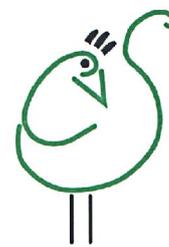


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Lion Code Sampling Procedure- Rearing Units

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

1 gauze swab from each of the following 6 areas per house detailed below:

- Floor surfaces (including cracked areas) or manure belt/droppings boards in cage houses
 - Walls (including cracked areas)
 - High Beams/ledges and pipe-work
 - Fans and Fan housing
 - In house open feed hoppers/feeders
 - Drinkers/nipple spillage troughs/cups
- **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 6/7 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.

Day Old Hatcher Tray Liners + Dead On Arrivals

- 1) A maximum of 10 hatcher tray liners (minimum A5 size) to be sampled in the hatchery and forwarded in sealed plastic bag with chick delivery vehicle to rearing site.
- 2) Once these have arrived fill in a Crowshall Veterinary Services Salmonella submission form and forward on the day of sampling.
- 3) Any dead on arrival chicks or culls should be collected into a sealed bag (maximum 60) and forward to Crowshall Veterinary Services with the relevant paperwork on the day of delivery.

2-3 weeks Prior to Transfer (approx 14 weeks)

Bootswabs in the case of litter systems

2 pairs of bootswabs per house (pooled)

- 1) Ensure that boots do not come into contact with disinfectant- ie have dedicated boots for sampling or place plastic overboots on boots before using bootswabs
- 2) Premoisten 2 pairs of bootswabs using mains tap water.
- 3) Place bootswabs on top of overboots/boots.
- 4) Walk the whole area of the house including slats and litter areas – approx 100 paces per pair of bootswabs.
- 5) Place both pairs in the bag provided- label with house number.
- 6) Fill in Salmonella submission form.
- 7) Forward to Crowshall Veterinary Services on day of sampling.

Composite Faeces in the case of Cage Systems

1 x 60g faeces from end of belts and scrapers from house

- 1) Wearing gloves collect 1 x 60 g of naturally pooled faeces from all belts or scrapers in the house after running the manure removal system.
- 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.

Dust- Litter and Cage systems

50 g dust sufficient to fill enclosed pot with compressed dust, collected from at least 10 locations in EACH HOUSE on site/holding before dusting/sweeping

- 1) Open pot provided and collect 50 g of dust from at least 10 locations within each house. This should be compressed in order to ensure 50g have been provided.
- 2) Ensure that the pot is sealed and labelled with house number.
- 3) Fill in Salmonella submission form.
- 4) Forward to Crowshall Veterinary Services on the day of sample collection.