

# LEAF SAP SAMPLING GUIDE

## Rice



### 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 leaves for a collected total of 160+ grams per sample set. Bag new and old leaves separately in quart zip lock bags labeled New and Old.

**Initial Sampling:** Begin sampling at tillering stage when young plants develop 4+ leaves. Cut blades approx. 2 inches from base of plant. Sample new and old leaves and bag in separate quart zip lock bags labeled NEW and OLD.

**Second Sample:** Take at PI stage (panicle Initiation). New and Old leaf set as described in initial sampling.

**New leaf = newest yet fully developed leaf**

**Third Sample:** Take at heading stage (booting). New and Old leaf set as described in initial sampling.

**Old leaf = oldest yet still viable leaf**

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

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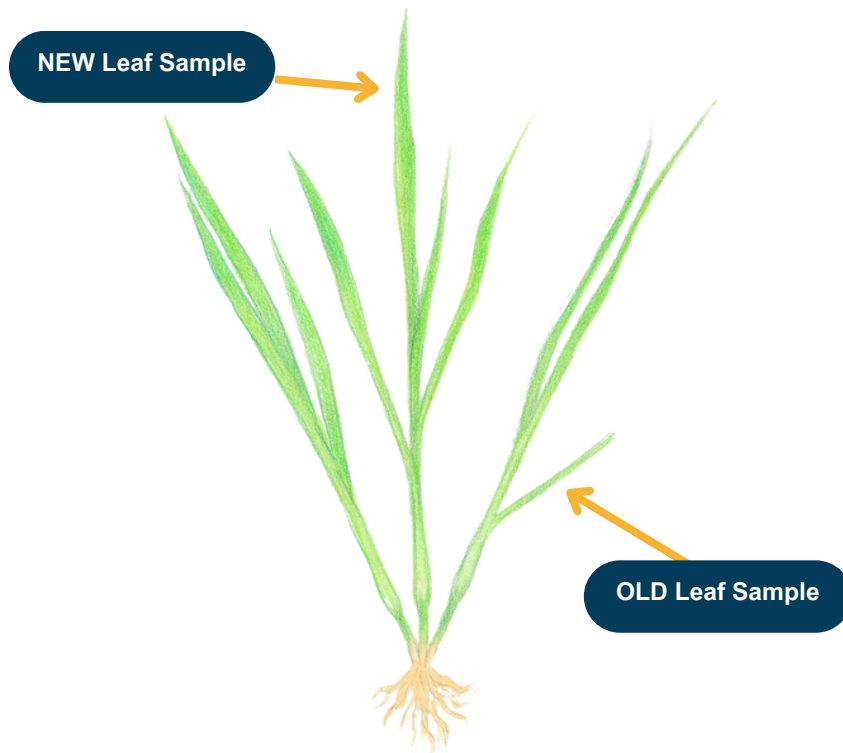


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**Keep samples cool. Ship overnight or 2-day on M/T/W (morning arrival time) with ice packs. Samples should not come into direct contact with ice packs. Let air out of bags before shipping.**

**All samples must be accompanied by a fully completed Sample Submission Form. Fillable version available on our website [www.newagelaboratories.com](http://www.newagelaboratories.com).**

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