

SCHEDULING AND CONDUCTING TISSUE SAMPLING

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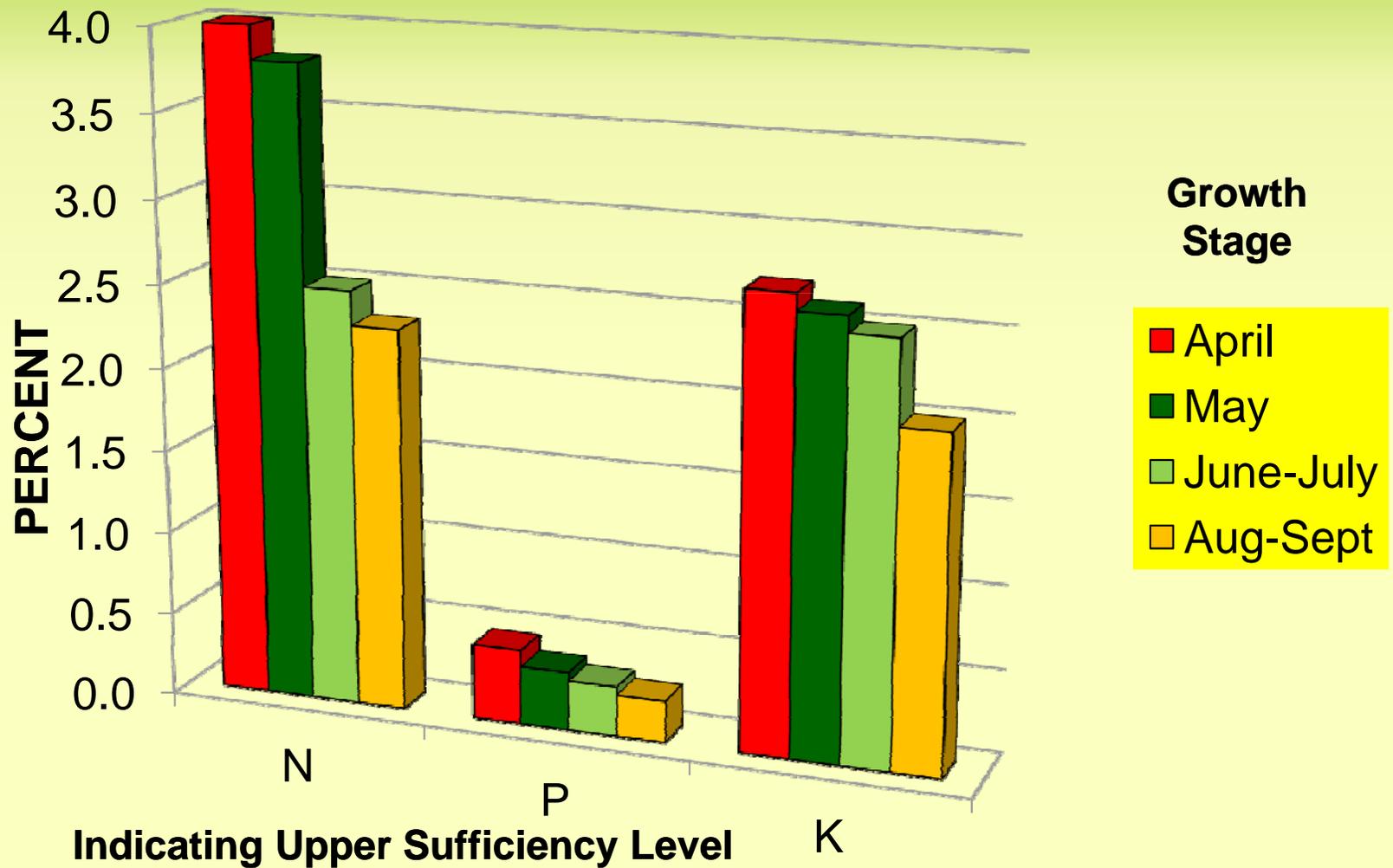
INTRODUCTION

- ❖ **When** should I be doing all this?
- ❖ **Where** should the sample come from?
- The Two R's of Plant Tissue Sampling...
 - Right Time
 - Right Place

SCHEDULING TISSUE SAMPLING



ALMOND SUFFICIENCY LEVELS

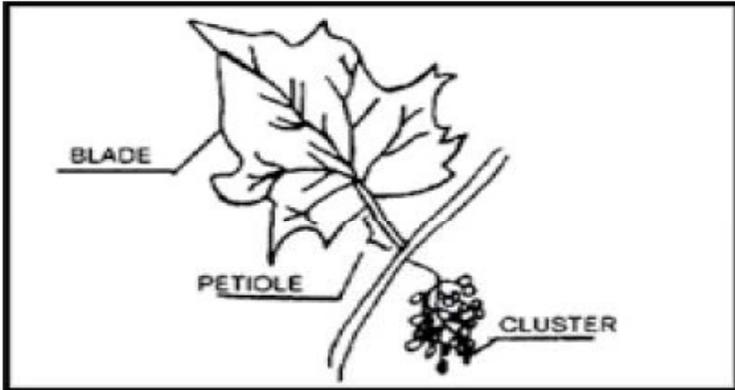


Tissue: Field & Row Crops



Crop	Plant Part to Sample	Time of Sampling
Alfalfa	Midstems for NO ₃ -N, PO ₄ -P, K Leaves for SO ₄ -S Tops for Mo, B	1/10 Bloom
Asparagus	Fern needles 4" tip section	September
Cabbage/Lettuce	Midrib of wrapper leaf	Heading
Cantaloupe/Cucumber	Petioles of 6th leaf/ from growing tips 6-8 true leaves	Early fruit set
Corn	Midrib from young mature leaf Midrib from leaf opposite ear Leaf - young mature Leaf opposite ear	Before ear formation After ear formation Before ear formation After ear formation
Cotton	Young, mature petiole	June thru Sept 15
Onion/Garlic	"Y" leaf from 6" plant height to pre-harvest	Pre-harvest
Sorghum/Milo	Young mature leaf	Pre-harvest
Tomato	Petiole of recently matured leaf (4th leaf from growing tip)	Early Bloom, 1" Fruit, 1st Color
Wheat/Barley	2" of above-ground stem	6" tall to pre-harvest

Tissue: Permanent Crops

Crop	Plant Part to Sample	Time of Sampling
Blueberries	Leaves - mid-shoot	April thru September
Citrus	Mature leaves from non-fruiting terminals (avoid recent flush)	July 15 to May 15
Deciduous Fruit/Nut Trees(except those noted below)	Mature Leaves - from spurs	May thru September
Grapes	Petiole - opposite cluster Petiole Leaf blade - opposite cluster Leaf blade - young mature	Bloom Veraison April & June July thru Sept 15
		
Peaches & Nectarines	Leaves - mid-shoot current season's growth	from April 15 thru Sept 15
Pistachios	Young, mature leaves from non-fruiting terminals	May thru August
Walnuts & Pecans	Terminal leaflet of compound leaf	Terminal leaflet of compound leaf

PLANT ANALYSIS SAMPLING PROCEDURES

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Collect about one pint of loosely packed tissue per sample. One cupful may be sufficient if gathering petioles. Submit in plant tissue sample bags or plain paper bags if possible. Plastic bags are not advised. Consider sampling "Good" and "Bad" areas for comparison. If in doubt, sample *most recently mature leaves (MRM)*. Samples are washed at the lab only on request (additional \$1 per sample)

PLANT ANALYSIS RATINGS

Ratings are a function of factors such as plant type, and time and method of sampling. They may become misleading if the client provides insufficient information to the lab when submitting samples, or if wrong plant parts or test packages are selected.

Ratings are provided only on request. See CAUTION! at end of page 2.

Please follow these simple instructions if ratings are required:

- Always enter "crop" or variety (up to 14 characters).
 - The **standard report** provides data and ratings in a numeric format. At the bottom of the report the average of the sufficiency range is reported as a norm for the indicated crop. For this reason, do not include more than one crop per report.
 - The **graphical report** form is limited to 1 sample and 1 "crop" per page. Therefore, order of crops listed is not important in this case.
- Enter the CROP CODE *exactly* as shown here for your crop (*limited options*).
- Enter your sample reference, such as field # (up to 5 alphanumeric characters).

e.g. Sample ID: 23-SB ZINFANDEL BLM P = Zinfandel grapes sampled at bloom stage and petioles were sampled. (Note that rootstock may have an impact though.)

