

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAMPLING SHEEP, CATTLE AND HORSES FOR FEC

FEC Bulk Sampling

1. Before sampling write on the sample bags sample 1, 2 and 3 to correspond with the submission form.
2. Gather the stock into corner of the paddock or put into yards for a period of time allowing them to drop samples and then let stock move away.
3. **Sheep:** Using the scoop provided, take 20-30 measured scoops (1 scoop per dung sample) putting them in the plastic bag provided.
Cattle: Using the scoop provided, take 3 measured scoops in a triangle shape from 10-15 pats putting them into the bag provided. This will give a bulk sample of 30-45 scoops.
Horses: This is an individual animal test. Use the same method as for cattle except turn the sample bag inside out and take three grabbed samples in a triangle from the dung and pull the bag through back on itself.
4. Expel all of the air out of the bag and seal. **This is very important.**
5. If testing different classes of stock take a separate sample for each class. Also, if testing large mobs allow for two or more samples to get a more accurate count.
6. Place all samples into the plastic container provided and place into the courier bag provided.
7. Fill out the submission form and place in the courier bag.
8. If unable to send that day place the samples in the fridge, not the freezer, and send the next day.
9. PLEASE DO NOT SEND SAMPLES ON A FRIDAY!! This will mean the samples will be left in the courier base for the weekend which will compromise the results.
10. **Do not leave samples in the sun or a high temperature area.**