

SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. V-330

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Pumpkin

1. Pumpkins are sensitive to strongly acid soils, pH below 5.0. Production may be limited if soil is too acid. Apply agricultural limestone if soil pH is below 5.8. Soils low in magnesium should be limed with dolomitic limestone. Apply lime 2 to 6 months before planting.
2. Apply half the nitrogen, 50-80 pounds per acre and all of the phosphorus and potassium prior to planting.
3. Nitrogen sidedressing: apply 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre as sidedressing about the time plants begin to vine.
4. 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.