"Methods of Soil Analysis" Published by Agronomy Soc.

A hardbound, 1,572 page, 2-part monograph, entitled "Methods of Soil Analysis," was recently published by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) in a joint effort with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

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