

Spring Onion Sampling & Growth Stages

Timing: Begin sampling at stage 1.3 (3-4 leaf) and continue to harvest sampling again at stage 1.5.

Sample volume: 40 whole plants (more plants while very small)

Sampling: Retain whole young plants. Remove the root mass from the plants to avoid contaminating the sample with soil; also trim the very tips of the plants. Return to the same representative area for subsequent samples.

Primary Stage	Secondary Stage	Description	Comments
0			<i>Germination</i>
	0.9		<i>Green shoot visible</i>
1			<i>Leaf Development</i>
	1.3	3-4 leaf	3rd leaf (>3cm) clearly visible
	1.4		4th leaf (>3cm)
	1.5		5th leaf (>3cm)