118 Beechwood Road Belvidere, NJ 07823

woodsedgetreefarm@gmail.com (908)763-9920

Sample ID: Field AB

Date Received: 2015-01-05 Date Reported: 2015-01-09

Serial #: AR-2374

Referred To: Rutgers Cooperative Ext. of Warren County

(908)475-6505

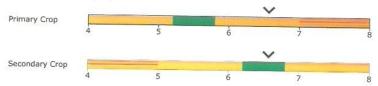
#### Crop or Plant

Farm: Christmas tree, acid-loving (primary)
Farm: Christmas tree, non-acid-loving (secondary)

#### Results and Interpretations

Silt Loam

pH: 6.57 Slightly acidic



Lime Requirement Index: 7.28

The Lime Requirement Index (LRI) is a measure of the buffering capacity of the soil, its resistance to pH change, and is used to determine the appropriate amount of limestone, when necessary. LRI value near 8.0 indicates low buffering capacity of soil and a lower rate of limestone amendment compared to soil with high buffering capacity (LRI near 7.0).

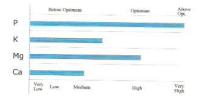
#### Macronutrients (pounds per acre)

Phosphorus: 290 (Above Optimum)
Potassium: 150 (Optimum)

Magnesium: 233 (Optimum)

Calcium: 1737 (Below Optimum)

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#### Micronutrients (parts per million)

Zinc(Zn)

Copper(Cu)

Manganese(Mn)

Boron(B)

Iron(Fe)

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13.13 (Adequate)

2.77 (Adequate)

53.79 (High)

0.28 (Low)

91.33 (Adequate)

#### Estimated Cation Exchange Capacity and Basic Cation Saturation

CEC	Base Saturation	Calcium	Magnesium	Potassium
11.3 meq/100g		4.3 meq/100g	1 meg/100g	0.2 meg/100g
(100%)	49%	39%	9%	2%
aggested Range of Ca	tion Saturation:	65-76%	10-15%	4-7%

#### Special Tests Results

No special test data available

#### pH, Calcium, and Magnesium Recommendations

Primary Crop

The soil pH is higher than the optimum range of 5.20 to 5.80 for the growth of most. Christmas tree, acid-loving. Do not apply any limestone, compost or wood ashes to the area.

Prior to new seeding/planting, soil pH should be adjusted by application and thorough mixing of powdered elemental sulfur into the root zone (8-10 inches deep). Apply the elemental sulfur at a rate of 900 pounds per acre

Till or otherwise mix to distribute the sulfur as uniformly as possible. Follow amendment by watering and keep soil moist over the subsequent several weeks to promote the acidification process. Measure pH again 4 months after amendment to determine additional acidification need.

#### Secondary Crop

The soil pH is in the optimum range of 6.20 to 6.80 for the growth of most Christmas tree, non-acid-loving. Do not apply any limestone.

However, the soil calcium level is low. To increase the calcium level without changing the pH apply 450 pounds/acre of agricultural gypsum (calcium sulfate).

#### Fertilizer Recommendations

\*The agricultural agent of Rutgers Cooperative Extension will fill in a copy of this table to provide recommendations.\* Primary Crop

Plant nutri (pounds p	ents recommer acre)	ended		When to apply	How to apply <sup>1</sup>	Notes	
N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> 0	Mg <sup>2</sup>				

 $<sup>^{1}\, \</sup>text{Br=broadcast; PD=plowdown; DI=disk in; BP=band place; SD=sidedress; TD=topdress; Dr=drill}$ 

<sup>2</sup> When magnesium soil test value is low or very low and no limestone is needed to correct soil acidity, apply magnesium in fertilizer form to meet crop needs as shown.

#### Secondary Crop

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N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	Mg <sup>2</sup>			

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#### **Micronutrient Statements**

Zinc does not appear to be a limiting factor. For information about zinc in soil for plant nutrition, see FS721.

Copper does not appear to be a limiting factor. As with most other micronutrients, copper availability is related to soil pH. Do not over-lime. For more information about soil copper, see FS720.

Manganese may be toxic to sensitive crops when grown on low pH soil. Adding lime to the soil raises the pH and decreases manganese toxicity. Liming is generally not recommended for acid-loving plants, which are more tolerant of high levels of manganese. In excessive amounts, soil manganese can cause plant damage. This occurs primarily in low pH soil. Lime soil as recommended to decrease availability of manganese to plants. Avoid fertilizers that contain manganese. See FS973 for more information.

