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During the Southern Branch - ASA's 1992 annual meeting on 2 - 5 February in Lexington, Kentucky a special symposium on "The Use of Soil Nitrate Tests" was organized. Authors were asked to prepare their material in a straightforward, concise, and as nontechnical manner to enhance communications with practicing agronomists.

This publication offers a detailed examination of the practical and economic usefulness of soil nitrate testing in the southern USA with strong focus how to interpret soil nitrate measurements. All authors tried to simplify this complicated problem to better understand of it. There are very well described differences of nitrate movement in the humid and arid regions and using of nitrate test and its interpretation for cotton and maize in the southern USA. All texts are accompanied with many figures and tables with recommendation of nitrogen rates for mentioned crops.

The publication can be used as a source of information for research workers in soil fertility, plant nutrition and related branches.

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