

# Filling the Soil Test Form

Name of Box	What do I put here?
<b>Sample ID</b>	Name or number that you will choose to describe the area or location where the soil sample was taken.
<b>First Name</b>	Of the person, institution, farm, or business who owns the land where the soil was sampled, legibly written (All Capital Letters). Use the name you would typically use so that it will correspond with our database
<b>Last Name</b>	Of the person, institution, farm, or business who owns the land where the soil was sampled, legibly written (All Capital Letters). Use the name you would typically use so that it will correspond with our database
<b>Street/ PO Box</b>	Mailing Address for the person, institution, farm, or business submitting the sample.
<b>City</b>	Mailing Address for the person, institution, farm, or business submitting the sample.
<b>County</b>	This is the county extension office that will receive a copy of the soil test report. May or may not be the county of residence, or mailing address. If your county is outside of WV it will not receive a copy of your report.
<b>State</b>	Fill the state mailing address.
<b>Zip Code</b>	Fill the zip code for the mailing address.
<b>Email</b>	Email addresses that you choose to receive a copy of your report. Email is the fastest and most efficient way to receive your reports.
<b>Phone</b>	Cell phone or landline that the person, institution, farm, or business submitting the sample can be reached by the extension offices or WVU soil testing lab.
<b>Date Sampled</b>	Fill with the date the soil sample was taken to track the frequency of your soil sampling.
<b>Farm/ Land Area</b>	Measure or estimate the amount of land that the individual sample represents in acres or square feet for smaller spaces. The box is labeled "Farm/ Land area" and represents any area sampled.
<b>Previous Crop</b>	List the use of the land area the year prior to sampling: woods, vegetable or flower gardens, crops, or grass.
<b>Soil Series</b>	Your land will always be included in a specific soil type or soil series. Contact your conservation or extension office for assistance in finding this information. Additional instructions will soon be available on the WVU soil testing webpage.
<b>Crop Codes</b>	Select the code that best represents your planned production. This code is used to supply the fertilizer and amendment recommendations. Code 19 is used for specialty crops and recommendations will not be included in your reports. Wildlife food plots are best represented as an alfalfa or clover seeding (code 8).
<b>Soil Texture Codes</b>	Choose the code that best represents the texture of your soil. Estimate your soil texture by hand using information on determining your soil texture can be found on the WVU Soil Testing webpage. You may also contact your conservation or extension office for assistance.
<b>Tillage Codes</b>	The tillage code chosen should best represent the practices currently in use on the property. Pastures, hay lands, lawns, and orchards are typically no-till or limited disturbance (code 2), while most home gardens, row crops, and some new seeding use conventional tillage. If you believe code 2 or 3 do not describe your practices, select code 4.
<b>Other information</b>	Provide additional information that will help you or the lab improve the quality of the recommendations and understand how your practices may have influenced the soil test results.