

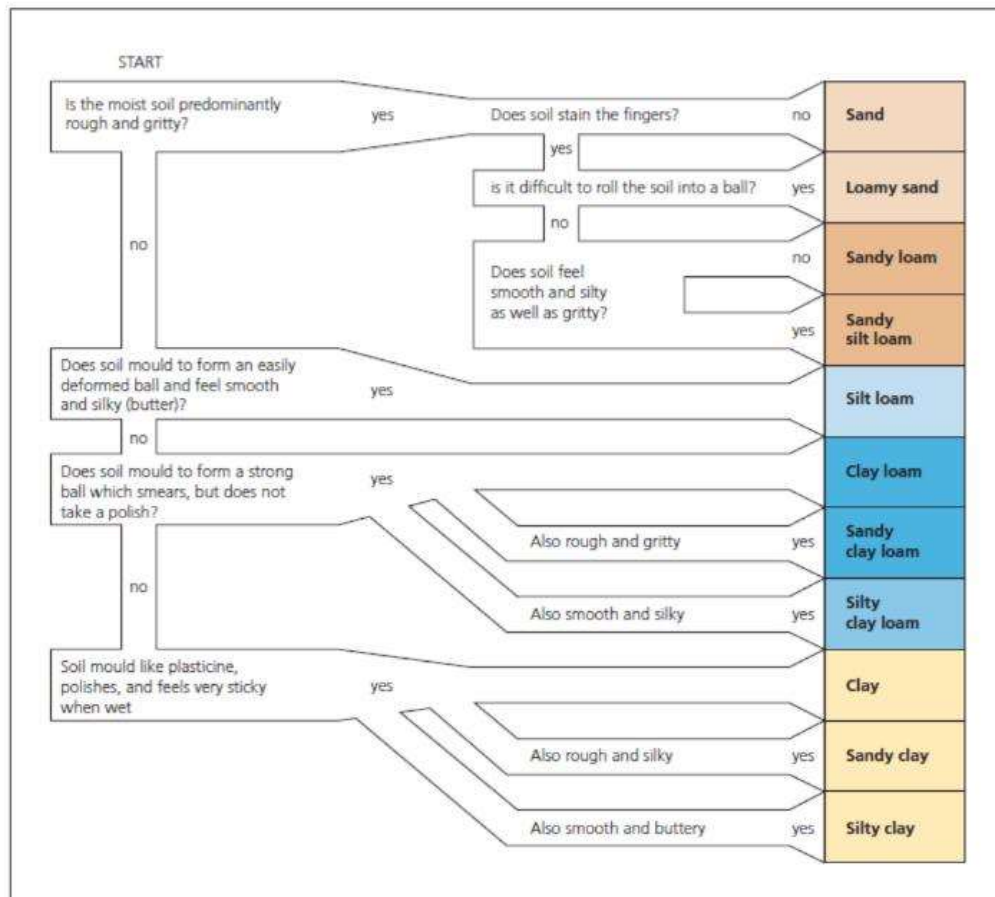


Appendix 1 - From The Fertiliser Manual (RB209), Defra 2010

**Assessment of Soil Texture**

Accurate measurement of soil texture requires laboratory analysis, but for practical purposes texture can be assessed by hand using the following method:

Take about a dessert spoonful of soil. If dry, wet up gradually, kneading thoroughly between finger and thumb until soil crumbs are broken down. Enough moisture is needed to hold the soil together and to show its maximum stickiness. Follow the paths in the diagram to get the texture class.



A texture triangular diagram, defining the particle size distribution for each named texture class, is given in Appendix D of *Controlling Soil Erosion (MAFF PB4093)*.