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LEAF SAP SAMPLING GUIDE Soybean

Keep in mind!

- Avoid outer rows and first 20 feet of a row.
- Sample leaves with average leaf quality. Sample areas of abnormal growth separately.
- Sample consistently; sunny side of plant, avoid extreme weather etc.
- If leaves are wet at sampling lightly pat dry before shipping (moisture influences results).
- Sap Analysis data works best when used in progression. The more samples the better crop nutrient uptake can be illustrated and understood.
- Note fertilizer and irrigation times and application rates if possible.
- Sample either before or 3+ days after fertilizer/pesticides have been applied.

Sampling Instructions

Sample Time: Sample in the morning before 11 a.m. and temperatures less than 80 °F for adequate leaf tension and moisture. Avoid sampling in the rain. Store samples in cooler.

Sample Size: Collect 80+ grams each of both new (young) and old <u>trifoliate leaves + petiole</u> for a collected total of 160+ grams per sample set. Bag new and old leaves separately in zip lock bags labeled New and Old.

<u>Initial Sampling:</u> Begin sampling when plant develops 1st trifoliate leaf. Collect NEW fully developed <u>trifoliate leaves + petiole</u> only. Place stacked <u>trifoliate leaves + petiole</u> in zip lock bag labeled NEW. Growth stage: V2

Sequential Samples: New & Old trifoliate leaf set every 2+ weeks in conjunction with growth stages: V4-V12, R1 (beginning bloom), R2 (full bloom), R3 (beginning pod), R4 (pod fill) and pre-harvest. **NEW-** Youngest fully expanded <u>trifoliate leaves + petiole</u>. Place stacked <u>trifoliate leaves + petiole</u> in zip lock bag labeled NEW.

New leaf = newest yet fully developed trifoliate leaf

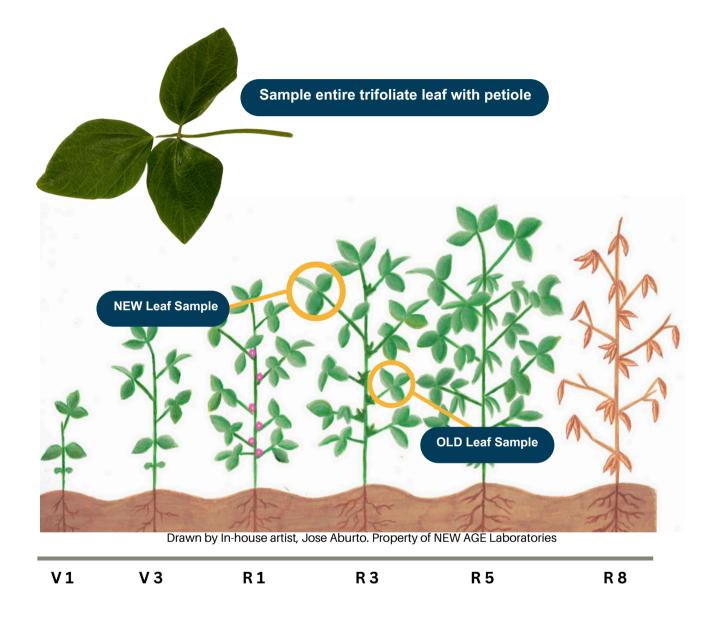
OLD- Oldest still healthy and functional <u>trifoliate leaves + petiole</u>. Place stacked <u>trifoliate leaves +</u> <u>petiole</u> in separate zip lock bag labeled OLD.

Old leaf = oldest yet still viable trifoliate leaf

Do not mix varieties when sampling as this may cause variation in analyses

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Keep samples cool. Ship overnight or 2-day on M/T/W (morning arrival time) with ice packs. Samples should not come into direct contact with ice packs. Let air out of bags before shipping.

All samples must be accompanied by a fully completed Sample Submission Form. Fillable version available on our website <u>www.newagelaboratories.com</u>.

