

Table 12

Soil Sampling

Variable	Year(s) of Implementation	Method
Number of samples	1998-1999	Maximum of 7 samples per plot: 1 Forest floor sample (subplot 2); 2 mineral samples each on subplots 2, 3, and 4
	2000	Maximum of 3 samples per plot: 1 Forest floor sample and 2 mineral samples from subplot 2 only
	2001-present	Maximum of 5 samples per plot:
Bulk density	1998-1999	Samples collected using a shovel; no bulk density
	2000	Samples collected using a bulk density corer in some states
	2001-present	Samples collected using a bulk density corer in all states
Mineral Soils	1998	Mineral samples collected by genetic soil horizons
	1999-present	Samples collected from 0-10 cm and 10-20 cm depth increments
Forest Floor	1998-1999	If forest floor > 5 cm, then litter and duff collected separately
	2000-present	Forest floor sampled as single unit
Composite Samples	1998-2000	Samples from multiple subplots could be composited if in same condition class and soil texture
	2001-present	No compositing