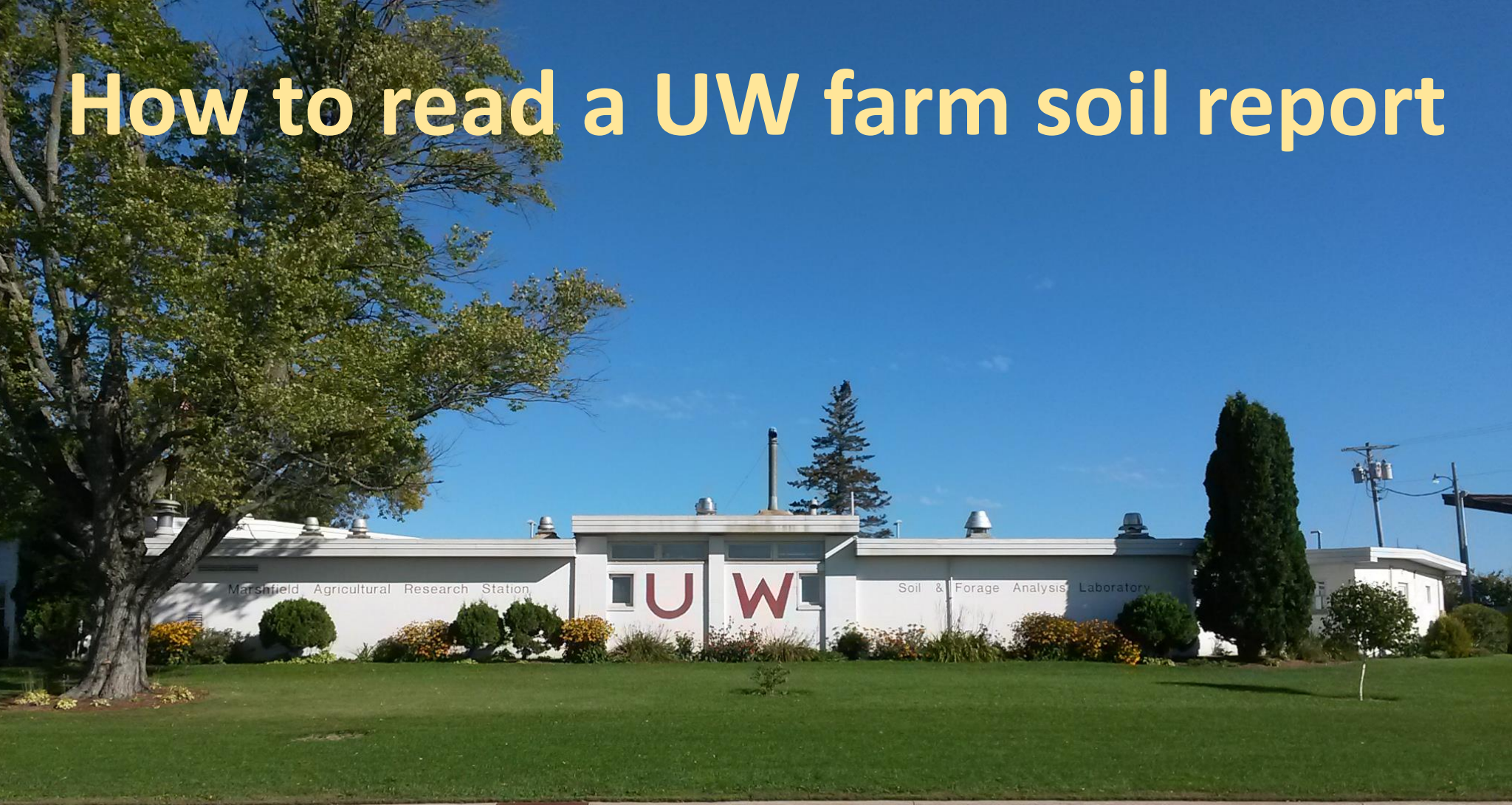


How to read a UW farm soil report



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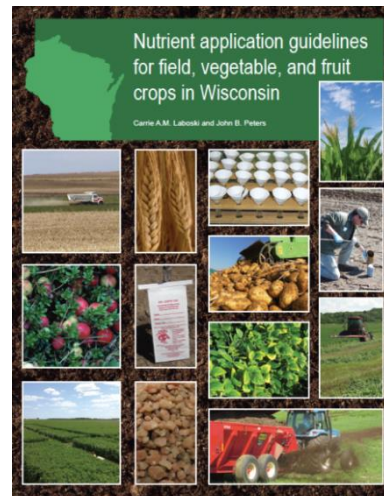
Soil and Forage Analysis Lab

Marshfield, WI

Introduction

Use a Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protections (DATCP) certified lab.

Recommendations are based off University of Wisconsin publication Nutrient application guidelines for field, vegetable, and fruit crops in Wisconsin A2809.



