

CROWSHALL VETERINARY SERVICES

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Salmonella Sampling Procedures

Day Old Chick Box Liners + Dead On Arrivals

- A maximum of 10 chick box liners (minimum A5 size) for every 500 chicks delivered.
 Place in a sealed plastic bag.
- 2) Once these have been collected fill in a Crowshall Veterinary Services Salmonella submission form and forward on the day of sampling.
- 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.

Two weeks before Transfer

Bootswabs

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 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.

OR

Composite Faeces

60g faeces (composite of 60 x 1g samples)

- 1) Wearing gloves collect 60 x 1 g of naturally pooled faeces
- 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.

Flocks in Lay - every 15 weeks in lay commencing at 22-26 weeks of age

Caged Flocks

2 x 150g faeces

- 1) Place gloves on.
- 2) Collect faeces from all belts and scrapers in the house after running the manure belt system.
- 3) In the case of step cage houses without scraper or belts, 2 x 150g of mixed fresh faeces must be collected from sixty different places, beneath the cages and the droppings pits.
- 4) Place in a sealed bag- label with house number.
- 5) Fill in Salmonella Submission form and forward to Crowshall Veterinary Services on the day of sampling.

Barn or Free Range Houses

Bootswabs

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 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.