

Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator Certification Evaluation

Please read before completing evaluation on next page

- You are being asked to take no more than 4-5 minutes to complete a survey about your fertilization and soil management practices.
- Responses will be used in a research study that will help us understand current farm practices and will guide future work on nutrient management.
- No identifying information is requested.
- All responses will be combined so that no individual can be identified, and data will be kept at least 5 years.
- Completing this survey is voluntary; there is no compensation for participating.
- If at any time you are uncomfortable with the survey, there is no obligation to return it.

For questions about your rights as a participant in this study, or to discuss other study-related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you may contact **Ms. Sandra Meadows in the Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1-800-678-6251**

Contact Greg LaBarge or labarge.1@osu.edu for more information about this research study.

Thank you for participating in this important survey.

Survey of Fertilizer Recertification Participants

1.	County of Residence:	
		Fill in a number below
2.	How many acres do you farm?	
3.	For consultants or ag retailers, How many acres do you personally make nutrient recommendations on?	

		Circle one response				
4.	What is your Age:	(1) 18-30	(2) 31-40	(3) 41-50	(4) 51-60	(5) 60+
5.	Highest Education:	(1) High School (2) Some college (3) Assoc. degree (4) Bachelors (5) Masters+				
6.	Farm field phosphorus (P) loss is a significant problem to our water resources.	(1) Strongly Disagree	(2) Disagree	(3) Neutral /Not sure	(4) Agree	(5) Strongly Agree

Due to information learned at Fertilizer Certification Training what have you done with your phosphorus fertility management program? I have...		Circle one response "N/C"-No Change		
7.	...reviewed my current soil test results and P fertilizer recommendations on my own.	Yes	No	NC
8.	...reviewed my current soil test results and P fertilizer recommendations with my ag retailer.	Yes	No	NC
9.	...adjusted my fertilizer recommendation rates so they do not exceed Tri-State Recommendations.	Yes	No	NC
If you answered "Yes" to question 9. Tell us how your current P fertilizer rate compares to your previous rate. If "No or N/C" then move to 10.		Lower	Same	Higher
Tell us about your soil sampling and P fertility practices.		Circle one response " < "- less than, or " > " - greater than		
10.	How frequently do you soil test	a) Annually	b) 2-3 years	c) 4-5 years d) >5 years or never
11.	Soil samples are taken by	a) Grid	b) Zone	c) <25 acre area d) >25 acre area
12.	My P placement	a) Surface applied	b) All starter	c) Band injected d) Incorporated with tillage

Due to information learned at Fertilizer Certification Training what have you done with your corn nitrogen fertility management program? I have...		Circle one response "N/C"-No Change		
13.	...used the economic based tool as part of my N rate decision for the past corn production year.	Yes	No	NC
14.	...adjusted my N fertilizer recommendation.	Yes	No	NC
If you answered "Yes" to question 14. Tell us how your current N fertilizer rate compares to your previous rate. If "No or N/C" then move to 15.		Lower	Same	Higher
		Circle all that apply		
15.	What do you use to determine your corn nitrogen rate?	a) Crop advisor retailer recommendation	b) Crop sensor	c) Economic model based on corn/nitrogen cost
		d) Crop yield goal	e) Based on past experience	f) Soil nitrate test
		g) Based on field management zones		