Plant types differ in their susceptibility to boron deficiency; certain fruit, vegetable, and field crops are most susceptible. Symptoms include improper development or dieback of growing tips, poor flowering or fruit set, twisting and yellowing of young leaves from base to tip, and black heart of roots. Lime only as necessary, since pH above 7.0 limits boron availability. Building up organic matter content of soil will increase boron availability. Use of boron fertilizer must be done only with extreme care because of the toxicity that might occur if over-applied and the difficulty of applying the low rates necessary. See FS873 for more information and follow recommendations above.

Iron should be sufficient as long as soil pH is in the optimum range for the plant being grown. The availability of iron to plants decreases as soil pH increases. Maintain soil pH in the recommended range to assure availability of iron to plant roots. See FS971 for more information.

Comments: 5 Acres to be planted to Canaan Fir (2015). Previous crop: Douglas fir (2004-2014) with good yield. Fertilizer applied September 2014, Urea (46-0-0) at 60 lbs/A and March 2014, Urea at 60 lbs/A. No irrigation, good drainage, level topography. Note: Natural stands of Canaan fir are found in moderately to strongly acidic soil.

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SAMPLE HISTORY

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Sample ID	Field	eld LAST CROP			T LIME ICATION	SOIL INFORMATION					
	ID	Name	Yield	Months Prev.	Tons/Acre	SMU-1 %	SMU-2 %	SMU-3 %	Yield Estimate	Productivity Group	
REG 1	PLT 131415	Corn (Grain), No Till (1)		7-12		CCB2					
						100					

LAB TEST RESULTS (see Note 1)

Analysis	P (lb/A)	K (lb/A)	Ca (lb/A)	Mg (lb/A)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	B (ppm)	S.Salts (ppm)
Result	60	138	2451	75	2.7	16.2	1.0	40.8	0.3	
Rating	H	М	VH	М-	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	SUFF	

Analysis	Soil pH	Buffer Index	EstCEC (meq/100g)	Acidity (%)	Base Sat.	Ca Sat. (%)	Mg Sat.	K Sat. (%)	Organic Matter (%)
Result	7.7	N/A	6.6	N/A	100.0	92.7	4.7	2.7	

#### FERTILIZER AND LIMESTONE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Lime, T(	ONS/AC		Fertilizer, lb/A	
Amount	Type	N	P205	K20
0		50	45	105

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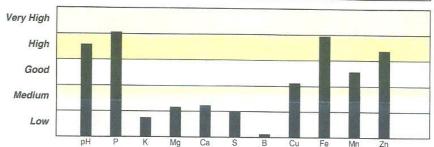
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TIM DUNNE/WOODSEDGE TREE FM 118 BEECHWOOD RD BELVIDERE, NJ 07823

Sample Information	חי		
Sample Lab Number Acres	FIELD AB A41855 5	Sampled Tested	12-24-2014 12-30-2014

Analysis	The second second	Result	Optimal	Analysis	NE CONTRACTOR	Result	Optimal
Soil pH		6.3	5.5-6.0	Sulfur	m3-ppm	10	20-40
Buffer pH		6.5		Boron	m3-ppm	0.1	1.7-2.6
Organic Matter	%	2.5		Copper	m3-ppm	1.2	Varies
CEC		9.6		Iron	m3-ppm	97	9-40
K Saturation	%	1.2	2.0-4.0	Manganese	m3-ppm	64	Varies
Mg Saturation	%	6.8	10-20	Zinc	m3-ppm	13.4	3.9-10.9
Ca Saturation	%	29.2	50-70		mo-ppm	13,4	3.9-10.9
K/Mg Ratio		0.6	00.0				
Ca/Mg Ratio		8.4					
Phosphorus	m3-ppm	170	80-120				
Potassium	m3-ppm	53	140-240				
Magnesium	m3-ppm	89	150-300				
Calcium	m3-ppm	745	1200-1800				
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Recommendations		Nutrie	Nutrients expressed in broadcast lbs/A, except Fe (foliar) and Mn (row)										
Yr	Crop	CaCO3	N	P205	K20	Mg	S	В	Cu	Fe	Mn	Zr	
5 Fir, Canaan		0	40	0	110	39	150	0.50	0	0	0	0	

Lime expressed in 100% pure CaCO3. Adjust accordingly. D=Dolomitic. C=Calcitic.

