

# MANAGEMENT OF ACID SOILS



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**ACID SOILS SA**

## ASSESS

- **CHECK CROPS** for uneven growth.
- Check legumes for **POOR NODULATION**.
- **RULE OUT LOW N**, low moisture, compaction, etc.
- **DETERMINE ZONES** for pH testing.



## TEST

- Dig down **20cm**, or to clay.
- Use a **pH INDICATOR KIT** to test down the soil profile.
- Note **LOCATION AND DEPTH** of acid layers.
- **COLLECT** soil samples from each layer for lab testing.

## TOPDRESS

- **TOPDRESS LIME** as needed.
- **CONSIDER INCORPORATION** of lime if subsurface pH is low.
- **RE-CHECK** pH in a couple of years.
- **MAINTAIN TOPSOIL**  $\text{pH}_{(\text{Ca})}$  at 5.5 or above.

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