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SOIL NEMATODE PACKAGING & SHIPPING Requirements

USDA-APHIS Regulated Permit Number P526-16-00474

Effective 02/03/2016, Expires 03/02/2019

The following packaging and shipping requirements apply to all soil and plant material originating outside Nebraska that are sent for the purpose of nematodes analysis:

1. Soil nematode samples must be shipped by themselves.
 - a) No other test or sample type can be packaged with the nematode samples.
 - b) Nematode samples originating outside Nebraska cannot be 'hand carried' to the lab. They must be shipped/mailed directly to the lab.
2. Each sample must be placed into a poly-lined soil bag.
 - a) The bag should be closed securely to prevent sample loss.
 - b) If using cloth sample bags they **must** be placed in a secondary zip-lock.
 - c) Each sample must not weigh more than 1 pound.
 - d) Poly-lined bags with bright colored "Regulated Nematode" labels can be provided by the laboratory.
3. Shipping box/container must have an inner lining consisting of a plastic bag which contains a paper towel or another absorbent material.
 - a) The filled sample bags must then be placed into the plastic bag liner.
 - b) The plastic bag liner must be securely closed to prevent loss of sample should the sample bag rupture. Samples must be packed to prevent shifting in transport.
4. The shipping box/container and contents must not weigh more than 8.8 pounds.
 - a) A small or medium sized American Ag Lab box can be supplied.
 - b) Any dead space in the box must be filled with packing to prevent shifting of the samples within the shipping box. Tape the box up well.
 - c) The shipping box must have a "Regulated Material" sticker placed on the box. These labels can be provided by the laboratory along with all other supplies needed for the secure transport of nematode samples.
5. The shipping label must be addressed precisely to: *Kevin Grooms, American Agricultural Lab, 700 West D Street, McCook, NE 69001*. If preaddressed or UPS/ARS labels are used, write "Attn Kevin Grooms" on the label.
6. A copy of the permit **in its entirety, must** be included in each box ('Permit to Move Live Plant Pests, Noxious Weeds, and Soil' Number P526P-1600474).
 - a) A copy of the permit will be provided upon requests. The permit can then be photocopied and used until the expiry date of **03/02/2019**.