



CROWSHALL VETERINARY SERVICES

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Lion Code Sampling Procedure- Cage units

Post cleaning and prior to a new flock going into the house:

1 gauze swab from each of the following 9 areas per house detailed below:

- Floor surfaces (including cracked areas)
- Walls (including cracked areas)
- High Beams/ledges and pipe-work
- Fans and Fan housing
- Manure belts/droppings boards, scratching areas
- In house open feed hoppers/feeders
- Drinkers/nipple spillage troughs/cups
- Nest Boxes/Cage Interiors
- Egg Delivery belts/Elevators

- **PLUS** all available rodent faeces, up to 25g, from surfaces in house, or in service area if none available in house (1 composite). If none available, producer to sign declaration and take gauze swab from areas around bait boxes.

- 1) Put on gloves
- 2) Moisten swabs using clean mains tap water
- 3) Swab each of the above areas covering an area of at least 100cm² per swab- about ¼ a sheet of A4 paper.
- 4) Place all 9/10 gauze swabs into one bag.
- 5) If rodent faeces present collect up to 25g and place in whirlpak bag.
- 6) Seal bag, label with house number– fill in paper work and forward to Crowshall Veterinary Services on day of sampling.

Every 15 weeks- ALL FLOCKS on site/holding (commencing at 22-26 weeks of age)-

Cage

2 x 150g faeces (pooled for culture) from end of belts, scrapers and pits from house

- 1) Wearing gloves collect 2 x 150g of naturally pooled faeces from all belts or scrapers in the house after running the manure removal system; however in the case of step cage houses without scrapers or belts- 2x 150g of mixed faeces must be collected from 60 different places beneath the cages in the dropping pits.
- 2) Place the faeces in a sealed bag label with house number.
- 3) Fill in Salmonella submission form.
- 4) Forward to Crowshall Veterinary Services on day of sampling.