

March 2010 Service Bulletin

Upcoming Events:

Agri-Food Laboratories is pleased to support the following events, and welcomes you to visit our exhibitor booth at each venue:

Mar 8th - 9th – 2010 Grain Farmers of Ontario Conference, London Convention Centre
www.gfo.ca

Mar 10th - 12th – Western Fair Farm Show, Western Fair Entertainment Centre, London
www.westernfair.com/shows/farm

Mar 29th, 2010 – Profitable Pastures & Trade Show: Optimizing your Pasture Returns, Elmwood
www.ontarioforagecouncil.com

Managing Nutrients:

It is never too early to get started on your 2010 fertility plan. Start by determining the nutrient requirements of each field based on crop and removal factor, measure the amount of nutrients available with soil and manure tests, then calculate the rate of additional fertilizer required.



Testing your manure product allows for a more precise nutrient credit calculation than using average manure values; results can vary widely within a livestock species depending on diet.

Soil reports that have requested recommendations show a response rating for P, K, and Mg, indicating the likelihood of crop response to the application of each nutrient.

Agri-Food Laboratories nutrient recommendations are now presented in two portions, the crop removal amount, and the build amount. This new method of recommendations offers the grower more flexibility in determining nutrient application rates.

Feed:

As February rolls into March, it is evident that most people are starting to feel that winter is on the way out and a new forage season is not far off!

This is an opportune time to assess current forage inventories, and plan for next year's requirements. If expansion or reductions are a possibility, this should be taken into consideration when planning the next cropping season.

Agri-Food Laboratories is pleased to announce that NDF Digestibility (%/hr) and Potentially Digestible NDF %, are now calculated and displayed on select Forage Reports.

These calculations will appear on our CPM and NIR40 forage reports as they provide the required analysis for calculating NDF digestibility rate based on 24 hour NDFD and potentially digestible NDF (as % of NDF).

