

Soil and Tissue Nutrient Analysis Workshop

A free workshop will be held to provide banana growers with information to help them interpret the results of their soil and tissue nutrient tests. The aim is to improve the understanding of these monitoring tools to help with fertiliser management.

The workshop will be presented by Dr John Armour who has more than 30 years' experience in banana nutrition in north Queensland, including managing a soil, plant and water analytical laboratory. The workshop will examine:

- Why soil and leaf analyses are an important tool to monitor your plant nutrition and effectiveness of your nutrient program.
- Which soil analytical results are important and how to determine if a result is high or low?
- How nutrient analyses can help you avoid loss of production from low fertility and avoid excessive fertiliser bills.

The workshop will strike a balance between presenting important information about soil and tissue nutrient analysis to growers and putting that knowledge into practice by working through real life examples. By the end of the workshop we aim to arm growers with the knowledge needed to interpret their own nutrient analysis results and determine whether the advice and products they are purchasing are right for their farm.

Table 1. Workshop details

Location	Date	Time	Contact Details
Tweed River Jockey Club	18th of March	Arrive 2:45pm 3pm – 4:45pm	Address: 185 Racecourse Road, Tyngah, NSW Phone: 0408 627573
Coffs Harbour Showground – Norm Jordan Pavilion	19th of March	Arrive 1:45pm 2pm – 3:45pm	Address: 123 Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour, NSW Phone: (02) 6652 8401

Although not required, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to Tom Flanagan on 0437 654 633 or email at tom.flanagan@dpi.nsw.gov.au. If you require any further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tom using the contact details above.