Lower Little River Watershed Phosphorus Index Study

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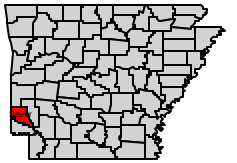


The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service has been providing water quality education in the Lower Little River Watershed since 1992. Initial efforts of the five county program were born out of the Lake Millwood HUA grant funded by the USDA and are currently supported by an EPA Watershed grant.

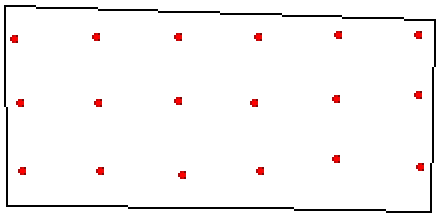
One task of this grant was to educated livestock producers about Nutrient management planning and Practices. One effort was to demonstrate the Arkansas P-Index as well as phosphorus mining to reduce soil test P on a livestock farm in Sevier County

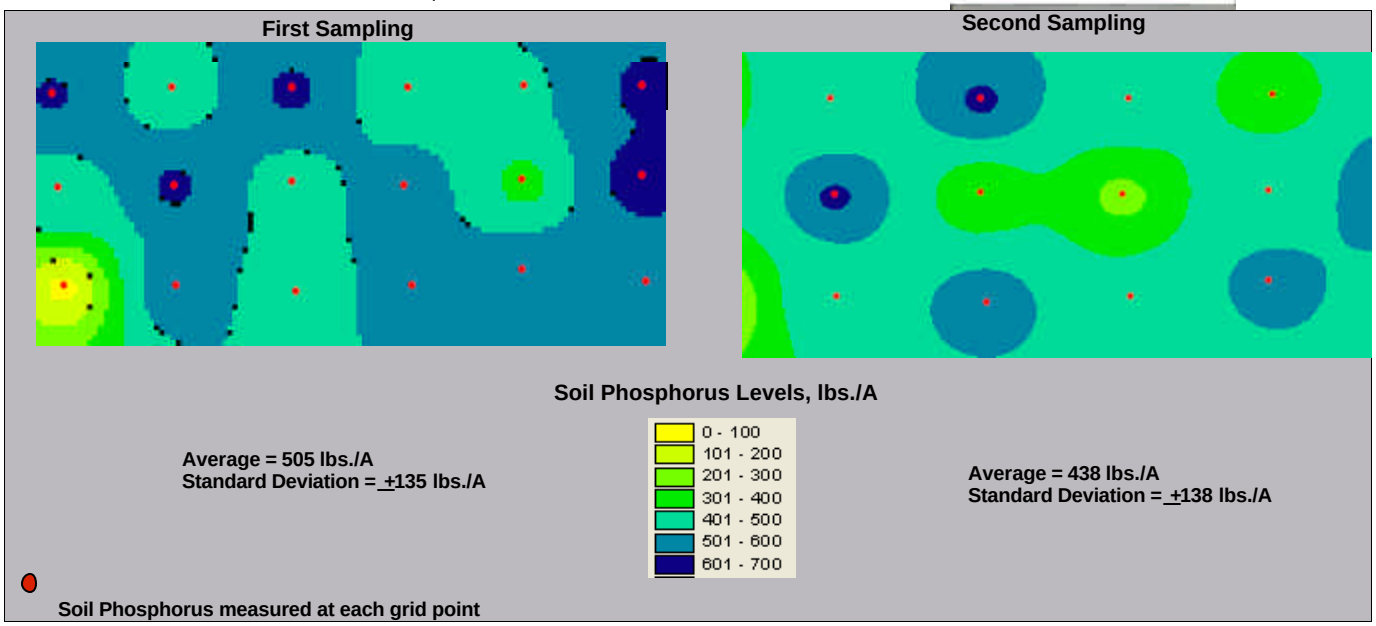
Producer applies 97 pounds of Nitrogen per acre to increase forage production and decrease soil phosphorus

Commercial Ammonium Nitrate applied with a 20X20 foot plot for a control

Eighty pounds per acre of nitrogen was applied and hay harvested approximately 30 days after each application. Removal of soil phosphorus was evaluated through soil analysis comparisons and forage analysis

This project utilized a handheld GPS unit in grid sampling a hay meadow that had excess soil phosphorus that had built up through he long term use of Poultry litter.





Soil sample after using ammonium nitrate