Information

Check That your information is correct

lime recommendations are based off
Plow depth, crop rotation, and soil type

N rate adjustments are based off
previous crop, soil series, county, irrigation,
and tile drainage

P and K nutrient recommendations are based
off soil type

Samples Analyzed By:

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LAB #: 12346

County: Dane Account No.: 556996

Date Received: 9/1/2011 Date Processed: 9/6/2011

Slope: 0% Acres: 10 Plow Depth: 7" Irrigated: No

Soil Name: Antigo

Field Name: 1

Previous Crop: no crop

SOIL TEST

results also available on-line:
lab number: 1234

Cropping Sequence	Yield Goal
Corn, grain	131-150 bu per acre
Soybean, grain	46-55 bu
Alfalfa, seeding	1-2.5 ton
Alfalfa, established	4.6-5.5 ton

The lime required for this rotation to reach pH 6.8

Nutrient Recommendations

NUTRIENT RECOMMENDATIONS											
Cropping Sequence	Yield Goal	Crop Nutrient Need			Legume N	Fertilizer Credit			Nutrients to Apply		
		N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O		Manure N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
	per acre	lbs/a			lbs/a	lbs/a			lbs/a		
Corn, grain	131-150 bu	see below	0	40	0	0	0	0	see below	0	40
Soybean, grain	46-55 bu	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Alfalfa, seeding	1-2.5 ton	30	0	105	0	0	0	0	30	0	105
Alfalfa, established	4.6-5.5 ton	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	300

The lime required for this rotation to reach pH 6.8 is 12 T/a of 60-69 lime or 9 T/a of 80-89 lime.

Nutrient needs – Based off soil test values and crop removal rates

Fertilizer credits – From previous crop or manure applications

Nutrients to apply – Difference between nutrient needs and fertilizer credits
Given in lbs. of N, P₂O₅ or K₂O equivalents / acre

Lime requirement – To the most limiting crop in rotation
Based off current pH, buffer pH, and target pH
Given in Tons/acre of 60-69 or 80-89 grade lime

Nitrogen Rates

SUGGESTED N APPLICATION RATES FOR CORN (GRAIN) AT DIFFERENT N:CORN PRICE RATIOS								
Previous Crop	N:Corn Price Ratio (\$/lb N:\$/bu)							
	0.05		0.10		0.15		0.20	
Medium/Low Yield Potential Soils	Rate ¹	Range	Rate ¹	Range	Rate ¹	Range	Rate ¹	Range
Corn, Forage legumes, Leguminous vegetables, Green manures ³	125	110-140	110	100-115	100	95-110	95	85-100
Soybean, Small grains ⁴	110	90-125	85	70-95	70	60-80	60	50-70

¹ Rate is the N rate that provides the maximum return to N (MRTN). Range is the range of profitable N rates that provide an economic return to N within \$1/a of the MRTN.

² These rates are for total N applied including N in starter fertilizer and N used in herbicide applications.

³ Subtract N credits for forage legumes, leguminous vegetables, green manures and animal manures. This includes 1st, 2nd and 3rd year credits where applicable. Do not subtract N credits for leguminous vegetables on sand and loamy sand soils.

⁴ Subtract N credits for animal manures and 2nd year forage legumes.

Guidelines for choosing an appropriate N application rate for corn (grain)

- 1) If there is more than 50% residue cover at planting, use the upper end of the range.
- 2) For small grains grown on medium and fine textured soils, the mid to low end of the profitable range is the most appropriate.
- 3) If 100% of the N will come from organic sources, use the top end of the range. In addition, up to 20 lb N/a in starter fertilizer may be applied in this situation.
- 4) For medium and fine textured soils with 10% or more organic matter, use the low end of the range; for medium and fine textured soils with less than 2% organic matter, use the high end of the range.
- 5) If there is a likelihood of residual N, then use the low end of the range or use the high end of the range and subtract preplant nitrate test (PPNT) credits.
- 6) For corn following small grains on medium and fine textured soils, the middle to low end of the range is most appropriate.

For more information on the new N application rate guidelines for corn see <http://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu/pubs/MRTN/>

For crops other than corn grain and wheat, a single N rate is given.

Comments

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lime recommendation may not achieve desired pH in 3 years. Retest then and apply as recommended.

If lime has been applied in the last two years, more lime may not be needed due to incomplete reaction.

Recommended rates are the total amount of nutrients to apply (N-P-K), including starter fertilizer.

This soil should be monitored more closely because it has a relatively low potassium buffering capacity.

Starter fertilizer (e.g. 10+20+20 lbs N+P₂O₅+K₂O/a) is advisable for row crops on soils slow to warm in the spring.

Year 1: If corn is harvested for silage instead of grain apply extra 90 lbs K₂O per acre to next crop.

If alfalfa will be maintained for more than three years, increase recommended K₂O by 20% each year.

Important notes on:

lime and nutrient applications

Alternatives one may choose

Note on rotational considerations

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Questions?

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