

## STRAWBERRY GUIDELINES for PLANT SAP SAMPLING

- Select an average representative area in the field for monitoring.
- Avoid outer rows and extreme ends of rows.
- Sample consistently from event to event (Sunny side of plants, avoid extreme weather etc.)
- Select average representative plants – avoid diseased plants. If diagnostic analyses are desired sample these areas separately.
- Do not mix varieties in the sample as there may be some variation.
- Sample from 8am – 11am, but monitor the same time each sampling event.
- Do not sample immediately after rain – note heat or cold stresses.
- Note fertilizer and irrigation times and application rates if possible.

### HOW, WHEN, and HOW OFTEN

- Begin sampling when first new leaves reach mature stage, monitor weekly or every other week until end of main harvest.
- New leaves take first fully expanded leaf out from the growing crown point of the plant.



1<sup>st</sup> Fully Expanded Leaf

- Old leaves take the farthest fully expanded leaf from growing crown point that is still vital.
- BE SURE TO TAKE WHOLE LEAF.
- Take 50 leaves, randomly across the sampling area.



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—Johnathon Thomas Jefferson to George Washington (1787)

## HANDLING and TRANSPORT

- Stack leaves.
- Use plastic bags and remove all excess air before sealing
- Collect dry samples.
- Keep cool and “dry” (don’t freeze or sit in direct sun).
- Send via the fastest form of delivery to minimize time in transit. NEW AGE recommends UPS given their reliable morning delivery time at our location.

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- Do not over pack– compression will cause deterioration.
- Place sample submission chain of custody (COC) form in shipping container with samples.

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