

SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. P-220

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Fescue and Fescue-Clover

1. Apply lime when the soil pH is 5.8 or lower. Use dolomitic limestone when the soil test magnesium levels are medium or lower. Don not overlime, as overliming can cause micronutrient deficiencies.
2. On soils with pH values above 6.5 with a medium or lower level of magnesium, 20-30 pounds of magnesium per acre can be applied as sulfate of potash-magnesia (Sul-Po-Mag or K Mag).
3. All the recommended rates of phosphorus, potassium and half the nitrogen (60-80 pounds per acre) in the fall.
4. Apply the remaining half of the nitrogen (60-80 pounds per acre) in February or early March.
5. Contact your Extension agent for additional information and help in your fertilization program. The agent also receives a copy of this report for the parish office files.