




The hot topic this past year has been selling and buying beef locally. Many cattle producers are starting to set up, or already have set up their operations to sell beef by the pound, by the primal,

planting tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers in the greenhouse, getting ready for transplanting when the soils warm up.

Here is a list of the optimal temperature ranges for some of the most popular plants:

<i>Corn</i>	60-95°F
<i>Cucumber</i>	60-95°F

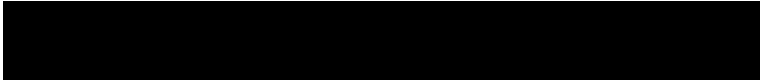


To many, the extension office may seem like a broken record. Always saying "have you soil tested?" "You should soil test!" So why do we always say that?

Well, a soil test is the best tool for assessing soil fertility. "Soil testing is a chemical analysis that reveals any soil fertility issues that may be limiting production. The soil sample analysis provides a guideline for the amount of lime or fertilizer needed to correct deficiencies or imbalances in soil pH or available nutrients. These amounts are determined by the specific needs of the crop being grown. Furthermore, soil test recommendations from the Extension office are based on decades of scientific studies. Thus, by regularly testing the soil and following the recommendations, soil fertility can be maintained at levels that result in optimum productivity of the pasture or hayfield."

Forages differ in the amount of nutrients required and the time of year in which the nutrients are needed. Your

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