Sulfur: The S recommendation is the total amount needed to reach the desired soil pH. Do not exceed 218 lb S/acre/year on established turf. Do not exceed 300 lb S/acre/year on sandy soils. Sample soils annually to monitor pH change.

Fir, Canaan: For commercial Christmas trees, apply additional 44 lb. N/acre in May of harvest yr. For landscape trees or grass undergrowth, triple the N rate after year 1. Apply any additional Ca as gypsum. Adj. fertilizer rates per annual tissue analysis.

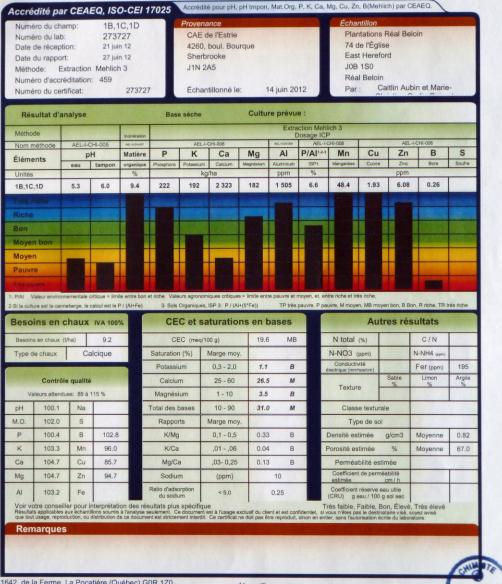
Fir, Canaan: Apply 210 lbs/A Calcium from gypsum and/or fertilizer sources.

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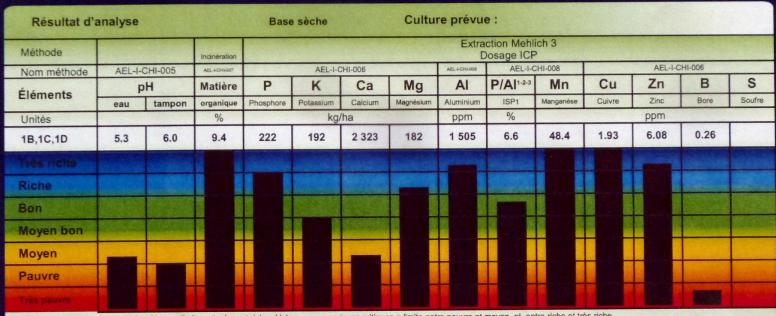
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2-Si la culture est la canneberge, le calcul est le P / (Al+Fe)

3- Sols Organiques, ISP 3: P / (Al+(5\*Fe))

TP très pauvre, P pauvre, M moyen, MB moyen bon, B Bon, R riche, TR très riche

Besoi	ins en c	haux	IVA 100%	CEC et	saturations	en bas	ses		Au	tres ré	sultats	
Besoins	s en chaux (t/	ha)	9.2	CEC (med	q/100 g)	19.6	МВ		N total (%)		C/N	
Type d	e chaux	Cal	Icique	Saturation (%)	Marge moy.				N-NO3 (ppm)		N-NH4 (ppm)	
				Potassium	0,3 - 2,0	1.1	1.1 B		Conductivité électrique (mmhos/cm)		Fer (ppm)	195
	Contrôle	qualité		Calcium	25 - 60	26.5	М		Tautura	Sable %		Argile %
Va	leurs attendue	es: 85 à 1	15 %	Magnésium	1 - 10	3.5	В		rexture			
рН	100.1	Na		Total des bases	10 - 90	31.0	М		Classe textur	ale		
M.O.	102.0	S		Rapports	Marge moy.				Type de so	ol		
Р	100.4	В	102.8	K/Mg	0,1 - 0,5	0.33	В		Densité estimée	g/cm3	Moyenne	0.82
К	103.3	Mn	96.0	K/Ca	,01 - ,06	0.04	В		Porosité estimée	%	Moyenne	67.0
Ca	104.7	Cu	85.7	Mg/Ca	,03- 0,25	0.13	В		Perméabilité es	timée		
Mg	104.7	Zn	94.7	Sodium	(ppm)	1	0		Coefficient de perm estimée	néabilité cm / h		
Al	103.2	Fe		Ratio d'adsorption du sodium	< 5,0	0.:	25		Coefficient réserve (CRU) g eau / 100	g sol sec		

