University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Water Test Water Source and Nutrient Solution

SECTION I. Date received by county		Lab Use Only:
County		
Name		
Address		For County Use Only:
City	StateZip	1 5 7
Telephone Number		County Code County Sample #
Owner's Sample Identification Nur	mber	Billing Code:
SECTION II. TYPE OF SAMP Mark (x) One	LE	Nutrient Solution
. ,		☐ Fertilizer
Irrigation Water		Type
☐ Well		Rate
☐ Pond		☐ Epson Salts
☐ Municipal system		☐ Gypsum
☐ Other		Type
		Rate
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<u>SECTION III.</u> IRRIGATION MI Mark (x) One	ETHOD	
☐ Overhead	☐ Trickle or low-pressure emitte	rs ☐ Sub (Float, Flood)
SECTION IV. TYPE OF CROP	D	
☐ Vegetable	☐ Ornamental	☐ Tobacco
☐ Greenhouse	☐ Container	☐ Direct seed
☐ Field	☐ Field	☐ Plug and transfer
SECTION V. OTHER INFORM	MATION	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WATER AND NUTRIENT SOLUTION SAMPLING

- 1. Obtain a sampling form and bottle from your County Extension Office.
- 2. To avoid contamination, DO NOT open the sample bottle until you are ready to collect the sample. Use only the sample bottle provided to collect the sample.
- 3. For source water sample, open the tap and allow to run for five minutes prior to sampling. Place opened bottle under stream until full. Pour out enough to leave ½ inch of air space. Replace and tighten the cap, mark the sample with an owner ID, and return sample with completed submission form to the County Extension Office.

4. For nutrient solutions:

Float beds:

Submerge capped bottle to a depth of 3 inches, open the bottle and allow to fill. Pour out enough to leave ½ inch of air space. Replace and tighten the cap, mark the sample with an owner ID, and return sample with completed submission form to the County Extension Office.

Overhead or low-pressure systems:

Sample as described above for source water at the point far enough below the fertilizer injector to allow for complete mixing.

5. Sample storage:

Samples and the completed submission forms should be delivered to the County Extension Office as soon as possible. If samples must be held, store them in a refrigerator, but do not freeze.

ANALYSIS AND DATA HANDLING

1. Analysis to be completed:

Each sample will be analyzed for: pH, conductivity, alkalinity, nitrate-N, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, zinc, copper, iron and manganese.

2. Data handling:

A report from the UK Soil Laboratory in the Division of Regulatory Services will be sent electronically to the County Extension Office that submitted the sample. The report will contain the results of the analyses and information from the sample submission form. The County Agent will provide the report and comments to the grower who submitted the sample.