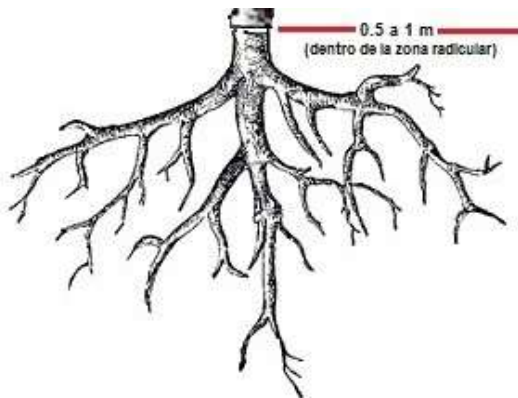


Where and how to collect the sample?

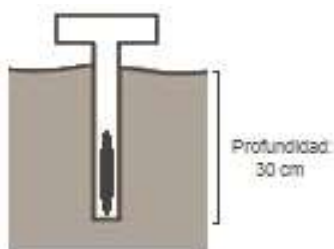
The sample should be taken in the root area at a distance of 0.5 to 1 meter from the stem.



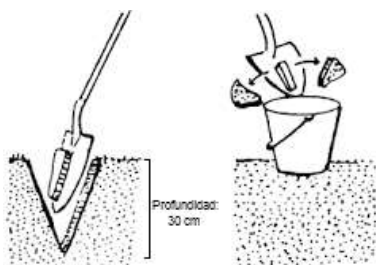
In each plant to be sampled, remove the top 3 cm of the soil surface to eliminate traces of chemical fertilizers, plant material, stones, etc.

Samples should be taken with a soil probe or shovel at a depth of 30 cm from the ground and placed in a bucket.

The probe must enter in a vertical position down to the indicated depth (30 cm).



If a shovel is used, make a hole in the shape of a "V" and take a 1.5 cm slice of soil (discarding the edges).



Sample Handling

After sampling the 10 to 15 plants per lot, mix the subsamples well in the bucket. In a plastic bag, place approximately 2 pounds of sample to be shipped to the laboratory for chemical analysis.



Sample Shipment

Before shipping the sample to the laboratory, the following information must be correctly identified on the label:

- Name of the farm and owner
- Area where the farm is located
- Lot (number or name)
- Person who collected the sample
- Date of sample collection
- Contact phone and email
- Type of analysis required