

# MACADAMIA

Take the first fully expanded leaves on the latest flush. BE SURE TO TAKE WHOLE LEAF & STEM (petiole), not just the leaf blade.

Sample at least **700 leaves** through the orchard, no more than 20 per tree to obtain a representative sample. Sample at about shoulder height, at up to three different points around the tree. Plant part tested is petiole and midrib.

If you require a Sap 4 analysis please collect **twice** as many leaves.

## Monitoring program

Begin sampling at fruit set, then monthly to harvest, or sample by crop stage.

Usual sampling times are:

- flowering (using the flowers)
- when fruit size is about 25mm
- when fruit is 50mm
- when fruit reaches mature size



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## Additional Notes:

- An additional **preparation fee** may apply to this crop.
- Macadamia leaves are difficult to extract sap as they are quite dry.
- To ensure that the laboratory is able to perform the entire test suite required, please ensure that the above instructions are followed.
- Place samples into a plastic sample bag, never in paper, as paper will dry out the sample and may not allow for enough sap to be extracted for analysis.

If obtaining the required number of leaves required to perform a sap test cannot be attained or to avoid the additional preparation fee, the laboratory advises for a **Dry Tissue** test (DT2 or DT4) to be performed instead of a sap test. Refer to the Hortus Analytical Dry Tissue Sampling Manual on the Novum Lifesciences website for sampling information.

## Sampling for new leaf and old leaf testing:

- New leaf samples should be sampled by following the above instructions. Ensure that if the leaves are small that more leaves are sampled.
- Old leaves may require more leaves to be collected as the older leaves may be a lot drier than the new leaves. It is recommended to send 4 - 5 times the number of old leaves to new leaves if they appear to be a lot drier. An additional preparation fee for these samples will be incurred.