

Fall Soil Nitrate Testing Workshop

The University of Maryland Extension (UME) Agricultural Nutrient Management Program will offer a training workshop on fall soil nitrate testing (FSNT) on Friday, July 26, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the University of Maryland Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown, Maryland.

New regulations allow fall nitrogen application on wheat and barley intended for grain harvest only when nitrogen insufficiency is indicated by the FSNT. A new Extension publication is available that explains the details of the test ([Fall Soil Nitrate Test \(FSNT\) publication](#)).

The FSNT can be done by a soil testing laboratory or with a field instrument like the Nitrachek meter. At this workshop participants will 1) learn the proper soil sampling and processing procedures for the FSNT, 2) receive hands-on experience in using the Nitrachek meter, 3) learn to interpret the results of the test, and 4) make accurate nitrogen recommendations based on the test.

Certified Nutrient Management Consultants or Certified Farm Operators will receive **2 hours of continuing education credits** towards their nutrient management certification.

Pre-registration for the fall soil nitrate testing workshop is required to ensure there is enough equipment available for all participants. Contact Paul Shipley to register (prs@umd.edu or 301-405-2563).

Additional workshops are being scheduled in other locations during the month of August.