KEY TO STAGES OF GROWTH

BLM bloom sampling	EGF early green fruit	PBL prebloom
VER veraison	PRE preharvest	EBL early bloom
HAR harvest	ERF early ripe fruit	FBL full bloom
ESN early season	FRF full ripe fruit	LBL late bloom
MSN midseason/growth	MIT mid tillering	FSQ first square
LSN late season	MAT maximum tillering	EBL first bloom
VEG vegetative growth	PAI panicle initiation	PBL peak bloom
EFL early flowering	SIL silking	FOB first open boll
BUT buttoning	TAS tasseling	ESN 3-4 leaf
BUL fruit bulking	EFG early fern growth	TIL tillering
HEA early heading	MID midgrowth	JNT jointing
PRE preharvest	MFG mature fern growth	BOO booting
HAR first harvest	MRM most recently mature	HEA heading

KEY TO PLANT PARTS

B blade	L leaf/leaflet	S stem/midstem/seedling
C center/cluster	M midrib	T tops
F flag leaf	P petiole	U underground stem
H hulls	R root	W whole above-ground portion

AVAILABLE LIST OF CROP CODES

ALFALFA -	EBL-T (PT2)	[EBL-C (SO ₄ -S) + EBL-S (PO ₄ -P + K) + EBL-W (B + Mo)]
Whole Bale = HAR-W	Top 6-inch	[center leaves + center stems + whole top third]
ALMONDS/APPLES/PEARS/ASIAN PEARS/PLUMS/PRUNES/CHERRIES/ APRICOTS/SHIPP APRICOTS/CANNING APRICOTS -	MAR-L APR-L MAY-L MSN-L (Jun-Jul)	LSN (Aug-Sep) HAR-H (boron in hulls)
	Select MRM leaves from non-fruiting, non-expanding spurs.	
ARTICHOKES -	EBL-P	FBL-P (midharvest) HAR-P (lower 6-inch petiole) HAR-L
ASPARAGUS -	MFG-T (top 12" of fern for total nutrients)	MID-T (top 4" fern for NO ₃ -N, PO ₄ -P, K)
AVOCADOS -	LSN-L (mid Aug-mid Oct. Select 5 to 7-month-old spring cycle terminal leaves)	
BANANAS -	HAR-L (center strip of 2 nd to 3 rd fully developed leaf from top)	
BEANS -	EBL-B (MRM trifoliolate leaf or blade)	ESN-P PBL-P EBL-P
BEEF/TABLE -	ESN-L (5 weeks after seeding)	PRE-L (9 weeks after seeding)
BLUEBERRIES -	MSN-L (midshoot leaves off current season's growth, near/at harvest, Jun-Aug)	
BROCCOLI -	BUT-L	ESN-M BUT-M PRE-M
BRUSSELS SPRTS -	MID-L or MID-M (midgrowth, early sprouts)	PRE-M
CABBAGE -	HEA-L or HEA-M (2- to 3-month-old wrapper leaves or midribs)	
CANEBERRIES/RASPBERRIES/BLACKBERRIES/BOYSENBERRIES -	ESN-L (pre/early bloom)	MSN-L (Jun-Aug) MRM leaves from laterals of primo canes.
CARROTS -	MSN-L (tallest leaf)	MSN-P (petiole of tallest leaf) After 4" tall/60 days after seeding
CAULIFLOWER -	BUT-L	ESN-M BUT-M PRE-M
CELERY/ -	MID-L or MID-P (4 to 6 wks after seeding)	PRE-L or PRE-P (preharvest)
CELERIAC	MRM leaf, or petiole below 1 st node.	Petiole above 1 st node of MRM leaf.
CHARD -	ESN-L (5 weeks after seeding)	PRE-L (9 weeks after seeding)
CHESTNUTS -	MSN-L (MRM leaves on current season's growth)	
CHINESECABBAGE -	HEA-L	HEA-M
CITRUS -	LSN-L Select terminal spring-flush leaves from non-fruiting shoots in Sep-Oct.	
CLOVER -	EBL-T (top third of plant)	
COFFEE -	NON-L (non-bearing, 4 th pair from tips)	BEA-L (bearing branch, 4 th pair from tips)
		Sample after flowering/before cherry ripening
CONIFERS -	No code except for seedlings. Select 3 rd whorl or terminal 3" cuttings from current season's growth, ¼ to ½ way down from top, mid Sep-mid Dec. S (whole seedlings, including washed roots, after mid Oct)	
CORN -	ESN-W (6"-16" tall)	MSN-L (pretassel) TAS-L (tasseling) SIL-L (silking)
	whole seedling	3 rd leaf/45-80 days opposite/below ear
	ESN-M (6"-12" tall)	MSN-M (3ft-6ft tall) TAS-M (tasseling-silking)
	Select basal 4"-5" of midrib if requiring NO ₃ -N, PO ₄ -P, and K.	

COTTON - FSQ-P (PT5) EBL-P (PT5) FBL-P or L FOB-P (PT5) PRE-P (PT5)
Usually before early July, ~end July, ~end August, ~mid September.
Select from 4th to 5th node from tip of plant at all stages of growth.

CRANBERRIES - LSN-T (tops above fruiting uprights on current season growth, mid-Aug to mid-Sep)

FEIJOAS/GUAVAS - MSN-L (3rd pair of leaves back from fruiting terminals, Jul-Aug)

FILBERTS/HAZELNUTS - MSN-L (MRM midshoot leaves from current season's growth, Jul-Aug)

FLOWERS - No code, but generally select MRM leaves.

GARLIC /- CHIVES ESN-L (before bulbing) BUL-L (bulbing) LSN-L (post-bulbing)
Discard lower white section of MRM leaves.

GINSENG - No code, but select MRM leaves.

GRAPES - PBL-P or B or L Usually before May. Select petioles P, only from unshaded leaves.
BLM-P or B or L Select from opposite the basal cluster when 2/3 calyptas fallen off.
MSN-P or B or L Berry filling. Select 2nd leaf away from last cluster.
VER-P or B or L Berry softening. Select 6th to 7th leaf from growing tip.
HAR-P or B or L Select MRM leaf, usually 6th to 7th leaf from growing tip.
Petioles are better for determining sodium and chloride toxicities.
Blades are better for determining boron toxicities.

GRASS/PASTURE/TIMOTHY/ORCHARD GRASS /- No code, but select whole tops.

HOPS - JUN-P JUL-P AUG-P
Select petioles from MRM leaves on main vine, 5 to 6 ft from ground. Sap will stain!

KIWIFRUIT - MAY-P or MAY-L MSN-P or MSN-L NOV-P or NOV-L
Select 1st to 3rd leaf beyond fruit, or mid-cane leaves on non-bearing vines.

LETTUCE /- ENDIVE ESN-L or ESN-M (4th to 6th leaf stage) HEA-L or HEA-M HAR-L or HAR-M
FES-M FHE-M FHA-M Select MRM leaves L, or midribs M. F = Fall planting

LITCHI - No code, but select MRM leaves.

MACADAMIAS - No code, but select leaves from 2nd whorl below bud before new flush.

MELONS/CANTALOUPES/SQUASH/PUMPKINS/CUCUMBERS [GH CUCUMBER/LETTUCE]
WATERMELONS VEG-P or VEG-L EFL-P or EFL-L BUL-P or L HAR-P or L [MRM-L]
CUCURBITS- Select MRM leaves, 5th to 6th from growing tip. [GH = GREENHOUSE PROD]

MINT - EBL-L Select leaves from top 6" of first unbranched stem. Test for total levels.
ESN-S MAY-S JUN-S JUL-S AUG-S Test for nitrate nitrogen only.
Select top 6" of first unbranched stem, stripped of leaves.

NECTARINES/OLIVES/PEACHES/FREEST PEACHES/CLING PEACHES/FIGS -
MAR-L APR-L MAY-L MSN-L (June-July) LSN (Aug-Sep)
Select basal to midshoot leaves/leaflets from current season's fruiting shoots.

ONIONS - ESN-P or ESN-L (tallest leaf before bulb enlargement) MSN-P or L LSN-P or L
ESN-R (washed roots before bulb enlargement) More reliable for NO₃-N readings.

ORNAMENTALS - No code, but select MRM leaves for general guidelines.

PALMS - No code, but select middle leaflets from MRM leaves, discarding the petiole/midrib.

PAPAYAS - PBL-P (when flower buds are just visible in the axil)

PARSLEY - No code

PEAS - EBL-L (Select MRM leaves, usually 3rd to 5th from growing tips)

PECANS - MSN-L (paired midshoot leaflets from non-fruiting shoots in July) LSN-L (Aug-Sep)

PEPPERS - VEG-P or VEG-L EFL-P or EFL-L EGF-P or L PRE-P or L MRM leaves
[GH PEPPERS = MRM-L]

PERSIMMONS - LSN-L (MRM leaves from non-fruiting shoots, Sep-Oct)

PINEAPPLES - EFL-L (leaf at early inflorescence, discarding white base)

PISTA CHIOS - MAR-L APR-L MAY-L MSN-L (Jun-Jul) LSN-L (Aug-Sep) Select terminal leaflets
POMEGRANATES - NO OFFICIAL DATA

POTATOES - ESN-P or ESN-L MSN-P or MSN-L LSN-P or LSN-L
PT6 on petioles prebloom-50 days fullbloom-70 days 90 days
Select MRM leaves, usually 4th to 5th from growing tip. Petioles = PT6 Leaves = PT2

RICE/ WILD RICE - MIT L (35 55 days) MAT L (55 65 days) PAI L (60 80 days) BOO F (flag)
May-June June-July panicle initiation Boot/heading
After 5th leaf stage Select MRM "Y" leaf Leaf below ear

ROSEMARY - No code, but select 2" to 3" terminal cuttings in summer.

SAFFLOWER - -L (midstem leaves) To determine total levels of nutrients.
ESN-S (8"-12" bolted) PBL-S EBL-S Select stem half way down, discarding leaves.

SORGHUM - ESN-W (12" tall) MSN-L (37-65 days) HEA-L (2nd to 3rd leaf below head)
SOYBEANS - EBL-B
SPINACH - ESN-L (30-50 days) PRE-L MID-P

STRAWBERRIES - MSN-P or MSN-L (early fruiting stage) MSN-B for SO₄-S
PT6 or PT5

SUDAN GRASS - No code, but select whole tops, 5 weeks between clippings.

