

SOIL AND TISSUE TESTING SEASON IS BACK!!

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Spring is finally here, which means the sun's shining and the grass is growing. Now is the perfect time to contact your agronomist for some soil and tissue tests.

Key Points below:

- Why do I need to soil/tissue test?
- When is the right time to test?
- Where should tests be taken?
- What do I find on a soil test?
- Soil test promotion

Why should I bother soil/tissue testing?

Soil and tissue tests are the best way to know the nutritional levels in your soils and plants. Soil tests provide you with a better understanding of the levels of nutrients in your soil, along with so much more information that will be discussed in depth later in this pamphlet.

While soil testing will give you an idea of the nutrients and trace elements in the soil, a tissue test gives you a more accurate analysis of trace elements in the plant.

Tissue tests show you exactly what the plants are uptaking. Trace elements are present in small amounts in the soil, whereas they are present in higher amounts in the plant. Tissue tests will give you an accurate analysis of the nutrients being utilised and if there are any deficiencies within the plant.

Knowing these values helps you plan for your autumn fertiliser applications, better manage your input costs, provides you with a better understanding of what's going on under the surface and what nutrients are going into your animals.



When is the right time to test you ask?

Soil testing in spring shows a better visual representation of the variability throughout your paddocks. The soil profile is full of moisture, the grasses and clovers are actively growing, and it gives you enough time to plan ahead for your autumn applications.

Tissue testing in spring also allows you to make informed fertiliser decisions, have more accurate analysis for trace elements within the plant and is easier to get a good, representative sample.

It is good practice to test at a similar time each year, just to eliminate variability.

Where is the best place to take tests?

Tests can be taken anywhere on your property. This can include good performing paddocks to monitor the nutrient levels or poor performing areas to diagnose a problem. They can even be taken in a spot you are curious to learn more about.

What do I find on a soil test?

There is LOTS of important information on a soil test. Soil tests look at your soils characteristics (colour, texture), acidity levels, any salinity issues, the soil structure, as well as the elements found within that soil (major and trace nutrients).

Soil tests give you a good base understanding of what the plants in your paddock have access to and even show you what could be limiting their growth.

Major nutrients include:

- Nitrogen
- Phosphorus
- Potassium
- Sulphur
- Calcium
- Magnesium

Trace Elements include:

- Zinc
- Copper
- Iron
- Manganese
- Boron

Results from the soil tests also give you a pH reading. This will determine if you need to apply lime.

What do I find on a tissue test?

Tissue tests provide you with information about what the plants are actually taking up. Sometimes there might be low levels of nutrient in the plant but higher levels in the soils, this could be because the plant can't take it up in the form the nutrient is in.

Nutrients found on a tissue test include:

- All major and trace elements stated before that were included with the soil test results.
- Sodium
- Chloride
- Molybdenum
- Cobalt
- Selenium

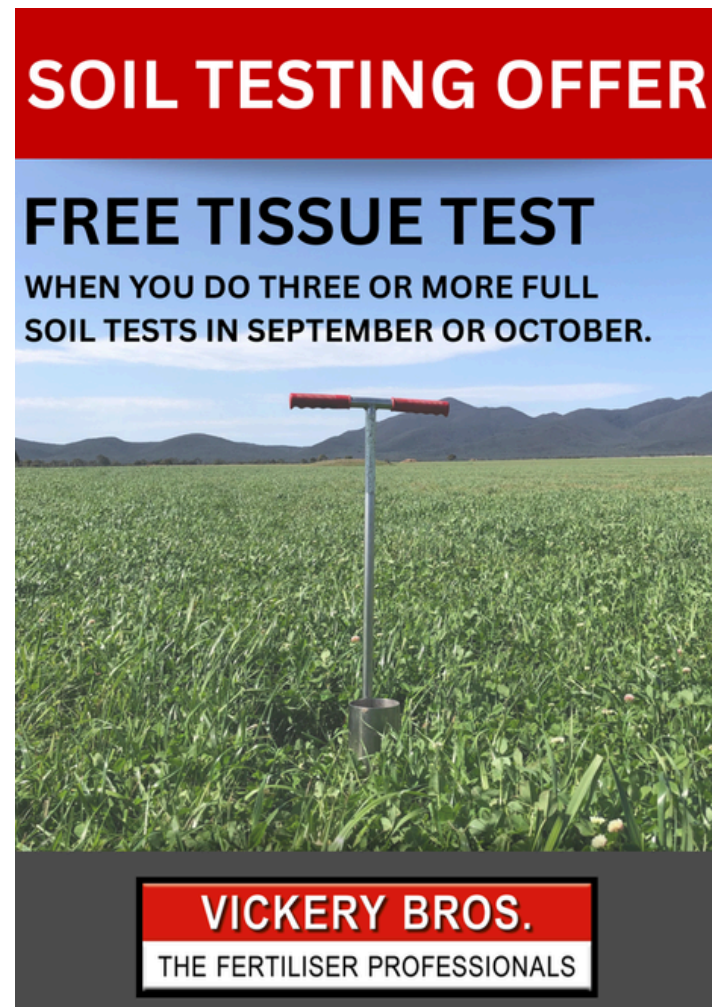
Not only is it important for you to know about what is going into your plants, it is also important to know what nutrients are going into your animals.

Note: Cobalt and selenium are an addition to these tests, so please talk to your agronomist if you would like them added. If you are experiencing or suspecting animal health issues please speak to a vet. Tissue tests can NOT diagnose an animal health problem.

2026 Spring Soil Testing Offer!!!!

This year's spring time offer is new.
Do 3 or more full soil tests and receive a free tissue test.

Please note this offer only applies in September and October.



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