

SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. F-530

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Strawberries

1. The pH should be kept between 5.8 and 6.5.
2. Some "old soils will have high phosphorus reserves and may require low rates of additional phosphorus.
3. Recommended rates of fertilizer should be placed 6 to 8 inches deep under the polyethylene-mulched bed, this minimizes leaching and salt burn and enhances plant uptake.
4. An additional 15-30 pounds of nitrogen per acre may be applied in January and early February.
5. Growers not sidedressing , should apply 100-120 pounds of nitrogen per acre before planting.
6. Growers using drip irrigation and fertigating should apply 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre preplant and inject 5 pounds of nitrogen per acre week starting 2 to 3 weeks after transplanting and continue through harvest.
7. Contact your county agent for additional information and help in your fertilization program. The agent also receives a copy of this report for the parish office files.