

# SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. H-800

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## **Bulbs- Spring Flowering**

1. Apply a slow-release fertilizer at the rate of one pound per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> at planting time in the fall.
2. Fertilizer can be broadcast over the soil surface or lightly incorporated into the landscape bed.
3. For established bulbs, broadcast fertilizer over the area immediately before or at the time that new foliage appears. It is best to use slow-release fertilizers. Avoid 8-8-8, 13-13-13, and 34-0-0.
4. Bonemeal and superphosphate can be used to supplement a regular fertilization program.
5. Maintain the proper soil pH for the spring-flowering bulbs being grown. Ideal soil pH is 6.0 to 6.5. Modify soil pH by lowering with sulfur or aluminum sulfate or raising with dolomitic limestone.
6. 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.