

SPRING -vs- FALL SOIL SAMPLING

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

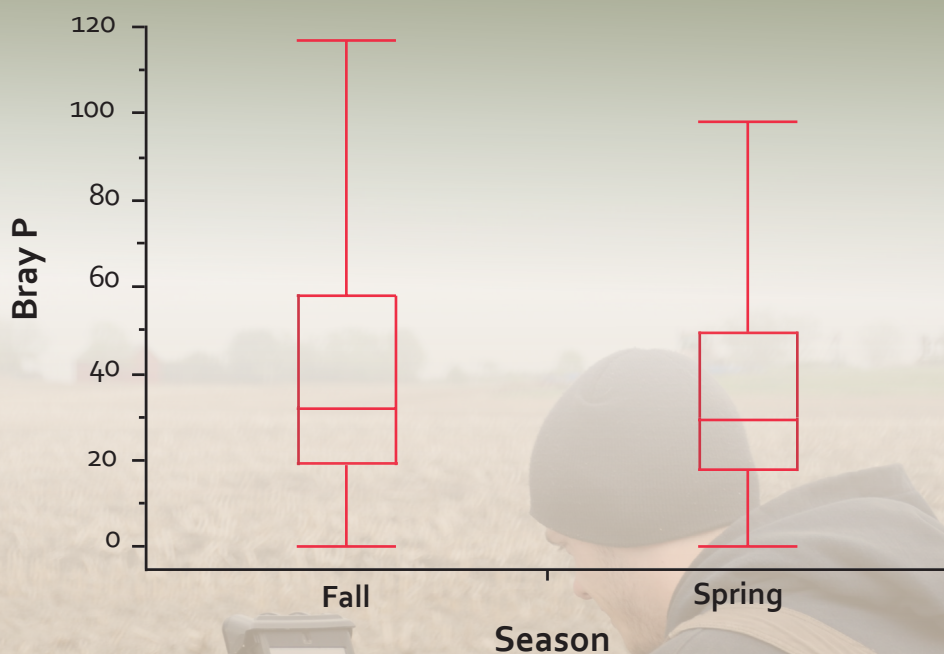
The window of opportunity often closes too quickly, presenting the decision: wait another year for consistency, or pull samples next season?

We've learned to pick and stick to a sampling season, but is there room to challenge this old adage?

A recent study from Rock River Laboratory confirms that a seasonal difference may exist - but the difference is too small to matter.

- Soil test data from > 700,000 samples were analyzed
- Spring samples had a median:
P of 29.4ppm
K of 106.7ppm
pH of 6.4
- Fall samples had a median:
P of 32.2ppm,
K of 102.8ppm
pH of 6.6
- Differences observed here are more likely a result of management practice differences than the sampling season.

ONEWAY ANALYSIS OF BRAY P BY SEASON



BOTTOM LINE: SPRING OR FALL - IT'S OK TO CHANGE YOUR SOIL SAMPLING SEASON IF NECESSARY.

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