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## SOIL NEMATODE PACKAGING & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

USDA-APHIS Requirements

Permit Number P526P-09-02769

Effective September 2, 2009

The following packaging and shipping criteria applies only to soil samples that originate outside Nebraska and are being shipped to the lab for the purpose of nematode testing:

1. Each sample must be placed into a poly-lined soil bag. The top of the bag should be rolled down and fixed with the wire closure to prevent sifting or loss of sample. This sample must not weigh more than 1 pound. Cloth sample bags are not permitted. Poly-lined bags with neon yellow "Regulated Nematode" labels will be provided by the laboratory.
2. Shipping boxes must have an inner lining consisting of a plastic bag which contains a paper towel or other absorbent material.
3. The filled poly-lined soil bags are then placed into the plastic bag lining. Samples must be packed to prevent shifting in transport. The plastic bag must be closed to prevent the sifting or loss of sample should the poly-lined bag rupture.
4. The shipping box and contents must not weigh more than 8.8 pounds. A medium sized Olsen Lab box or smaller must be used. Any dead space in the box must be filled with packing to prevent shifting of the plastic bag within the shipping box.
5. A copy of the 'Permit to Move Live Plant Pests, Noxious Weeds, and Soil', Permit Number P526P-09-02769 must be included in each shipping box, in its entirety. A copy of this permit will be provided with requests for the nematode sample bags. The permit can then be photocopied and used until the expiry date of September 2, 2012. A pdf format can be emailed to the client, or downloaded by following the hyperlink to "Foreign or Domestic Regulated Samples" at [www.olsenlab.com](http://www.olsenlab.com).
6. The shipping box must have a neon yellow "Regulated Material" sticker placed on the box. These labels will be provided by the laboratory.
7. The address label should be addressed to Kevin Grooms, Olsen's Agricultural Lab, 210 East First Street, McCook, NE 69001. If preaddressed or UPS/ARS labels are used, write "Attn Kevin Grooms" on them.
8. Soil nematode samples must be shipped by themselves. No other test or sample type can be packaged with the soil nematode samples. The only exception would be corn roots that correspond to corn root nematode soils.
9. Samples originating outside Nebraska cannot be 'hand carried' to the lab.
10. Refer to Permit Number P526P-09-02769 Permit Conditions, Numbers 1 and 5, for site specific area restrictions and instructions for APHIS quarantined soils.