SUGARBEET - ESN-P MSN-P or MSN-B PRE-P
6" to 8" growth 5 to 6 weeks prior to harvest

SUGARCANE - MSN-L (4th to 6th leaf from top) MSN-N (discard midrib for nitrogen, N)

SUNFLOWERS - PBL-L (3rd to 4th leaf below flower bed)

SWEET POTATOES - MSN-P or MSN-L (MRM leaves during first half of growing season)
Also VEG-P (vining) and BUL-P (root bulking) but for NO₃-N only

SWEET CORN - TAS-L (6th leaf from base) SIL-L (leaf opposite 1st ear) For total levels.
ESN-M (6" to 12" tall) MSN-M (3ft to 6ft tall) TAS-M (tasseling-silking)
Select basal 4" to 5" of midrib for NO₃-N, PO₄-P, and K.

TOMATOES - CANNG PR CH GR FM TRELLIS [GH TOMATOES = MRM-L]
[Also EGGPLANTS] VEG-P or L EFL-P or L EGF-P or L (1" diam) ERF-P or L (10-20% red)
[but only MRM-B] Select MRM leaves, usually 4th to 5th from top, or opposite top flowering cluster.
[at 1" small fruit] Also FRF-P (full ripe, for fresh market tomatoes – FM TOMATOES)

TURF - No code, but specify variety for accurate ratings.

WALNUTS - MAR-L APR-L MAY-L MSN-L (June-July) LSN-L (Aug-Sept)
Select terminal leaflets from non-fruiting fully expanded midshoot spur leaves.

WHEAT/BARLEY/OATS - ESN-W or ESN-U (3rd to 4th leaf stage) TIL-T or TIL-S
GRAIN/MIXED GRAIN JNT-T or JNT-S BOO-T or BOO-S HEA-T
W = whole tops U = 2" stem underground S = 2" stem aboveground T = top 4 leaves

CAUTION! Official ratings for elements other than NO₃-N, PO₄-P, and soluble K on petioles or midribs may not exist. Therefore, interpret with caution when requesting the PT2 or PT5A package.

Graphical Plant Analysis Report

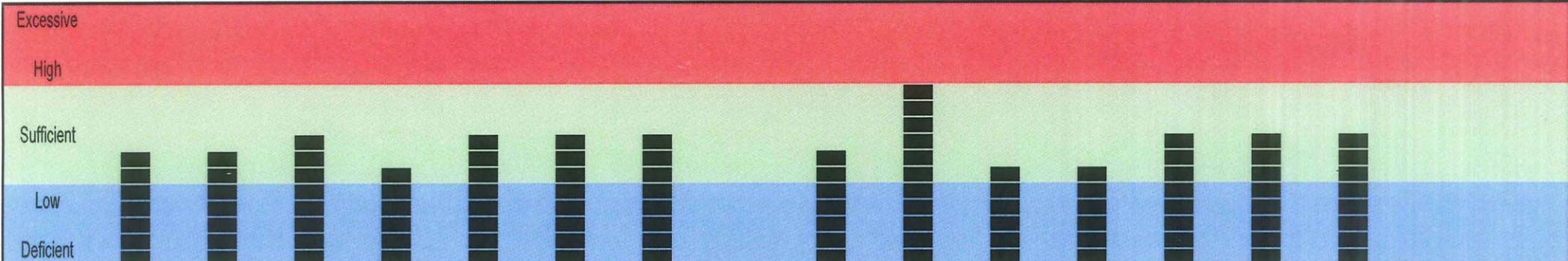
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CROP: CHARDONNAY

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Analyte	Nitrogen N %	Sulfur S %	Phosphorus P %	Potassium K %	Magnesium Mg %	Calcium Ca %	Sodium Na %	Chloride Cl %	Iron Fe ppm	Aluminum Al ppm	Manganese Mn ppm	Boron B ppm	Copper Cu ppm	Zinc Zn ppm	Nitrate-N NO ₃ -N ppm	Phosphate PO ₄ -P ppm
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Test Results	1.08	0.18	0.30	1.65	0.64	1.86	0.07		62	168	40	31	12	62	1048	
Normal Range	0.70	0.12	0.15	1.50	0.30	1.25	0.01		30	20	25	30	6	26	500	
	2.00	0.35	0.60	3.00	1.25	3.00	0.19		200	200	650	70	25	100	2000	

Ratios	N/S	N/P	N/K	Ca/Mg	N/Ca	K/Mg	P/S	Fe/Mn	Fe/Al	K/Mn	Ca/B	Cu/Mo	P/Zn			
Actual	6.1	3.6	0.7	2.9	0.6	2.6	1.7	1.5	0.4	410	592		48			
Expected	11.0	3.5	0.6	2.6	0.8	3.3	3.1	0.6	0.8	192	450		67			

Bloom stage - petiole

DATE SAMPLED: 05/27

GROWTH STAGE / PLANT PART: BLM/P

C INVESTIGATE cause of imbalances before
O taking corrective measures. GROWTH STAGE and
M PLANT PART will have a large impact on
M results. View ratios with caution.
E NOTE that N, P, K, Zn, Cu and S levels may
N be naturally higher earlier on in the
T growing season, whereas Ca, Mg, Fe, Al, Mn,
S B, Na, and Cl may be lower.

DEFINITION OF INTERPRETATION RATINGS

Deficient: Plants should be showing visible symptoms of a nutritional deficiency. Plant growth would definitely be curtailed by an insufficient amount of this element.

Low: Plants may be normal in appearance but probably will be responsive to fertilization with this element.

Sufficient: Plants contain adequate amounts of this element for maximum yield and are normal in appearance.

High: Optimum yields can be expected and plants are normal in appearance. However, concentrations of this element are higher than normally expected.

Excessive: Plants probably show symptoms of a nutritional disorder or stunted growth. Yields may be reduced significantly by an excessive amount of this element.

STRAWBERRY PLANT TISSUE ANALYSIS

Test Description	Result	Units	Optimum Range	Graphical Results Presentation				
				Deficient	Low	Ample	High	Excessive
Macro Nutrients								
Total Nitrogen (Leaf)	3.35	%	2.5 - 4.0					
Phosphate - P (Petiole)	1200	ppm	1000 - 5000					
Potassium (Petiole)	2.91	%	0.90 - 8.9					
Calcium (Leaf)	0.865	%	0.80 - 2.5					
Magnesium (Leaf)	0.31	%	0.25 - 1.0					
Micro Nutrients								
Zinc (Leaf)	16.9	ppm	19 - 300					
Manganese (Leaf)	163	ppm	30 - 500					
Iron (Leaf)	57	ppm	50 - 300					
Copper (Leaf)	8	ppm	6.0 - 75					
Boron (Leaf)	82.4	ppm	25 - 100					
Sodium (Leaf)	0.008	%	0.0 - 0.30					

Good Problem Indicates physical conditions and/or phenological and amendment requirements.

Note: Color coded bar graphs have been used to provide you with 'AT-A-GLANCE' interpretations.

** Salt damage is indicated by values above 0.5% for Chloride and/or 0.10% for Sodium. All leaves and/or petioles are thoroughly washed prior to drying.

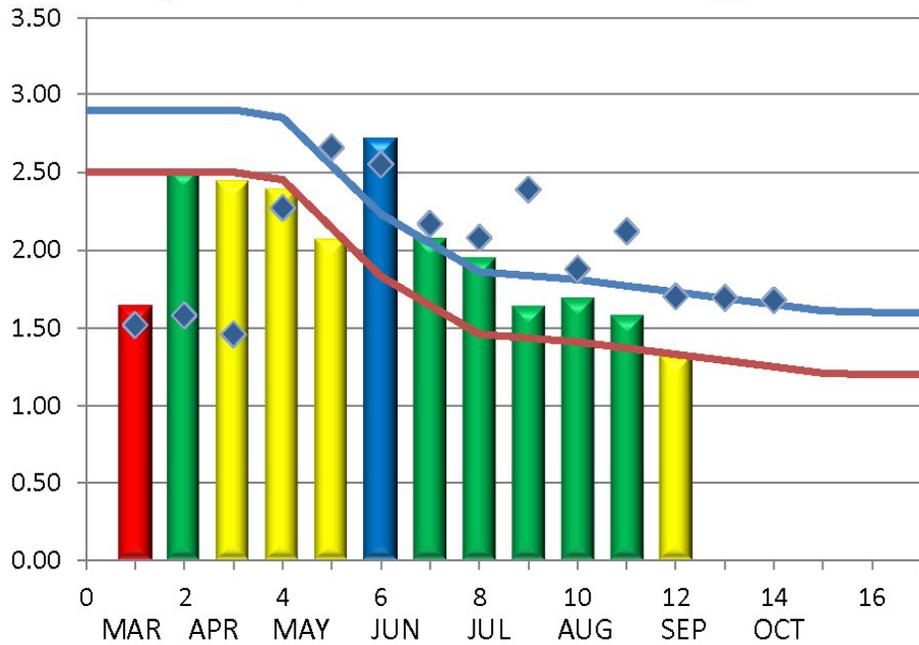
BLUEBERRIES

By month...



