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## **Agronomy Technical Note No. 89 (Revised)**

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### **Selecting an Analytical Laboratory**

This revised Agronomy Technical Note provides a link to Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet no. 0.520, Selecting an Analytical Laboratory, which is located at the following URL. <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/PUBS/CROPS/00520.pdf>

Per National and Colorado Nutrient Management 590 Criteria, soil and tissue test analyses shall be performed by laboratories that successfully meet the requirements and performance standards of the Soil Science Society of America's North American Proficiency Testing Program (NAPT), or a State recognized program that considers laboratory performance and proficiency to assure accuracy of soil test results.

Currently, Colorado does not maintain a State recognized performance and proficiency program, so labs that provide assistance to Colorado NRCS cooperators must participate in the NAPT Program. Additional information regarding the NAPT Program is available from the following website.

<http://www.naptprogram.org/>