



## Taking a Soil Sample

Soil tests for SCN are prone to variability because of the uneven distribution of the pest across a field. Proper collection is very important.

1. Use any of the tools shown below:

Soil Probe



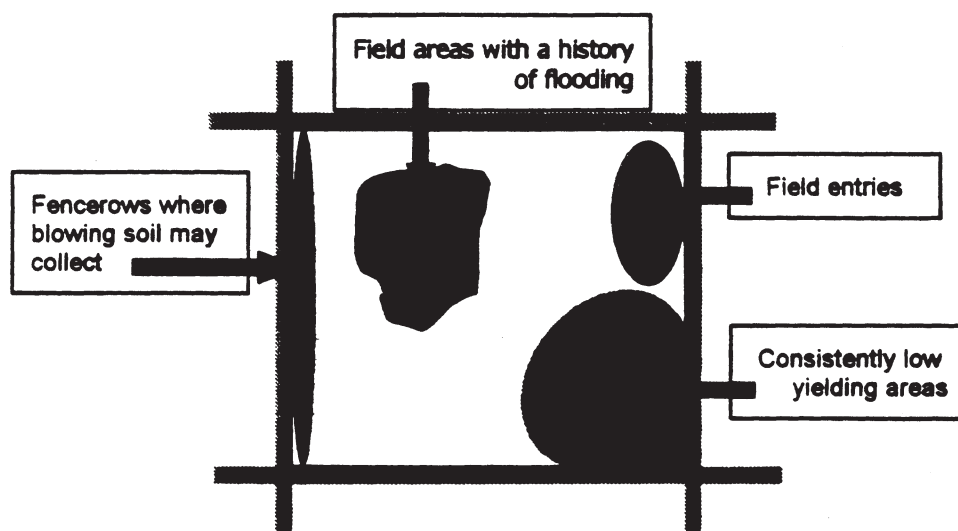
Spade or Trowel



Vehicle Mounted Probe



2. Sampling locations (*note areas where SCN may have been introduced*):



3. Sampling procedure
  - A. Take 15-20 samples from an area with common past cropping history.
  - B. Mix thoroughly and submit a pint of this mixed soil sample for testing.
  - C. Label each container with your name, address, and sample identification number to correspond with your sample information sheet.
4. Repeat the sampling procedure as outlined for each field area you want tested.
5. If you wish, you may air dry the samples before mailing. DO NOT use heat for drying. DO NOT grind the samples.

## Submitting Samples

Complete as much of the information sheet as possible and submit with samples.

**Mail to:** Nematode Testing Service  
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