

GSP 12

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A. General Description

Use this procedure to sample fertilizer and lime.

When sampling fertilizer or lime, samples can only represent the amount on hand.

1. Randomly select when and where to sample fertilizer and agricultural lime at the Project.
2. Sample commercial fertilizer and agricultural lime with a sampling tube.
 - a. When sampling sacked fertilizer or lime, insert the pointed end of the tube in the top of the bag by forcing the tube diagonally into the bag.
 - b. Turn your wrist to obtain a full tube of fertilizer or lime.
3. Use the sample to fill a quart (liter) container furnished by the Georgia Department of Agriculture.
4. Take the correct number of samples depending on the amount of fertilizer or lime, as follows:

Lots	Samples
Under 10 bags	Take no sample.
10 bags and over	Take tube sample from each of 10 bags selected randomly from the lot or shipment.
Bulk	Take at least 10 tube samples from different locations in the bulk container.

5. Submit the samples to the [Office of Materials and Research](#).