

How to collect faecal samples for testing

BULK TESTING

1. Collect 10-20 individual faecal samples directly from freshly yarded animals (eg have been in yards < 4hrs). Select animals randomly. Collect ~5g/hd
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2. Push animals into the corner of the paddock and hold them there for 5-10min.
 3. After 5-10min, allow animals to wander off
 - a. Collect 10-20 samples off the ground. If you can collect 30 samples, this will encompass a larger cross section of the mob/herd
 - i. Samples must be fresh. Fresh samples will be warm
 - ii. Collect an even amount of faeces from each dung patch ~5g/dung patch
 4. Combine all the samples collected into a plastic zip-lock sandwich bag to make one BULK sample
 - a. Use 1 zip-lock bag per mob or per paddock

INDIVIDUAL TESTING

5. Run freshly yarded animals into a race and collect approx. 5g (1 teaspoon full) of faeces per animal
6. Place sample into an individual collecting container (eg plastic zip-lock bag or individual collection tray (these can be provided by Dynamic AG on request))
7. Label each sample with the animal's ear tag or reference number
8. Label the bag or tray with:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Date
 - c. Mob ID
9. If using a zip-lock bag, ensure you squeeze as much air out of the bag as possible.
10. Refrigerate sample as soon as possible
11. Avoid collecting samples:
 - a. On Friday afternoon (unless they will be counted on weekend)
 - b. In hot weather (eggs can hatch quickly). Preferably collect in the morning or have an esky on hand to cool samples down once collected in the paddock
 - c. from visually weak or sick animals
12. Deliver or express post samples to:

Glenys Downes C/- Dynamic Ag
260 Mt Baimbridge Rd
Hamilton, VIC 3300
13. Ensure you have included your lab submission form
14. If express posting, post earlier in the week (ie Mon/Tue) to ensure samples do not sit at the post office over the weekend
 - a. **Wrap sample bag in newspaper to reduce smell and help keep the sample cool**
15. Price for WECs – REFER TO PRICE LIST ON THE FRONT OF THIS FORM
16. Results are sent via email or text message. Select the relevant option when completing your submission form

If unsure, please give Steve or Glenys a call on the above numbers