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1)	9.2		CEC (med	۱/100 g)	19.6	МВ	N total (%)	
Calcique		Saturation (%)	Marge moy.			N-NO3 (ppm)		
			Potassium	0,3 - 2,0	1.1	В	Conductivité électrique (mmhos/cm)	
qualité		Calcium	25 - 60	26.5	M			
: 85 à 115 %		Magnésium	1 - 10	3.5	В	Texture		
Na			Total des bases	10 - 90	31.0	М	Classe texturale	
S			Rapports	Marge moy.			Type de sol	
В	102.8		K/Mg	0,1 - 0,5	0.33	В	Densité estimée	
Mn	96.0		K/Ca	,01 - ,06	0.04	В	Porosité estimée	
Cu	85.7		Mg/Ca	,03- 0,25	0.13	В	Perméabilité estim	
Zn	94.7		Sodium	(ppm)	10		Coefficient de perméa estimée c	
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Analysis Results						
	Labo	ratory				
Field Identification			SM-6-Ouest			
Intended crop		rop				
AEL-I- SOL-006		рН	4.9 \			
AEL-I- SOL-007		Buffer pH	5.3 vl			
AEL-I- SOL-005		Org. Mat. %	4.3 н			
	kg/ha	Р	23 vl			
		K	83 '			
028		Ca	195 ч₋			
QP.		Mg	231 +			
4	ppm	Al	1 674 vH			
AEL	ISP	P/AI*	0.6 1			
AEL-I-SOL-003+AEL-I-EQP-028	mdd	Mn	13.1 +			
)L-0		Cu	0.39 AG			
1-80		Zn	2.01 ^			
ĒL-		В	0.22 vl			
٩		S				
		Fe	420			
0,	%	Total N				
		C/N				
pp	om	N-NH <sub>4</sub>				
p	om	N-NO <sub>3</sub>				

VL= Very low, L=Low, A=Average, AG=Avg. good, G=Good, H=High, VH=Very High

Soil physical properties

	CI	EC and	ba	se s	atur	ation			
Field	No	SM-6-Ou	est						
CEC (me	21.0	G							
Base Avg. Margin			Base saturation						
K	0,3 - 2,0	0.5	А						174
Ca	25 - 60	2.1	L						
Mg	1 - 10	4.1	G					1	
Total	10 - 90	6.6	L						
Ratio	Avg. Margin		Ratio between elements						
K/Mg	0,1 - 0,5	0.11	Α						
K/Ca	,01 - ,06	0.22	VH			1-3			
Mg/Ca	,03- 0,25	1.97	н						
		C	the	r resu	Its				
Na / RAS	ppm <5	3	0.2						
Electric Conductivity	mmhos/cm		E.						

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Estimate

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SM-6-Ouest

impled the : 12-Nov.-2013 By: Christian Lacroix Liming Needs IVA 100% Laboratory No Field No SM-6-Ouest Intended crop MUSTA Quantity t/ha 17.0 Type of lime Calcique CEC and base saturation Field No SM-6-Ouest om **CEC** (meq/100g) 21.0 G **Base saturation** Avg. Margin Base 0.5 ^ K 0,3 - 2,0 25 - 60 2.1 4 Ca 4.1 6 Mg 1 - 10 6.6 4 10 - 90 Total Ratio between elements

alcur est le l' / (mill	e) 5 cos organico					
IVA 100%	CEC et		1			
14.2	CEC (med	22.2	В	N total (5	%)	
lcique	Saturation (%)	Marge moy.			N-NO3 (p)	pm)
	Potassium	0,3 - 2,0	0.9	М	Conductivit électrique (mmho	
	Calcium	25 - 60	16.2	Р		
15 %	Magnésium	1 - 10	3.9	В	Texture	
	Total des bases	10 - 90	20.9	Р	Classe	te
	Rapports	Marge moy.			Туре	e de
102.8	K/Mg	0,1 - 0,5	0.24	В	Densité estir	mé
96.0	K/Ca	,01 - ,06	0.06	В	Porosité esti	imé
85.7	Mg/Ca	,03-0,25	0.24	В	Perméab	dite
94.7	Sodium	(ppm)	15		Coefficient o estimée	dec
	Ratio d'adsorption du sodium	< 5,0	0.4	45	Coefficient re (CRU) g ea	
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