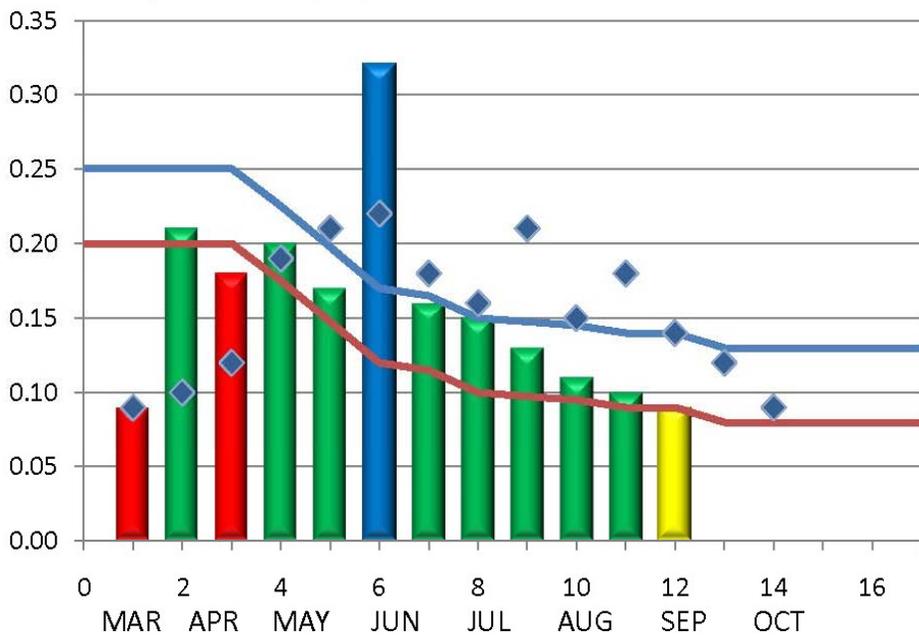
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Nitrogen (%)

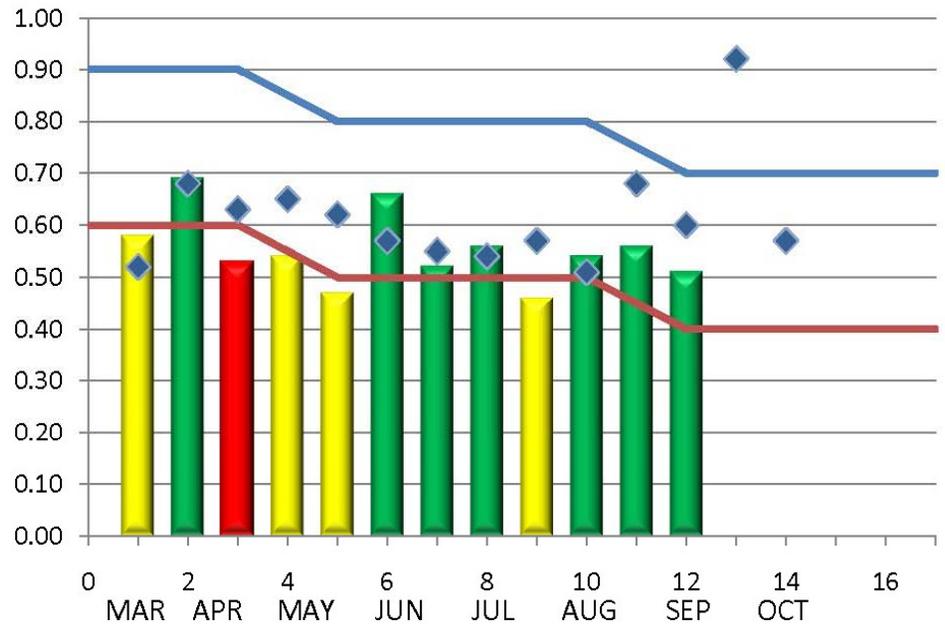


S-P Date	%N	%P	%K	%Ca	%Mg	Zn	B	Fe	Mn	Cu	%S	%Na	%Cl	
Optimal Zone				0.6	0.2	35	40	75	60	8	0.25	0.1	0.1	
1	2/2/10	1.64	0.09	0.58	1.00	0.14	41	192	170	464	3	0.18	0.37	0.05
2	3/4/10	2.52	0.21	0.69	0.26	0.11	12	38	44	150	4	0.17	0.11	0.08
3	3/30/10	2.44	0.18	0.53	0.33	0.13	12	42	67	93	4	0.14	0.02	0.05
4	5/4/10	2.39	0.20	0.54	0.53	0.17	12	51	71	136	5	0.16	0.04	0.05
5	6/3/10	2.07	0.17	0.47	0.47	0.16	12	35	65	95	3	0.13	0.01	0.05
6	6/30/10	2.72	0.32	0.66	0.29	0.13	27	21	48	54	8	0.17	0.08	0.04
7	8/3/10	2.08	0.16	0.52	0.37	0.14	14	35	91	69	5	0.13	0.01	0.04
8	9/1/10	1.95	0.15	0.56	0.55	0.12	14	61	58	75	4	0.13	0.09	0.06
9	10/7/10	1.64	0.13	0.46	0.42	0.11	10	64	87	98	4	0.14	0.20	0.06
10	11/3/10	1.69	0.11	0.54	0.59	0.15	10	100	97	122	4	0.14	0.23	0.06
11	12/2/10	1.58	0.10	0.56	0.77	0.16	8	183	101	222	3	0.17	0.34	0.02
12	1/4/11	1.32	0.09	0.51	0.77	0.14	8	237	99	265	2	0.21	0.44	0.05
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Phosphorus (%)

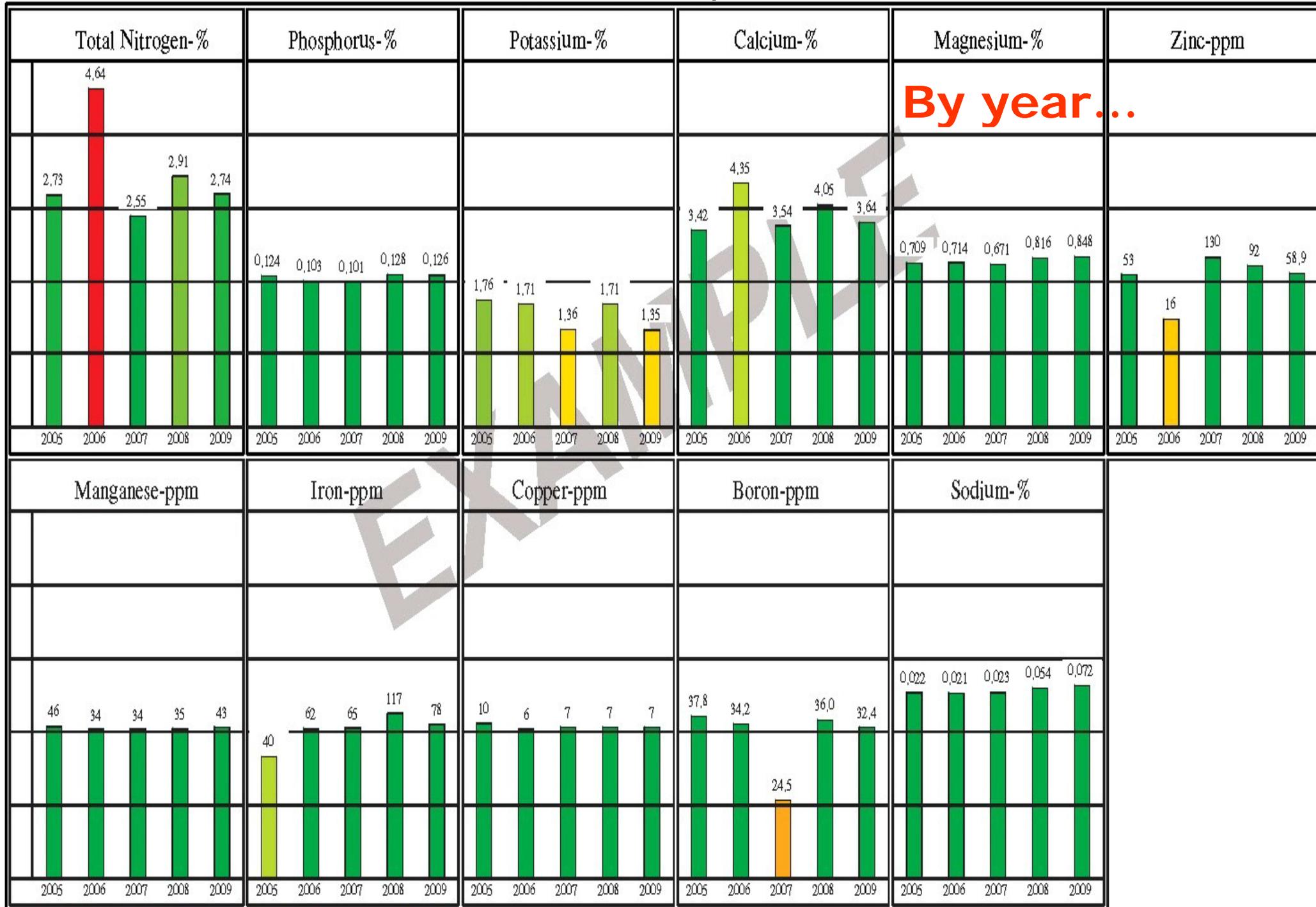


Potassium (%)



Almond Plant Tissue Analysis: 2005-2009

By year...



