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**OKLAHOMA BULLETIN NO. OK 190-3-9**

**SUBJECT: ECS – Soil Fertility Testing for Nutrient Management**

**Purpose:** To distribute information regarding changes by the Noble Foundation in the area of soil fertility testing.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2003

In November 2002, the Noble Foundation, located in Ardmore, Oklahoma, made some policy changes related to soil fertility testing. Previously the off-site private laboratory used by the Noble Foundation for soil testing had traditionally used Bray/Kurtz P1, or Mehlich-2 for their testing methods. The Noble Foundation has officially changed its method of soil fertility testing to Mehlich-3. In the future soil testing laboratories used by the Noble Foundation will comply with this change. The Noble Foundation's newsletter "NF-Ag News & Views" where information on this change was distributed to their clients is attached.

These procedures are now compatible with the method used by Oklahoma State University's Soil Testing Laboratory. This will permit soil testing results, interpretations, and recommendations made by NRCS to clients using USDA Farm Bill Programs to be compatible with NRCS nutrient management policy and standards as well as guidance provided by OSU.

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