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## Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Soils Testing Application

The Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District (VSWCD) offers soils testing assistance for lands within the District area (Valencia County, Isleta Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, and a small portion of northern Socorro County)\*. Soil samples are sent to an outside testing lab for analysis and recommendations. In exchange for payment for mailing and soil analysis the VSWCD does collect the data from sampling on overall health conditions of soils within the District Area. We can assist with sampling in the field, or you may sample. The following application must be completed and submitted with your sample.

If you sample, you need to provide 4 cups of a composite sample. There is guidance on how to sample referenced on our website, or call us at the office for more information. Sampling is for macro and micronutrients, pH, organic matter content, and different salt content measures.

Applicants are eligible for up to two tests per year. Two tests are permitted for the following conditions: Two different fields of different crops, or garden plots with different plantings, or for one field with a trouble spot sampled separately, or for other land uses considered case by case. Also, If sampling for a particular crop or land use in which a second sample at greater depth (6-8") is useful for testing of nitrogen, the second depth is sampled separately but considered part of one sample. If you have multiple fields of the same crop or same land use (i.e. pasture grass) you must select one field for testing to be paid for by the VSWCD.

Soil testing is available year round: The VSWCD recommends sampling be done at the end of your growing season through to before planting in the next growing season and when the temperature is warmer (October through March each year). Other times of year can be done. Repeat sampling of a crop field, garden plot or other land use is allowed annually.

***(Note: All personal information will remain confidential and collection of information regarding farming practices will be compiled for general trends only and will never be presented with personal information).***

***\*There is no testing assistance for dairy at this time.***

**APPLICATION** (all crops including specialty or vegetable gardens, permanent pasture, and orchards, rangeland, or soils testing for other applications please provide the following information:

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Contact info (phone and/or email, mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Do you own or lease (or both) your land/fields? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What are you testing for? (crop land, landscape, home garden, pasture field, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) How many plots, fields, and other areas would you like soil testing on (maximum of 2)? \_\_\_\_\_

6) What do you grow in each field (include crop rotations if you do them) or other area sampling? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) How many acres for each field or other land use do you have or for smaller areas what is the square footage?

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8) How do you irrigate your field(s) or water for other land use; \_\_\_\_\_

9) Please provide a physical address for your field(s) or other land use areas sampled: \_\_\_\_\_

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10) Have you planted a winter crop and/or applied any fertilizer / soil amendments within 3 months of sampling and, if yes please describe briefly?

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11) What additional technical assistance for conservation planning, and/or nutrient management planning might you be interested in?

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12) Would you allow us to contact you for additional soils testing for our review of soil health changes over several Years? (yes or no)\_\_\_\_\_

13) Would you like us to contact you about soils management workshops that may be available? (yes/no)\_\_\_\_\_

14) If so please indicate the best way to notify you of these events (mail, email, other)\_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU 😊