

# Please <u>pair</u> multi-depth large bulk soil samples before sending to AGVISE

## Labeling bulk soil samples:

- Use cut bags to label each bulk soil sample.
  - Place reference number stickers for topsoil and subsoil samples on their own cut bag.
  - Insert the cut bag with reference number sticker in the appropriate topsoil or subsoil bulk soil sample.
  - Make sure the reference sticker faces the outside of the bag. This keeps reference stickers from becoming wet and unreadable.

# Pairing multi-depth bulk soil samples:

- Place the cut bags with reference number stickers in topsoil and subsoil bags.
- Tie a knot in the topsoil bag.
- Place topsoil bag inside the subsoil sample bag.
- Tie a knot in the subsoil bag.
- The bulk sample is now ready to send to AGVISE and should look like this

## Tips:

- AGVISE provides cut bags and two sizes of plastic bags for pairing bulk soil samples at no cost.
- Use the small plastic bag for topsoil samples and the large plastic bag for subsoil samples.

Soil testing will be delayed if bulk soil samples arrive at the laboratory without reference stickers, stickers facing the soil (not outside), or not paired. Please call AGVISE at 701-587-6010 (Northwood, ND) or 320-843-4109 (Benson, MN) with any questions.