

How to Take a Grass Sample

Grass Analysis Test for Mineral Content

Information:

Grass analysis results are only as accurate as the quality of the sample taken, so it is crucial to take a good representative sample of your grass. The analysis results are based on a small sample and are representative of a larger sample. It is important that the analysis results are therefore as accurate as can be (based on a representative sample) to be as useful as possible. Our report will identify a full range of minerals in your grass.

Please note: We will only process samples for analysis where we have already received the correct payment in advance for each test required. To avoid any additional costs due to price increases by the labs, please send your sample to us within 4 months of purchasing a Grass Analysis.

The results can be incorporated into a bespoke feed plan, available on our website.

Please follow the steps below closely once you have paid for your grass analysis test(s):

Taking Samples:

- Try to take samples from areas which are generally representative of your grazing.
- Avoid taking samples from areas which include weeds or from gateways, fence lines, near feeders, or favourite horse poo sites!
- Carry a clean supermarket bag and stainless-steel scissors.
- Walk the fields in a "W" shape. At each point on the "W" take a sample cutting 2cm above the soil, (cut no lower than 2cm to avoid contaminating the sample with soil or droppings).
- When you have taken all the samples, cut the grass up into 5 – 10cm (2 – 4") pieces and mix together thoroughly.

If you are unsure about collecting your grass samples, please email us on:

healthyhorseco@gmail.com or phone us on **07593 047181** for help and guidance.

Packaging:

1. Take a sample from this large mixture and fill an appropriately sized sample bag – a sealable sandwich bag will be fine. If the sample is wet, blot it dry with a clean absorbent towel before filling the sample bag. **Each sample must weigh 100 grams**, and we will require a separate sample for each test ordered. **Important:** Please do not be tempted to send samples which weigh more than 100 grams. For biosecurity and possible contamination reasons we are unable to open the bag to remove some of the sample before processing. In the event that samples are over or under the specified

weight or not in a sealed bag, we will contact you and ask you to send another sample for processing. The original sample will be destroyed.

2. Squeeze any air from the sample bag and seal. Using a permanent marker pen, write your surname and post code only on each sample bag. Please do not write any other information on the bag(s).
3. Place the samples in a large envelope and post them immediately to The Healthy Horse Company at the address above.

Results:

The analysis results will take 2 – 3 weeks to process. The results will be sent to you by email. Please ensure the email: **healthyhorseco@gmail.com** is in your list of email contacts, otherwise the results may go into your Junk Folder.