

February 2012 Service Bulletin

New Service Announcement: Sample Pickup coming soon!

SGS Agri-Food Laboratories is happy to announce that we will soon offer a sample pick-up service for our dealer and farm customers within a radius of approximately 125 km from Guelph.

Cost will be \$2 per sample, with a maximum charge of \$8 per pick-up.

For customers outside of this service radius, next day courier will remain the most cost-effective shipping method, using our preferred shipping rates with Purolator courier.

For further information about our sample pick-up service or how to utilize our Purolator rates, please contact the laboratory; 1-800-265-7175.

Greenhouse Production:

Whether preparing for a new growing season, or tending to production underway such as Easter flowers, it is an appropriate time to test to fine-tune plant management. Media and source water testing are excellent starting points to calculate nutrient solution recipes. Testing the solution, re-circulating water, and plant tissue will verify the recipe or provide information to guide adjustments.



DNA Multiscan testing is a quick and accurate method of detecting the presence and levels of pathogenic species such as *pythium* and *phytophthora*, and can be performed on solutions, media/soil, and plant tissue.

Sample Supplies:

The winter months are a good time to check sample supply inventory. Contact the laboratory if restocking is required, and we will ship a three month supply.



Supplies provided include:

- Soil sample boxes
- Greenhouse media boxes
- Water and nutrient solution bottles
- Microbiological bottles
- Bags for feed, forage and compost
- Plant tissue bags
- Manure jars
- Submission forms, paper or digital formats

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