



Soybean Leaf Sampling Instructions

- 1. Collect NEW leaves and OLD leaves SEPARATELY in individually labeled bags:
 - New = newest <u>recently-mature growth</u> from the top of the plant.
 - Old = oldest <u>still-viable growth</u> from the bottom of the plant.
- 2. Collect a *representative field sample* including one new leaf and one old leaf from 20-30 plants of the same cultivar and growing conditions. Each sample (new and old) should fill a **1qt plastic bag halfway**.
- 3. Remove petioles and all other non-leaf plant material from sample leaves.
- 4. Complete a Leaf <u>Sampling Label</u> (linked) with your contact info, crop, cultivar, field/block info, new/old leaf, and desired agronomy services. Affix labels to the *outside* of each sealed plastic sample bag.

 (<u>Do not use paper bags or include paper in bags</u>)
- 5. <u>Keep samples viable</u> by minimizing shipping time and using cold-packs and/or insulated packaging when shipping leaves in warm conditions. Wrap frozen cold-packs in paper to insulate them from direct contact with samples.
- 6. Mail samples (including payment if paying with check or money order) to:

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DO NOT SEND ANY INTERNATIONAL LEAF, SOIL, OR WATER SAMPLES WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM APICAL.

TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS:

- Request Apical's Agronomy Services for nutrient Target Range Charts and Detailed Recommendations.
- Include notes about growth stage, health, pests/disease, and other points that will help us serve you.
- <u>Be proactive</u> by conducting 5-7 Leaf Extract Analyses throughout the growing (recommended sampling intervals listed in the table above)
- Solve stress, pests, or toxicities by testing and treating weekly until optimal health is achieved.
- <u>Collect leaves at a consistent time</u> of day, preferably prior to 10 a.m. to ensure minimal transpiration about two hours after sunrise is optimal. For indoor, sample within one hour of light cycle start.
- Ensure leaves are clean of dew, dirt, and fertilizers wash with clean, cold, non-chlorinated water if needed.
- Ensure leaves are surface-dry (not dried out) before bagging use a paper towel or air-dry if needed.
 - *Please do NOT leave paper towels (or anything that will dry out leaves) in bags with samples.