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MiAmbiente brings portable soil lab to Chiriquí farms

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Summary

The Environment Ministry has begun testing soils directly on Chiriquí farms with a portable device called Doctor Soil, giving results in minutes.

Details (summary of the article)

According to Metro Libre, the Ministry of Environment (MiAMBIENTE) has started offering on-site soil analysis to farmers in Chiriquí using a portable laboratory known as Doctor Soil. Technician Richel César of the Soil Conservation Department said the equipment measures pH, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, plus other macro- and micronutrients, so each plot's needs can be identified. Because samples no longer have to be sent to a conventional laboratory, growers get results within minutes and can act quickly on fertilisation and soil-care decisions. Regional director Ernesto Ponce said the tool strengthens technical assistance to producers and to people taking part in environmental projects by showing the real condition and productive potential of their land. The first round of evaluations is being carried out on farms already linked to sustainable land-management initiatives. Results will also feed into environmental restoration work and forest plantation projects. The ministry says the aim is to bring technical analysis closer to rural communities and encourage practices that raise productivity while conserving natural resources.

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