

AGRONOMIC MANURE SAMPLING TIPS:

Proper sampling is critical to accurately reflect the true nutrient content of the manure. Obtaining the correct information means that fertilizer recs can be adjusted appropriately. Place liquid or solid samples in a Rock River Lab-provided plastic jar filled to 3/4 capacity. Solid manure samples should also be placed in Rock River Lab-provided manure jar. Mail early in the week and avoid mailing over holidays or weekends. Use manure analysis and manure storage volumes to determine manure production whenever possible. A few samples taken every year and reviewed over time will provide better nutrient information to the producer than book values.

LIQUID MANURE SYSTEMS:

Thoroughly agitate contents of storage facility. If the material is to be hauled immediately, a composite sample taken from several loads (5-10) is recommended. These subsamples should be thoroughly mixed together and submitted as one sample. A container on the end of a long pole works well to sample manure being pumped into the top of the spreader tank.

SOLID MANURE SYSTEMS:

Use a push-probe, auger, or spade to obtain a representative sample from several places in the manure pile or pack. If the material is being loaded for spreading, a sample can be obtained by subsampling several spreader loads. Manure sampling for liquid systems is more accurate than the average book values.

ANY MANURE RECEIVED IN ANY CONTAINER OTHER THAN A ROCK RIVER LABORATORY-ISSUED JAR WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A \$10 SURCHARGE. AS SUCH, WE ARE READY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AS MANY FREE MANURE SAMPLE JARS AS YOU NEED.