Soil Testing

Taking a soil sample

For each area you wish to have tested, collect 15 or more samples with a spade or trowel from the top 5 to 6 inches of the soil and combine them into a small pail. Thoroughly mix them together. Place two cups of the blended soil into sample bag (obtained from the Extension Office) or a re-sealable plastic bag. Label the bag with the name of the area, for example, NE1. If the soil is wet, let it air dry before bringing the sample to your local Marais des Cygnes Extension District Office.
Soil Tests

Soil test recommendations allow producers to apply the proper amounts of fertilizer.
Application of excess fertilizer wastes money and can potentially pollute our creeks, rivers and lakes.

“SOIL TEST TO BE SURE”

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