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Caption: The Soil Scoop, a new two-page series from MSU's Soil Fertility Extension program, provides condensed information on assorted soil fertility topics.

BOZEMAN — Montana State University Extension has announced a new publication called “The Soil Scoop,” a two-page series providing condensed information on assorted soil fertility topics.

The new, shorter series is intended for quick reference. The individual sheets, while stating the most pertinent facts, usually cite other sources for further reading if more in-depth information is sought.

“People needing soil fertility information want it short and simple, quick and easy to find,” said Clain Jones, Extension soil fertility specialist in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at Montana State University, an assertion made in response to a survey of agriculture extension agents and certified crop advisors.

"We are working on providing these two-page editions for most of our soil nutrient management Extension publications," said Jones. There are currently Soil Scoops on 10 topics, including fertilizer rate calculations, soil nutrient management for different crops, evaluating soil quality and health and reducing fertilizer ammonia loss to air.

Soil Scoops are available as free downloadable pdf files at <http://landresources.montana.edu/soilfertility/soilscoop.html>.

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