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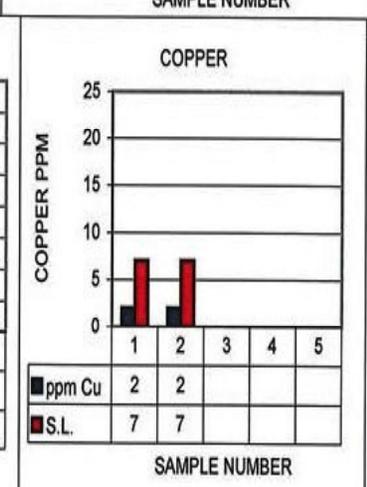
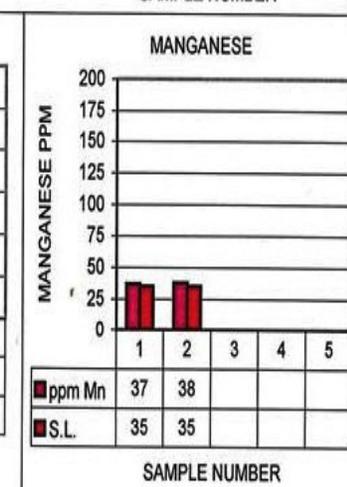
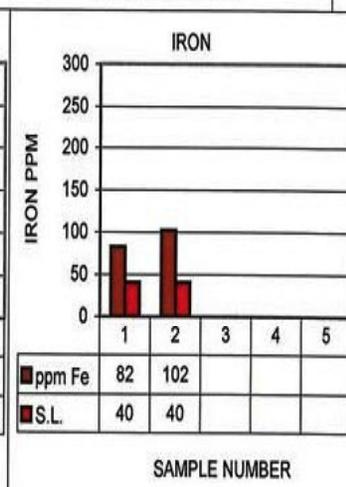
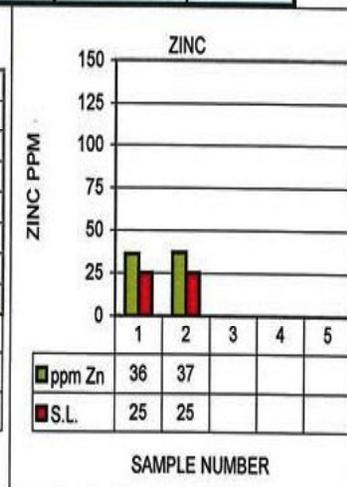
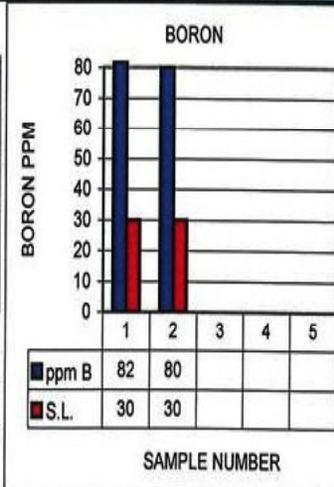
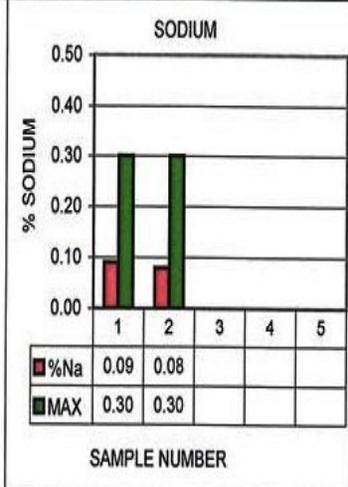
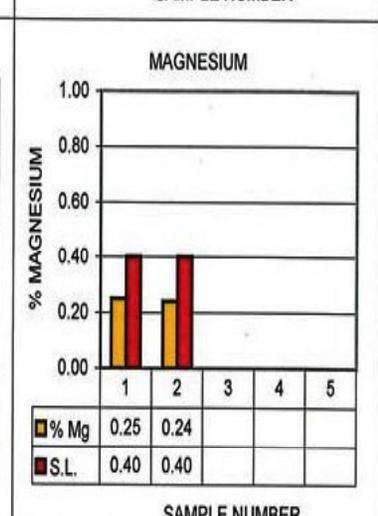
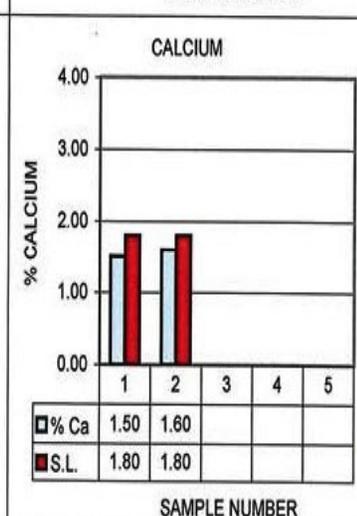
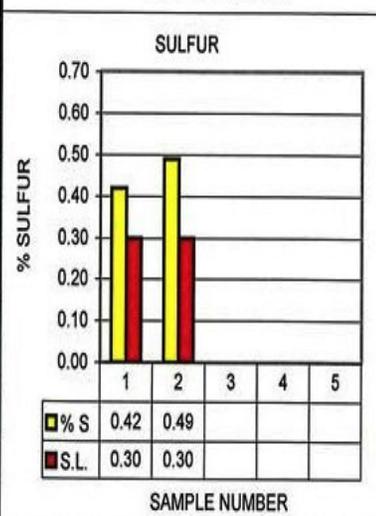
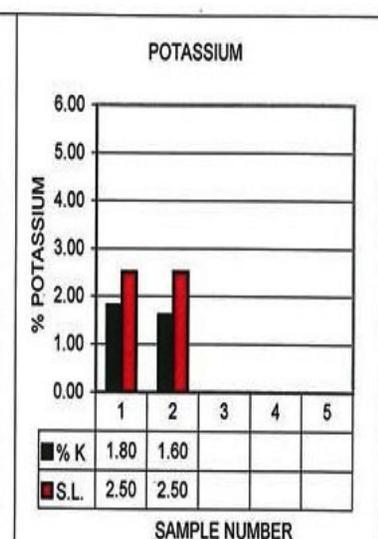
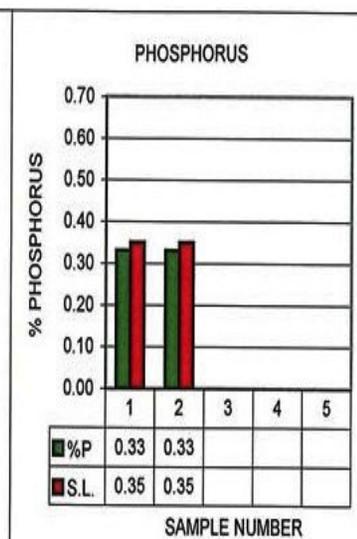
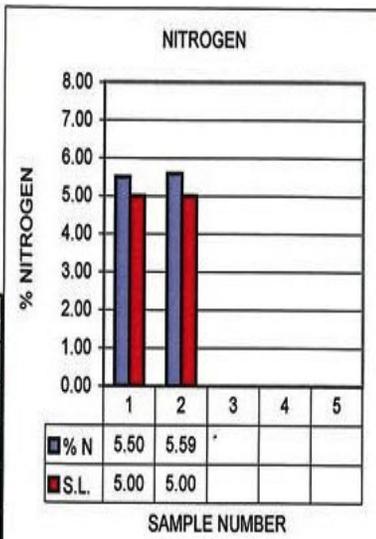
PLANT TISSUE ANALYSIS REPORT

DATE: 5/23/2008
 Submitted By: Joe
 GROWER: Joe Farmer

5 Samples...

CROP: ALFALFA

LAB ID	L727001	L727002			Sufficiency
Graph Number	1	2			Levels
Sample ID:	Lower 40	Upper 40			Prior to Flowering
Nitrogen%	5.50	5.59			5.00
Phosphorus%	0.33	0.33			0.35
Potassium%	1.80	1.60			2.50
Sulfur%	0.42	0.49			0.30
Calcium%	1.50	1.60			1.80
Magnesium%	0.25	0.24			0.40
Sodium%	0.09	0.08			0.3max
Boron ppm	82	80			30
Zinc ppm	36	37			25
Iron ppm	82	102			40
Manganese ppm	37	38			35
Copper ppm	2	2			7
Chlorides ppm					8000max
Molybdenum ppm					



ALMONDS

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" * NOTE:

- 1) For greatest accuracy leaves should be collected in **Mid-April** from **non-fruiting spurs** and all the elements listed at the left should be included".
- 2) The currently accepted **critical value for N in July in Almond is 2.2%** This may be adjusted if you prefer a lower N value to help minimize disease incidence...

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Version 1 UC, Davis Last Update: 11/04/2012

Model For Big Sets of Data (up to 1,000 samples at once)

Enter the July Critical Value (C.V.)
(Default setting is = 2.2)

Units	Value
%	2.2

Enter the tissue nutrient values for leaves collected in spring.

ID	N (%)	P (%)	K (%)	S (ppm)	B (ppm)	Ca (%)	Mg (%)	Zn (ppm)	Mn (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	July N (%) Predicted	Predicted % of Trees above C.V.	
1	3.5	0.35		2.2	0.2	50	1.2	0.4	40	90	110	10	2.49564	98.71
2													N.A.	#VALUE!
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Mid April 3.5%N

