

SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. P-250

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Millet, Sudangrass or Sorghum-Sudanagrass Crosses

1. The soil pH should be 5.8 or higher for good production of summer annual forage grasses. Use dolomitic limestone if the soil test magnesium levels are medium or lower.
2. On soils with pH values above 5.8 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. Apply 60-80 pounds of nitrogen per acre and the total recommended rates of phosphorus and potassium at or shortly before planting.
4. Apply 40-60 pounds of nitrogen per acre after each grazing cycle or hay cutting.
5. If a second planting is made on the same field, apply 60-80 pounds of nitrogen per acre at planting.
6. 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.