



It's more than just dirt. Soil is at the root of a healthy landscape.

Do you have an existing wetland on your farm? Are you completing agriculture soil testing? We can help you save on your investment.

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is partnering with Ontario farmers who are interested in completing soil testing on their agricultural lands – and also interested in wetland conservation.

We have more than 85 years of experience working with farmers and rural landowners. Let us help you save on your soil testing costs while conserving the existing wetlands on your farm. Through our soil health partnership program, DUC works with farmers who want to ensure they are applying the 4R's: the **right type** and amount of nutrient/fertilizer, in the **right place**, at the **right rate**, and at the **right time**. DUC supports Ontario farmers and this program allows farmers to better understand the nutrient status of their land while conserving wetland habitat on the farm.

DUC will provide up to \$1,000 in funding for your first year of soil health testing – including the cost of a soil probe.

To be eligible, landowners must:

- complete soil testing with a certified agronomist or complete their own testing working with a certified soil lab to get customized nutrient recommendations for their fields.
- have existing wetland habitat on their farm (minimum 5 acres/2 hectares) that provides waterfowl habitat that meets DUC standards.
- be located in one of the DUC soil testing partnership delivery areas (*see map on other side*).
- commit to conserving wetland habitat by signing a DUC conservation agreement.

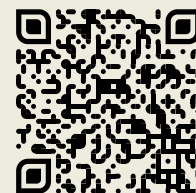
Ontario wetlands provide critical habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife, including species at risk. Wetlands also keep water clean and play an important role on the Ontario farming landscape.

Support wetland conservation and save on your soil testing costs.



It all starts with healthy soil.

Soil health testing allows farmers to understand the nutrient status of their land. Understanding the status in the field, helps drive best management practice decisions. **To learn more about the advantages of soil testing and how it's done, check out the Farm & Food Care "Advantages of Soil Testing" video:**





The benefits of healthy soil: In addition to the plants that grow in it, soil provides many environmental benefits.



Soil protects us from heat-waves, especially in cities.



Soil prevents and regulates flooding.



Soil captures and stores carbon.



Soil stores, filters and transforms nutrients, contaminants and water.

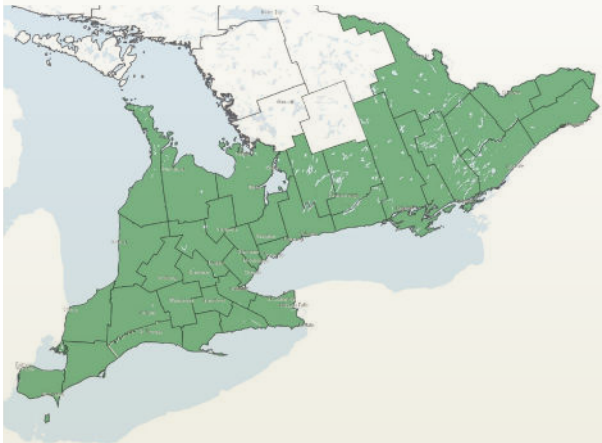


Soil hosts one quarter of all the world's biodiversity.



Soil produces 95% of our food globally.

ELIGIBILITY AREAS



You can save on your soil health testing costs and support wetland conservation. **We can help.**

- Applications will be evaluated by DUC on a case-by-case basis for waterfowl habitat value.
- A DUC conservation agreement must be signed by the farmer who owns the land (not renting the land).
- Farmers must share if any other funding is being received for Soil Health testing on their farm

Want to learn about our landowner programs?

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