

## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

### **Texas Plant & Soil Lab**

#### **Enters Third Generation Of Ownership**

**Edinburg, Texas, April 29, 2009.** Texas Plant & Soil Lab management announced its purchase today by a small group of active investors. This purchase ends months of uncertainty about the future of TPSL that began with the death of its previous owner, Mr. Esper K. Chandler, CPAg/SSc, in November of last year. TPSL's new owners have confirmed that the Texas Plant & Soil Lab will continue the advanced and innovative programs for which it has become well-known among its worldwide client base of growers/farmers, horticulture operators, green houses, turf farms, sports field managers, gardeners, landscapers, golf courses and other organizations in both the private and public sector. As the first soil testing laboratory in Texas, TPSL remains committed to the remarkable advances for which it has become well-known.

Texas Plant & Soil Lab will continue with its experienced and recognized staff. Wayne Tucker has been named as Chief Operating Officer of TPSL. Noel Garcia, Certified Crop Advisor is Vice-President of Operations. Richard Ramirez is Manager of Laboratory Services and Webmaster. Conan Wood continues as Senior Citrus Consultant. Norma Soto, General Manager, and Sergio Gonzales, Field Services Supervisor - together with support staff - complete the gifted and energetic TPSL research and service team.

Under the late "K" Chandler's leadership, TPSL evolved from a purely conventional approach to agricultural research and consultant services to a more complete system of testing that guides growers/farmers in fertilizing more precisely according to the specific available nutrients in the soil, as well as in the selection of crop varieties most suited to the soil involved. The increased efficiency with the use of such testing has developed a world wide client base for Texas Plant & Soil Lab. Public sector projects with the goal of "going green" are among the Lab's newest clients.

Texas Plant & Soil Lab has also advanced into significant research projects with universities, government agencies and private industry for individual testing and evaluations - as well as recommendations - for products and services. TPSL also continues to remain heavily invested in educational programs that are available to the general public.

Texas Plant & Soil Lab's "natural soil testing" is a remarkable and quite logical approach to solving its clients' questions. This testing process uses a method that mimics how the plant extracts nutrients from the soil. Using the carbon dioxide extraction method, test results reveal the nutrient endowments actually available to the plant in the host soil, as well as nutrients in reserve as unavailable salts. While the carbon dioxide extraction process is much more accurate than the conventional automated methods, it requires

significant handwork. Accordingly, only a very small number of testing laboratories, worldwide, offer this level of accuracy and Texas Plant & Soil Lab is one of those.

TPSL specializes in Soil Fertility, Plant Nutrition and Crop Production that includes analysis of soil, water and plants. By “asking the plant”, periodically during the growing season, nutrient disorders can be isolated and corrected in a dynamic way before deficiency symptoms appear in the crop. As a result, maximum economic yields can be realized.

Texas Plant & Soil Lab recognizes that many growers will face shortages of irrigation water in the 21st century. Increasing salt content and other evolving deficiencies of adequate irrigation water requires a carefully designed fertility and water management program to both optimize the water available and to minimize soil and plant damage from excess salts in the water. TPSL testing identifies these salts and advises the client with a program designed to dramatically improve yields over more conventional approaches.

Chief Operating Officer Wayne Tucker states that, “We are very excited about continuing K’s work as well as expanding the capabilities of the lab. Presentation of our reports have been enhanced; the recommendations are redesigned to be more specific, easier to read, and easier to understand. We are upgrading the facilities at Texas Plant & Soil Lab with the latest analytical instruments in order to eventually be able to dramatically reduce turnaround times to our clients.”

Tucker further said that, “We have been approached by some significant people in agriculture-related disciplines who have offered collaboration and services in testing and research. The interest that has emerged in TSPL has astonished us.”

For more information, visit the Texas Plant & Soil Lab web site at [www.tpsl.biz](http://www.tpsl.biz) or telephone **956-383-0739**.