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PLANT TISSUE Sampling Guidelines

Tomatoes

Recommended Timing

Sample at least 30-40 plants beginning at first bloom for direct seed and 3-4 weeks post planting for transplants.

Sampling

Select the most recently matured, fully expanded leaf from the growing tip (usually the 4th from the top). Separate leaflets from petioles. Retain petioles for NO₃-N, PO₄-P, and K. Retain leaflets for micronutrients. If total N, P, K, and S are desired, retain leaf blade plus petiole.

