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WVDA SOIL TESTING LAB NOW ACCREDITED AND PROCESSING SAMPLES

Charleston, W.Va. – Laboratories at the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) field office in Moorefield are now performing tests on soil following accreditation by the Soil Science Society of America (<https://www.soils.org>).

“Soil sampling is a fundamental part of the nutrient management plans (NMPs) we have been writing as part of the Chesapeake Bay protection program,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick. “Performing these tests helps speed the process, and helps to better protect our state’s valuable water resources.”

Accreditation examines numerous facets of laboratory methods and operation to ensure the overall quality and accuracy of data. The Soil Society of America requires each laboratory to participate in the North American Proficiency Testing Program (<http://naptprogram.org/>), which is specifically designed for laboratories that test soils, water and plant tissues.

Contact Joshua Hardy, Assistant Director of Environmental Laboratories, at 304-538-2397 for more information, or to submit a sample for analysis.

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