

**Lower Loup NRD**  
**Advanced Soil Sampling Cost-Share Program**

**Information:**

1. The purpose of the program is to encourage the adoption of advanced soil sampling analysis with the intention of reducing nutrient inputs and improving soil health.
  - a. Basic/general/routine soil analysis tests will not be eligible.
  - b. Eligible tests: Haney Test, Soil Health Assessment, Complete Soil Analysis Test,
    - i. Tests that include nutrient management recommendations based on available in-field credits and soil health recommendations.
  - c. 3 ft. Deep Soil (Subsoil) Nitrate test required.
2. Limited to 8 samples per landowner per year
  - a. One sample per 40 acres
3. Cost-Share: Up to \$55/sample for the advanced test and \$15/sample for deep soil test
4. Must be certified irrigated acres.
5. 4-Year Program

**Application Process:**

6. Landowners will complete an application that includes:
  - a. Landowner Information
  - b. Field Legal Descriptions and County
  - c. Number of Samples
  - d. W-9 and US Citizenship Forms
7. Submit the application to the Lower Loup Headquarters Office in Ord for approval by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Applicants will be notified no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. To receive payment, the applicant must submit the following to their local field office:
  - a. Receipts/Invoices for advanced soil samples taken/consultant fees.
  - b. Results of advanced soil samples from the soil lab
  - c. A survey will be conducted at submission of invoices/results to determine how the sampling program affected management decisions in their operation.