

# COFFEE FARMING TIPS



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## Best sampling stages

### Complete Soil Analysis with Recommendations

Coffee farmers are advised to do a **complete soil analysis test** every year. This helps farmers to:

- » To get proper fertilizer recommendations and application rates.
- » Control the acidity levels in the soil through proper and timely liming.
- » Increase coffee production.

Sampling depth of 20-30 cm is recommended. Soil sample should be taken just between the tree and the furthest coffee branch.

### Foliar Analysis

Coffee farmers are advised to do a leaf analysis just before flowering. This will help the farmer:

- » Discover any hidden deficiencies in due time for corrective action to be made.
- » Always pick the leaf samples in the region between the top most leaves and the bottom most leaves.
- » 4-5 leaves per tree are always recommended. Always look for the most recent matured leaves.
- » Farmers need to apply the lime just before the rains - so sampling should be done in good time.



## Coffee Sampling Calendar

JAN	<b>No Rain</b>	<b>Best liming time</b>	<b>Best soil and leaf sampling time</b>
FEB	<b>No Rain</b>	<b>Good liming time</b>	<b>Good soil and leaf sampling time</b>
MARCH	Little showers		Good leaf sampling time
APRIL	Rainy		
MAY	Rainy		
JUNE	Good rain		
JULY	Good rain		
AUGUST	<b>No rain</b>	<b>Best liming time</b>	<b>Best soil and leaf sampling time</b>
SEPTEMBER	<b>No rain</b>	<b>Good liming time</b>	<b>Good soil and leaf sampling time</b>
OCTOBER	Rainy		Good leaf sampling time
NOV	Rainy		
DEC	Little showers		

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