Mid July 2.5%N

Percent 99%
Trees
Over
Critical
Value of
2.2% N

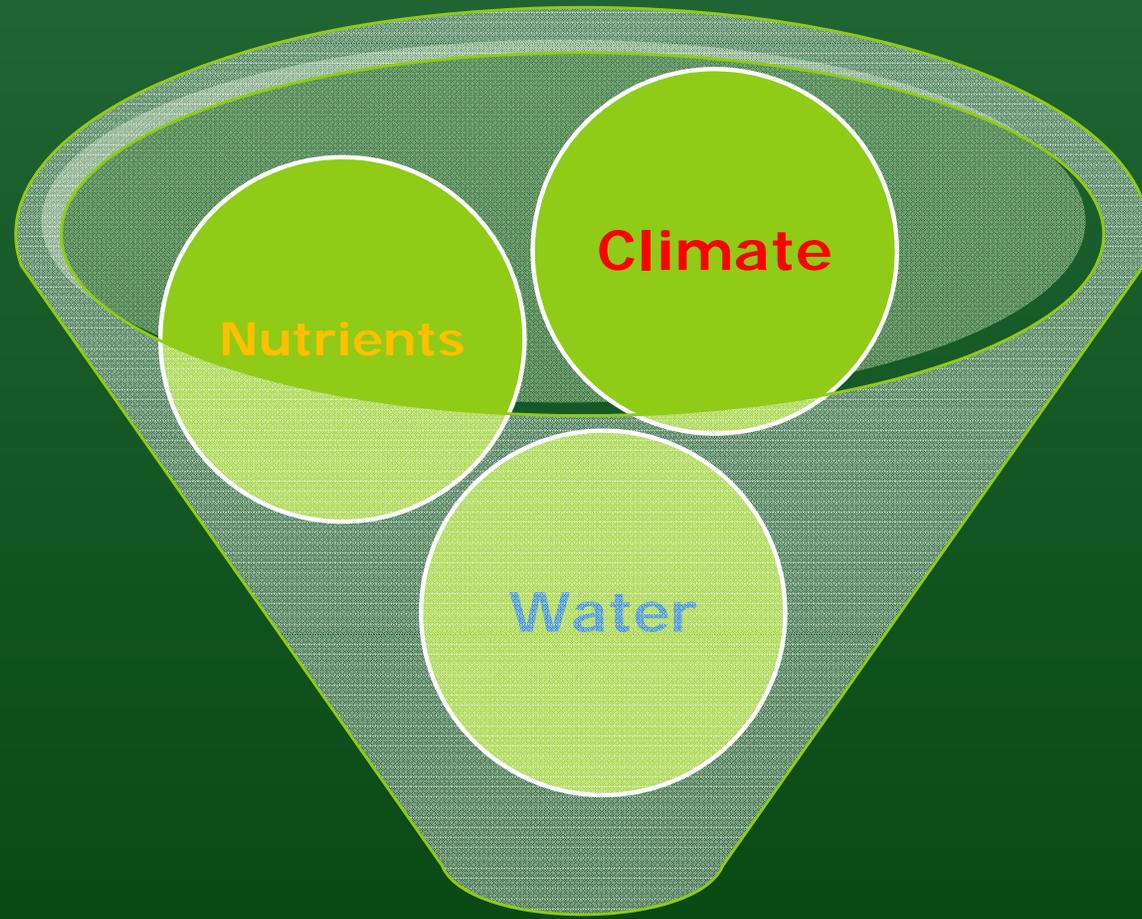
NOTE: This model was developed from 4 years of research conducted from at four locations. The model was then validated at six different almond orchards between leaf N concentrations predicted utilizing the model and the actual leaf N concentrations. Two outputs are provided:

- 1) Estimated leaf N in July
- 2) Predicted percentage of trees in July that will meet or exceed the July Critical Value

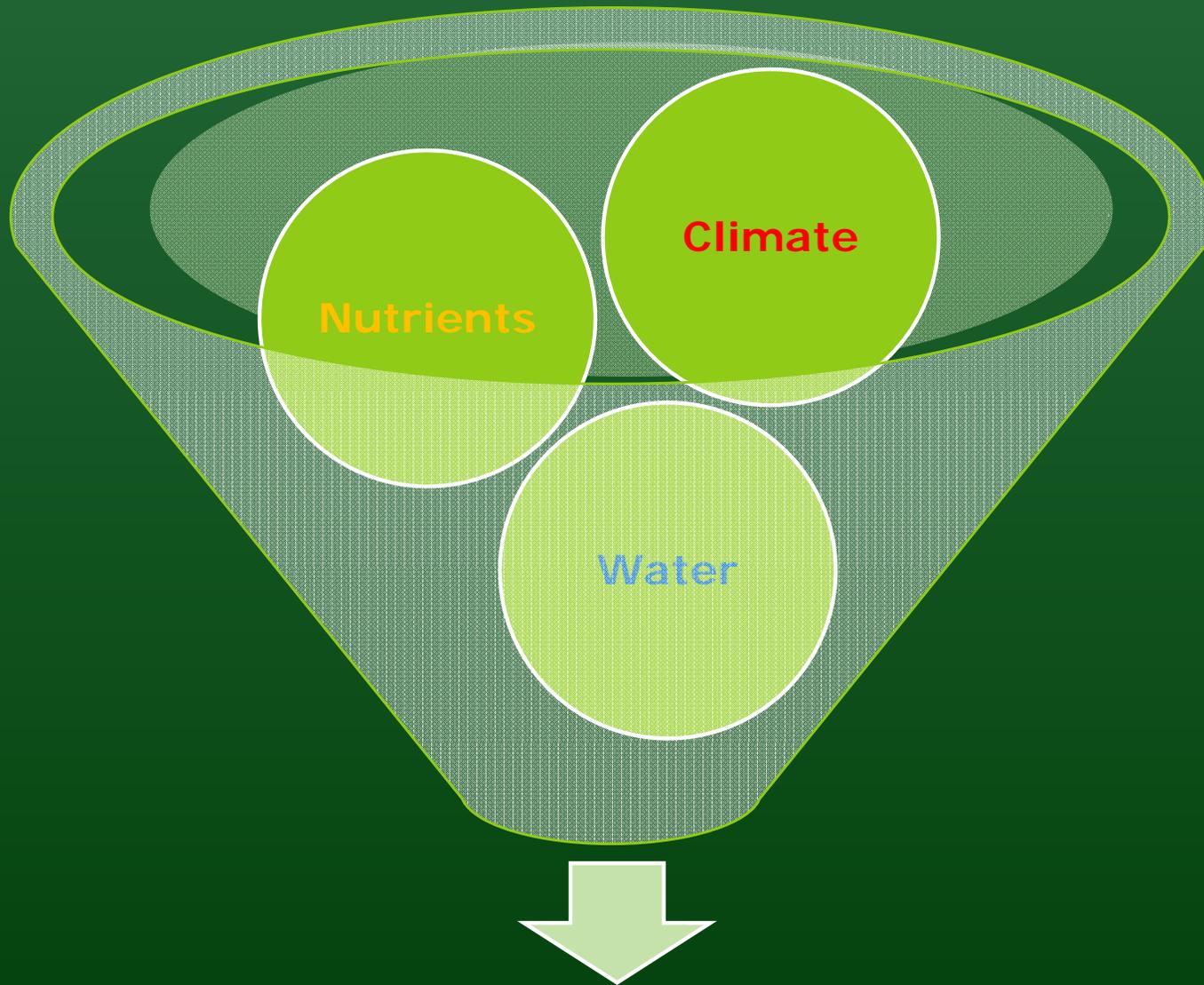
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*Note:
1) For greatest accuracy, use the greatest fruiting spur length available.
2) If value for a nutrient is zero, the program will assume a value of 0.01.
3) The program will assume a value of 0.01 for any nutrient concentration that is zero.

*Note: The current default setting for the July Critical Value is 2.2%. This may vary depending on disease incidence in your orchard. This data is used to estimate the percentage of trees which the sampling will be based upon the spring tissue sampling.



Optimum Yield and Quality



Plant Analysis under **Constant**
Fertigation?

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CONDUCTING TISSUE SAMPLING



IT'S ALL GOOD?



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Question...



What's a petiole?

Plant Part

- Petioles?
- Blades?
- Leaves?

Petioles are attached to blades or leaflets

Several leaflets make up a leaf

Generally, sample most recently matured leaf



GRAPE

Leaf

Blade

Petiole



"LEAF" ANALYSIS?



3 Samples

PETIOLE ANALYSIS



Yes

No!



