

February 2010 Service Bulletin

Updates:

Agri-Food Laboratories has been working hard to improve our internal structure to serve you better. We are in the process of developing an updated system to manage and deliver analytical reports.

We have completed phase one of our update; while providing us internal improvements and efficiencies our customers will continue to receive accurate, timely reports, that have had small adjustments in appearance which incorporates feedback from our customer service survey and additional requests.

Soil reports that contained AFL recommendations have been updated to reflect the two components of fertilizer recommendations: a build component based on OMAFRA tables as well as a crop removal portion based on stated yield goal. For more information, [see the article 2010 Recommendations on our website](#).

Our website is also getting a face-lift and a few changes to the navigation structure. We are working to get the information that you are after more prominent and accessible. If you have any comments or concerns with the new site, please let us know.

Greenhouse:

As greenhouse production of vegetables, Easter flowers, and summer annuals is underway, it is a good time to remind growers to check their pH, EC, and nutrient levels in growing media, source water, and re-circulating water.

Another monitoring tool is the DNA Multiscan, which indicates levels of potentially pathogenic species before they infest and become visually symptomatic. This test can also be used as a diagnostic tool where problems are occurring.



Laboratory Reminders:



- Now is a good time to re-stock sampling supplies, such as soil boxes, feed bags, water bottles, manure jars, and submission forms. Let us know your needs and we will ship them directly.
- If digital submission forms are preferred over paper, please inform us and we will send a personalized version of all the forms that you require.
- Reports On-Line allows 24/7 access to all of your reports, as well as tools such as customized fertilizer recommendations, manure calculators, and A/B tank mix calculator for greenhouse growers. To setup an account or re-acquire login info, please contact the lab.