

Pasture Management: Importance of Soil Sampling

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We can't manage what we can't measure. With an accurate soil test, a strategy can be made to solve even the most difficult of problems in our pastures. When was the last time that you took an accurate soil sample in your fields? You typically need to test your soil at least once a year in late spring or early summer to help recognize what your Bahia grass or Bermuda grass needs. Different types and kinds of grasses require different nutrient requirements. Below I am going to share with you, how to properly take a soil sample:

Soil Sampling Step by Step

1. Get a bucket or an arrow-head shovel (or use a soil probe)- roughly divide the property into sample areas (Z form, randomization, etc.)

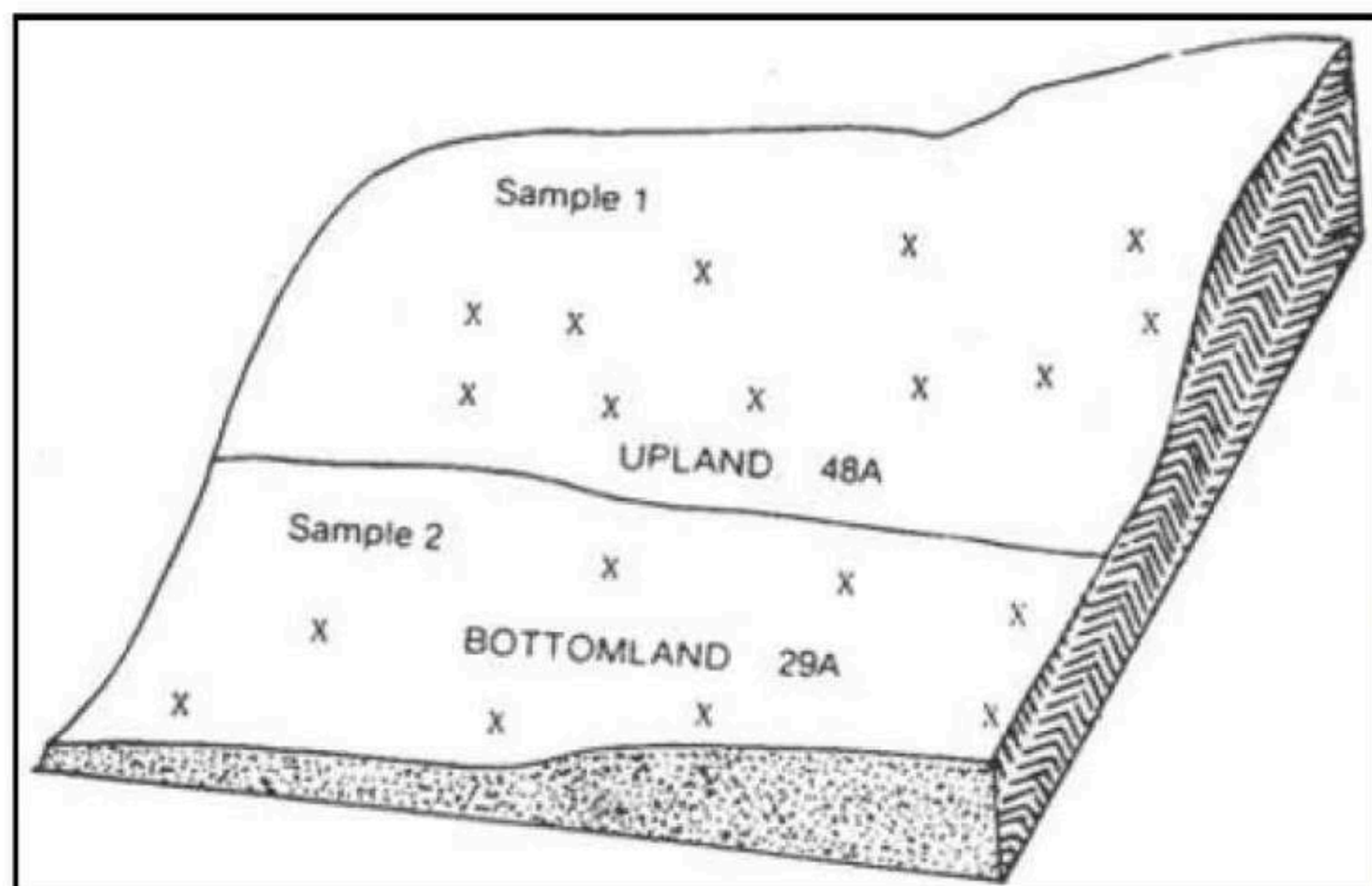


Figure 1: Take your sub-samples in different areas in your pasture. This is a great example of randomization in a pasture.