

SOIL TEST INFORMATION SHEET NO. V-360

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Okra

1. Okra is very sensitive to strongly acid soils (pH below about 5.0). Production can be severely reduced by low soil pH. If soil test indicates a pH below 5.5, the soil should be limed with agricultural limestone. Use dolomitic lime if magnesium is low. Apply lime 2 to 6 months before planting.
2. Apply 20-30 pounds of nitrogen per acre preplant. Sidedressing with 15 to 20 pounds per acre of nitrogen at the first few pods set. An additional 15 to 20 pounds per acre of nitrogen may be applied 4 to 6 weeks after the first application.
3. 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.