

Standard Operating Procedure

FARM NAME _____

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Title: **Procedure for Taking Plant Tissue Samples***

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1. Use only a plant sample bag or paper bag. Do not use plastic bags.
2. Sample the youngest fully mature leaves at the top 1/3 of the plant.
3. Wash contaminated samples gently with water if needed.
4. When possible, collect a soil sample from the same location as the plant sample.
5. Fill out the information sheet as completely as possible including crop, stage of growth and sample number.
6. Be sure that sample numbers on the information sheet correspond with numbers on the sample bag.
7. Ship to an accredited laboratory in a reasonable time.

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