

# BANANA

Take the first fully unrolled leaf out from the crown, and chop off about 25 cm of the midrib of the leaf, from where the leaf blade begins.

At least **12 midribs** required per sample - the larger the sample the more representative it is of the whole block.

If the sample is too bulky the midribs can be split longitudinally, and half discarded. (i.e., 24 half midribs is a better sample than 12 entire midribs, for the same volume).

## Monitoring program

Begin sampling when suckers are 2 m high, and continue fortnightly or monthly as required.

## Additional Notes:

- To ensure that the laboratory is able to perform the entire test suite required and that the optimal levels supplied on the laboratory report are relevant, please ensure that the above instructions are followed.



**30CM SECTION OF MIDRIB  
FROM 1ST UNROLLED LEAF**

- Place samples into a plastic sample bag, not in paper, as paper will dry out the sample and may not allow for enough sap to be extracted for the analysis requested.
- Banana generally extracts sap quite well, however more leaves per sample provides a better representation of the sample block.

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## DIFFERENTIAL SAP ANALYSIS

### Sampling for new leaf and old leaf testing:

Take the first fully unrolled leaf out from the crown, and chop off about 25 cm of the midrib of the leaf, from where the leaf blade begins. This will be your NEW LEAF SAMPLE.

Take the midrib from an old leaf from the same plant. This will be your OLD LEAF SAMPLE.

### Monitoring program

Begin sampling when suckers are 2 m high, and continue fortnightly or monthly as required.

**NEW LEAF**



**OLD LEAF**