**Do not
include
spurs**

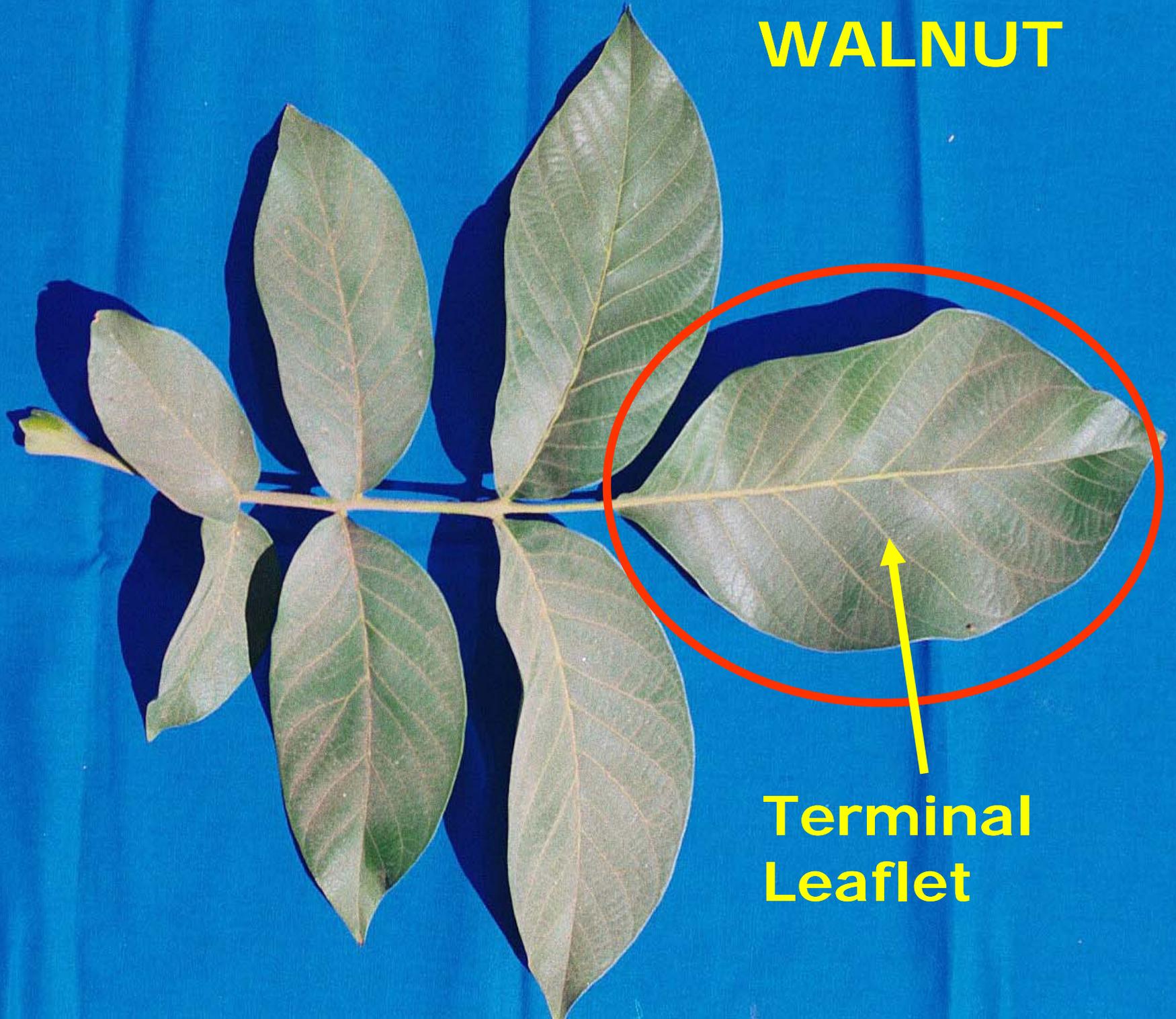




A PREPARED LAB SAMPLE



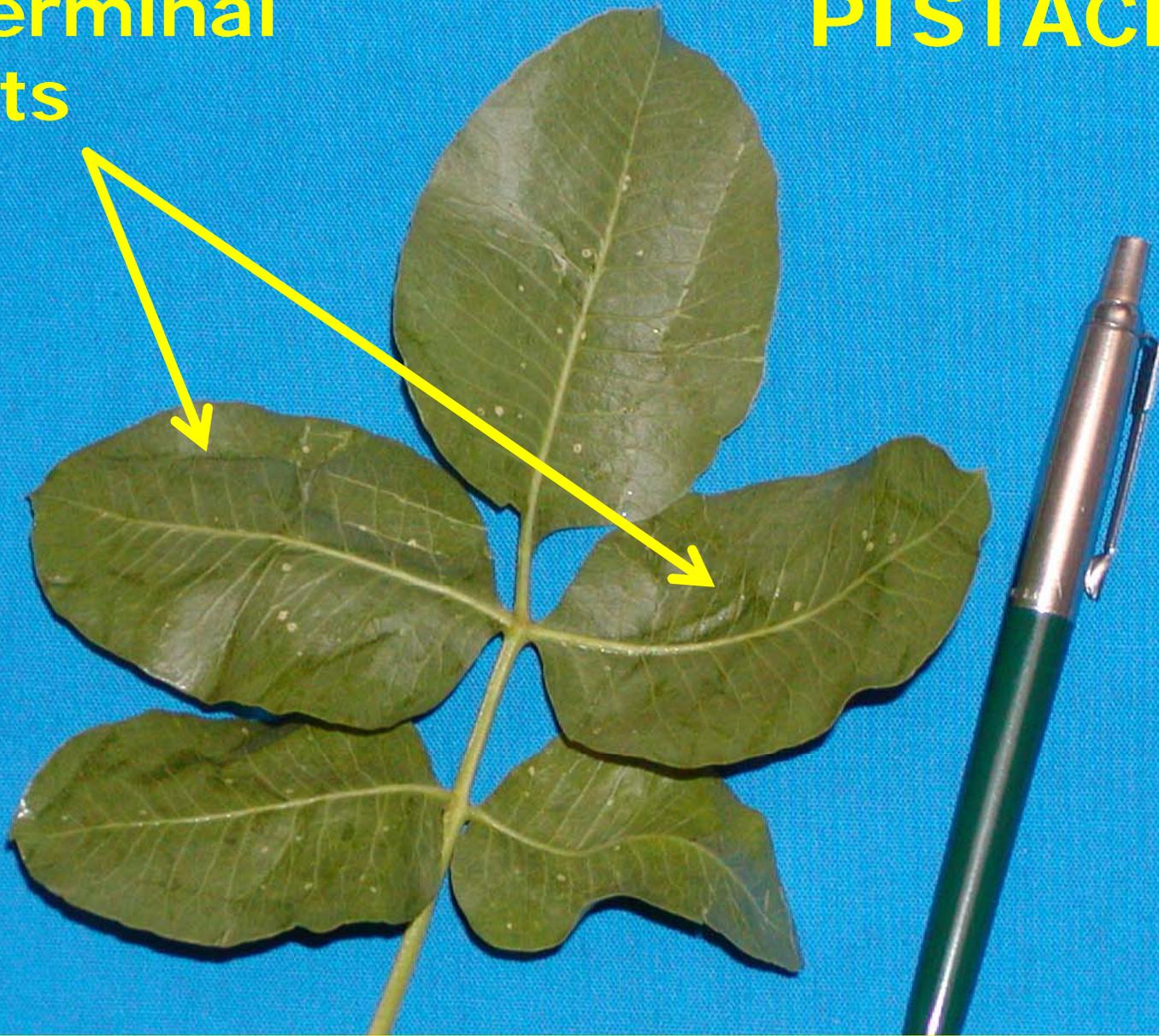
WALNUT



**Terminal
Leaflet**

Sub Terminal
Leaflets

PISTACHIO



"From non-fruiting branches ~ 6ft above ground. Select 4-10 leaves/tree
Select 17 trees, each 25 yards apart" Robert Beede et al.

Pome Fruit (Apple, pear¹)

AUSTRALIAN DATA

"Leaves from mid shoot position on current season's extension"



Sampling time Late January to mid February (mid summer)

Plant part and growth stage Leaves from mid shoot position on current season's extension

Nutrient	Crop	Deficient	Low	Normal	High	Excess
Nitrogen % (N)	Apple	< 1.6	1.6-1.9	2.0-2.4	2.5-3.0	> 3.0
	Pear ¹	< 1.8	1.8-2.2	2.3-2.7	2.8-3.5	> 3.5
Phosphorus % (P)	Apple & Pear	< 0.10	0.10-0.14	0.15-0.20	0.21-0.30	> 0.30
	Apple & Pear	< 0.8	0.8-1.0	1.1-1.5	1.6-2.0	> 2.0
Potassium % (K)	Apple & Pear	< 0.7	0.7-1.0	1.1-2.0	2.1-2.5	> 2.5
	Apple & Pear	< 0.7	0.7-1.0	1.1-2.0	2.1-2.5	> 2.5

CALIFORNIA DATA

"Non-fruiting spurs rarely gave the best nutrient information"

Dr. Kitren Glozer, UC Davis

Chloride % (Cl)	Apple & Pear	< 0.1	0.1-1.0	> 1.0		
Copper ² mg/kg (Cu)	Apple & Pear	< 4	4-5	6-20	21-100	
	Apple & Pear	< 10	10-15	16-50	51-100	
Manganese ² mg/kg (Mn)	Apple & Pear	< 20	20-24	25-100	101-200	> 200
	Apple & Pear	< 50				
Iron ³ mg/kg (B)	Apple & Pear	< 15	15-20	21-60	61-200	> 200
	Apple & Pear	< 15	15-20	21-60	61-200	> 200

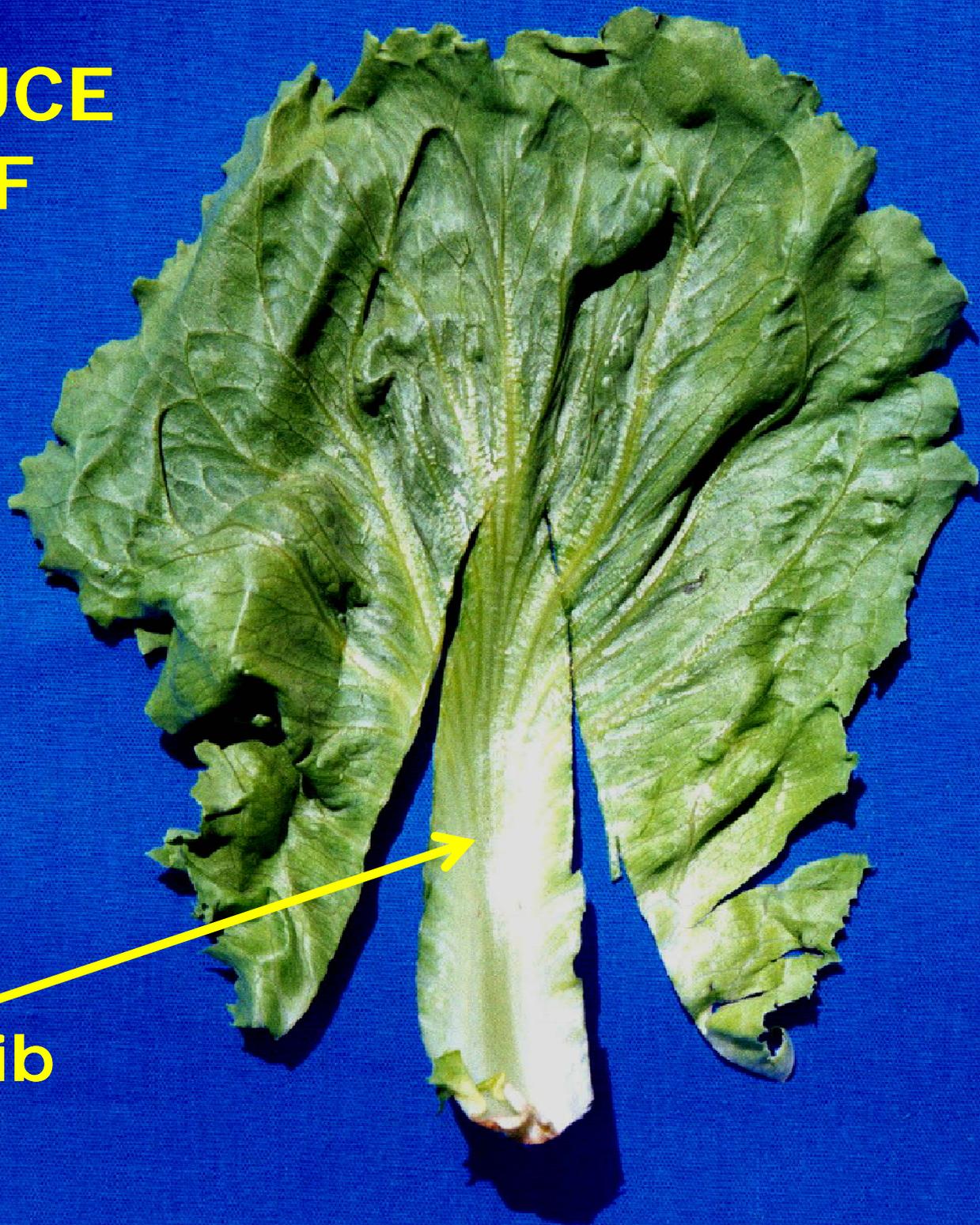
¹ Pear has a slightly higher leaf nitrogen standards than apples. Standards for other nutrients are similar for both types of pome fruits.

