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We are pleased to announce that TX A&M Soil/Water/Forage Testing Laboratory in College Station is offering reduced cost "pasture and hay meadow" soil testing services for residents of Harris County who manage agricultural land within or outside of Harris County.

Note: This program accepts soil samples for agricultural lands only (no lawn/garden samples please).

Please find enclosed three sample labels with your contact information, the "Southeast Texas Soil Testing Campaign" soil sample information form, and instructions on "How to Collect and Send Samples".

1. Collect representative composite soil samples from management areas within your pasture and/or hay meadow as described in the publication "How to Collect and Send Samples".
2. Assign a unique sample ID to each soil sample and label each soil sample bag (plastic freezer bag).
3. Transfer each composite soil sample into a labeled plastic "freezer" bag.
4. Fill out the "Southeast Texas Soil Testing Campaign" soil sample information form. Indicate your preferred tests: "Routine" or "Routine with Micronutrients" (prices indicated on form).
5. Make your check or money order payable to "SOIL TESTING LABORATORY".
6. Send or deliver your samples with payment to our Harris County office before December 1st:

Texas Cooperative Extension
3033 Bear Creek Drive
Houston, TX 77084

Deadline for sample submission: December 1, 2006

Mark your 2007 calendars today! Note the proposed dates for our 2007 Agronomy Series.

Table 1. 2007 Agronomy Lecture Topics.

<i>Topics</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>TDA CEUs</i>
<i>I.</i> Plant identification and weed control.	FEB	2 Gen
<i>II.</i> Reduced pesticide use through improved management of soils.	APR	1 Gen, 1 IPM
<i>III.</i> TX Pesticide Laws and Regulations (Eugean Hinze, TDA Inspector) and Sprayer calibration.	JUN	1 L&R, 1 Gen
<i>IV.</i> Pasture ecology. The transition from summer to winter forage systems.	AUG	2 Gen

Table 2. Proposed Dates and Locations for our 2007 Agronomy Series.

	<i>Locations</i>			
	<i>Hockley</i>	<i>Bear Creek</i>	<i>Pasadena</i>	<i>Huffman</i>
<i>Part I</i>	02/12/2007	02/22/2007	02/13/2007	02/27/2007
<i>Part II</i>	04/23/2007	04/26/2007	04/24/2007	04/30/2007
<i>Part III</i>	06/11/2007	06/25/2007	06/19/2007	06/18/2007
<i>Part IV</i>	08/13/2007	08/23/2007	08/21/2007	08/20/2007

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SOIL SAMPLE INFORMATION FORM

TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory

Drop off location: _____

Please submit this completed form and payment with samples. Mark each soil sample bag with your sample identification which should correspond with the sample identification written on this form. For this special testing program and discounted fee schedule, please route samples through the local County Extension offices within the timetable listed below. **(Payment required at time of submittal)**

SUBMITTED BY:

Name _____ County _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**Southeast Texas Soil Testing Campaign
sponsored by the
Texas Cooperative Extension in Chambers,
Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery,
Orange, Polk and San Jacinto counties**

Payment *(Required at sample dropoff)*.
 Check
 Money Order
Amount Paid \$ _____
**Make all checks payable to
Soil Testing Laboratory**

SAMPLE I.D.		SAMPLE INFORMATION			(Required)	
Laboratory # (For Lab Use)	Your Sample I.D.	Acreage Represented	Planned fertilizer for 2004	What Are You Growing?	Requested Analysis	How is Forage Used?
Example	front field	28 acres	400 lbs 15-2-10	3 hay cutting Coastal	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Graze <input type="checkbox"/> G & H <input type="checkbox"/> Hay <input type="checkbox"/> *Min. Requirement
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Have you soil tested in the past 3 yrs? yes no, if not when yrs ago, never
Soil Testing Campaign use only

Discounted pricing available only for samples routed through the County Extension offices listed above. Samples submitted on this form but not routed through the County Extension offices or designated businesses will not be granted the reduced fee schedule.

Pricing valid from 10/10-12/1, 2006. Results will be routed through each county Cooperative Extension office to the drop off location for clientele pickup.

Please choose only one per sample:

1. Routine Analysis (R) (ph, NO3, P, K, Ca, Mg, Na, Conductivity)	\$6 per sample
2. R+ Micronutrients (Micro) (Zn, Fe, Cu, Mn)	\$10 per sample

Please note: pricing valid only if routed through the County Cooperative Extension offices and dates listed above.
G. Grazing
H. Hay
G&H. Grazing and Hay
*Min. Requirement NRCS