

**SURVEY OF SOIL TESTING IN STODDARD AND DUNKLIN COUNTIES
DRAFT QUESTIONS**

1. How often do you test the soil on individual fields that YOU OWN?

- Every year
- Every other year
- Once every 3 years
- Once every 4 years or more
- Whenever I get around to it
- I do not test the soil on land that I OWN
- I do not farm/ranch on land that I OWN
- Other (please specify)

2. How often do you test the soil on individual fields that YOU RENT?

- Every year
- Every other year
- Once every 3 years
- Once every 4 years or more
- Whenever I get around to it
- I do not test the soil on land I RENT
- I do not farm/ranch on RENTED land
- Other (please specify)

3. Do you conduct soil tests by:

- Field (if selected, they go to question #4)
- Grid (if selected, they go to question #5)
- Management Zones (if selected, they go to question #6)
- Don't know

4. Your soil tests are based on what field size?

- Less than 10 acres
- 10 to 20 acres
- 21 to 30 acres
- 31 to 40 acres
- 41 to 50 acres
- More than 50 acres
- Don't know

5. Your soil tests are based on what grid size?

- less than 2.5 acres
- 2.5 acres
- More than 2.5 acres
- Don't know

6. What MANAGEMENT ZONE(S) do you base your soil tests (Please select all that apply)?

- Soil maps
- Yields or yield maps
- Observation
- Electrical Conductivity Measurements
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)

7. What are the most significant reasons that you do not soil test more? (Please select up to THREE responses)

- None, I conduct soil tests according to state recommendations
- Cost and returns
- Cost of tests
- Crop prices
- Doesn't make sense based on my operation
- Don't have the time
- Don't think it does any good
- Habit or family tradition
- I don't soil test on land I rent
- Labor shortage
- Lack one-on-one technical assistance
- Need better technical information
- Neighbors who conduct soil tests don't seem successful
- No soil problems
- Should receive government subsidy
- Should receive industry subsidy
- Type of land I farm isn't suited for soil tests
- Weather

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

All information in this section is confidential and will be used for statistical purposes only

8. What MAJOR crops, livestock, and/or agricultural products do you produce (Please check all that apply)?

- Cattle
- Corn
- Cotton and cottonseed
- Dairy
- Flowers
- Forage
- Forest products
- Fruits, tree nuts, and berries
- Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas
- Hogs and pigs
- Other livestock (e.g., sheep, goats, horses, etc.)
- Poultry
- Soybeans
- Sugar
- Tobacco
- Vegetables, melons, potatoes, tomatoes
- Vineyards
- Wheat

9. How many years of experience do you have as an agricultural producer?

10. What is your average annual total farm sales?

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$249,999
- \$250,000 to \$499,999
- \$500,000 to \$999,999
- \$1,000,000 to \$2,499,999
- \$2,500,000 to 4,999,999
- \$5,000,000 or more

11. Many farmers operate land they own and also land they rent. In an average year, how many acres do you operate that you OWN? (Please enter the actual number of acres [without a comma] or 0 if you do not farm land you own)

12. In an average year, how many acres do you operate that you RENT? (Please enter the actual number of acres [without a comma] or 0 if you do not farm rented land)

13. How many hired PROFESSIONAL employees (for example, agronomist, engineer, forester, etc.) worked on your farm during the last year.

14. Are you:

Male

Female

15. How old are you?

16. What is the highest level of formal education that you completed?

Grade school or some high school

High school graduate or equivalent

Some college

Associate or technical degree

College degree

Graduate or advanced degree

17. Please enter your 5 digit zip code.