² Leaves sprayed with manganese, copper or zinc nutritional or fungicidal sprays will analyse high and results cannot be interpreted.

³ Leaf analysis is not a reliable guide to iron status.

LETTUCE LEAF

Midrib



CELERY

"Petioles"
below 1st
node

"Leaves"
above 1st
node



ALFALFA SAMPLE



DANGER OF ALFALFA LEAVES SEPARATING OUT FROM STEMS

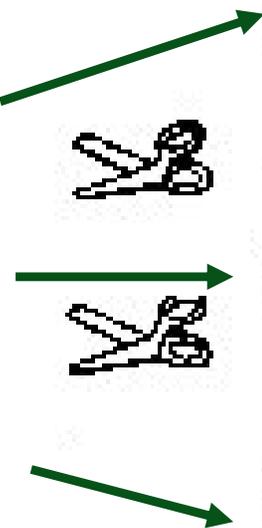
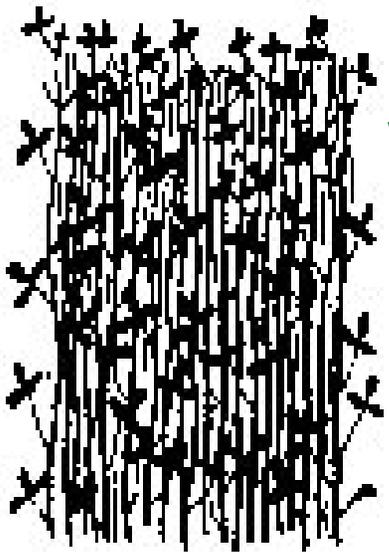


Alfalfa Tissue Sampling

(UNIVERSITY METHOD) C. Analyze

3 sub-samples per "sample"

A. Collect



B. Cut



TOP 1/3



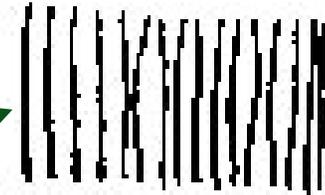
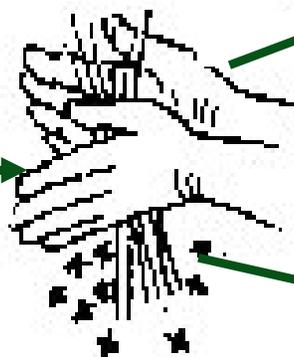
MIDDLE 1/3



BOTTOM 1/3



Mo,
Other
Copper



Phosphorus
Potassium



Sulfur



Discard

**Top third
whole**



**Middle third
stems**



**Middle third
leaves**



WHOLE BALE SAMPLING



Steve Orloff

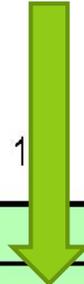
EXAMPLE REPORT - WHOLE ALFALFA BALE SAMPLING

GROWER:

DATE OF REPORT: 08/26/10

PLANT ANALYSIS REPORT

PAGE: 1



SAMPLE ID	REPORT OF ANALYSIS IN PERCENT								REPORT OF ANALYSIS IN PARTS PER MILLION							
	Nitrogen N	Sulfur S	Phosphorus P	Potassium K	Magnesium Mg	Calcium Ca	Sodium Na	Chloride Cl	Iron Fe	Aluminum Al	Manganese Mn	Boron B	Copper Cu	Zinc Zn	Nitrate-Nitrogen NO ₃ -N	MO
DLN	3.37	0.26	0.24	2.90	0.31	1.20	0.11		68	20	36	46	7	30		2.4
KGSOU	3.35	0.19	0.22	2.57	0.29	1.08	0.14		87	45	25	35	5	23		5.2
KGNOR	3.16	0.17	0.22	2.47	0.21	0.76	0.11		103	67	17	29	4	10		5
CNVR5	3.17	0.16	0.25	2.36	0.24	1.02	0.11		111	60	27	35	4	22		2.8

Sample #	Date	Lab #	Crop	Stage/Part
DLN	/		ALFALFA	HAR-W
KGSOU	/			
KGNOR	/			
CNVR5	/			

DEFINITION OF INTERPRETATION RATINGS

When interpretation of plant analysis results are given, they will be listed as follows:

- D or Deficient Plants should be showing visible symptoms of a nutritional deficiency. Plant growth would definitely be curtailed by an insufficient amount of this element.
- L or Low Plants may be normal in appearance but probably will be responsive to fertilization with this element.
- S or Sufficient Plants contain adequate amounts of this element for maximum yield and are normal in appearance.
- H or High Optimum yields can be expected and plants are normal in appearance. However, concentration of this element is higher than normally expected.
- E or Excessive Plants probably show symptoms of a nutritional disorder or stunted growth. Yields may be reduced significantly by an excessive amount of this element.

WHOLE BALE SAMPLING

FEED ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample Identification	Moisture %	Crude Protein %	Digestible Protein %	Crude Fat %	Fiber %	NFE % (Car-Hyd.)	Total Car-Hyd. %	Ash %	Digestible Nutrients %	Nitrate (NO ₃) %	NEL
7-12 ALFALFA	0.00	26.75			25.37				63.32		1.43
	11.46	23.69			22.46				56.06		1.27
7-19 ALFALFA	0.00	22.33			26.37				62.56		1.41
	10.71	19.94			23.55				55.86		1.26
7-24E ALFALFA	0.00	28.73			23.46				64.75		1.47
	10.59	25.69			20.98				57.89		1.31
40387 ALFALFA	0.00	27.06			29.42				60.27		1.36
	9.69	24.44			26.57				54.43		1.23

Nitrogen %	Sulfur %	Phosphorus %	Potassium %	Magnesium %	Calcium %	Sodium %	Iron ppm	Aluminum ppm	Manganese ppm	Copper ppm	Zinc ppm	B	MO
4.28	0.23	0.27	1.43	0.50	1.82	0.09	283	94	54	9	26	42.92	2.71
3.79	0.20	0.24	1.27	0.44	1.61	0.08	251	83	48	8	23	38.00	2.40
3.57	0.18	0.25	1.85	0.41	1.61	0.03	111	43	43	8	20	29.12	0.90
3.19	0.16	0.22	1.65	0.37	1.44	0.03	99	38	38	7	18	26.00	0.80
4.6	0.26	0.28	1.25	0.59	2.05	0.08	179	86	39	8	17	26.84	1.34
4.11	0.23	0.25	1.12	0.53	1.83	0.07	160	77	35	7	15	24.00	1.20
4.33	0.24	0.27	0.90	0.68	2.56	0.13	110	48	32	9	19	36.54	1.11
3.91	0.22	0.24	0.81	0.61	2.31	0.12	99	43	29	8	17	33.00	1.00

Possible to run a mineral analysis at the same time as a feed analysis. These four samples are expressed as moisture as received and on a dry matter basis.

**MIXED GRASS
PASTURE**





MIXED HAY



CLOVER GRASS MIX



The Long and the Short of It...



POOR LABELING AND EXCESSIVE SAMPLE



3 GALLON WHOLE LETTUCE SAMPLE



LT102

A WHOLE BAG OF WHEAT



CORN SILAGE



ONE GALLON BAGFUL



SHIPPING OF FRESH FRUIT GONE WRONG

PEARS



SHIPPING OF FRESH FRUIT GONE WRONG



TOMATOES

ALMOND HULLS



COLLECT ALMOND HULLS OFF THE TREE!



MOLDY ALMOND HULLS – DELIVER ON TIME!



MOLDY PETIOLES – DELIVER ON TIME!



SOME FINAL CONSIDERATIONS ON CONDUCTING TISSUE SAMPLING

- ❖ Effect of water quality/availability?
- ❖ Effect of soil texture?
- ❖ Effect of pests and diseases?
- ❖ Effect of agricultural chemicals?
- ❖ Effect of climate/light exposure?
- ❖ Effect of foliar sprays and dust?

Thank you

