CROP PRODUCTION

Why Test Your Soil? On-Farm Soil Testing with Sidai

How on-farm soil testing works and how it helps you spend on the right fertiliser.

Fertiliser is one of the largest costs on a crop farm. Applying the wrong type or amount wastes money and can hold yields back. A soil test tells you what your soil needs before you spend.

How Sidai soil testing works

- A Sidai field officer visits your farm and samples the soil.
- The sample is analysed on the spot with a handheld near-infrared spectrometer supplied by our partner, Agrocares.
- You receive the result on your phone or on paper, with fertiliser recommendations for your crop.

Getting the most from your test

- Test before planting, so recommendations can guide your fertiliser purchase.
- Test separate plots separately if they have different histories or soil types.
- Keep your results to compare from season to season.
- Ask about Sidai crop and soil training to understand your results.

Request a soil test through the Contact page or at your nearest Sidai hub.

This guide gives general information. Always read and follow product labels, and ask a qualified Sidai vet or agronomist for advice on your own animals or crops. Online version: sidai.com/resources/guides/on-farm-soil-testing