


<p>Program Description</p> <p>The Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s (MDA) Certified Soil Testing Laboratory Program actively promotes the use of laboratory soil testing and helps laboratories maintain quality assurance.</p>	<p>History</p> <p>Farmers rely on soil laboratory tests to determine appropriate fertilizer rates required to meet crop needs. Recognizing the importance of accurate laboratory testing, the MDA began a laboratory soil certification program in the early 1990’s.</p>
<p>Performance</p> <p>Laboratory participation has increased over time, and we have noted reduced variability (improved accuracy) in laboratory results.</p>	<p>Program Customers</p> <p>Laboratories, farmers, crop consultants, government agencies, and environmental organizations.</p>
<p>Our Special Partner</p>  <p>The MDA relies on soil proficiency samples prepared by the Agricultural Laboratory Proficiency (ALP) Program.</p>	<p>What is the Catch?</p> <p>There is no obligation to have MDA evaluate your laboratory for certification. Just return the ALP release form to Chris Czyryca (christopher.czyryca@cts-interlab.com). Labs meeting MDA certification requirements are invited to become certified. This is optional, and the certification fee is \$100.00. Certification runs from January 1st through December 31st.</p>
<p>Make it Easy for Your Customers to Find You!</p> <p>We certify more soil and manure testing laboratories than any other program. Internet search engines typically display our website on the first page of search results for “soil labs” or “manure labs.”</p> <p>https://www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/lis/soillabs.jsp</p>	<p>Would you like more information?</p> <p>Larry Gunderson Minnesota Department of Agriculture 625 Robert Street North St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 651-201-6168 Larry.Gunderson@state.mn.us</p>