



# Stock Watch

## Worm Egg count Sample Collection Methods

All samples must be fresh and kept cool prior to posting. Expel as much air as possible from bags as this will slow the rate at which the eggs will “Hatch” and will give a true result.

*Note: Try to avoid sampling and posting on a Friday to avoid weekend postal delays.*

**Further questions call us: 0488 089 676**

### **Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Deer, Pigs**

Hold mob in a corner, and allow to defecate, allow stock to drift off quietly. Another good way is to collect samples when moving /droving a mob. Just ensure you are collecting fresh samples trying to avoid dirt and other debris.

**Standard Test :** (Mob average) Select randomly with a small but equal amount from each deposit. Take a range of sample types ie runny, pellets, firm, whatever is fresh, ensure you get a representative sample of the mob. Aim for 15 to 20 pellets . ***Place the combined mob sample into the larger bag seal removing as much air as possible and write description on bag label, we don't require huge volumes so don't fill the bag!! Send back unused smaller bags or find use for them at home!!***

### **Premium Test Sample Collection Procedure: (if range is required)**

Collect 10 small samples (one or two pellets or around one teaspoon) from different deposits/animals. Place into 10 (small) separate bags provided; Next place those bags into larger bag, seal, and write mob description on Label. Please remember to seal all the bags, pack carefully and mark, “P” for Premium test required on the request form.

### **Cattle:**

Using spoon provided, take 1 scoop from each fresh pat. The same volume is required so scrape off excess to ensure level spoon! Do this for at least 10 animals, exclude as much air as possible. You can use Standard test as per above or premium depending on your requirements .

### **Horses:**

**Individual:** Collect fresh manure from the paddock or stable. Ensure it came from the horse you wish to test! Using gloved hand take a pinch (three finger pinch 10 g minimum) from different locations in the manure . If soft, use the spoon provided.

**Mob:** If firm, use pinch method as above. Aim to keep sample size from each animal the same, ie using gloved hand take a pinch (three finger pinch 10 g minimum) from different locations in a manure pile. If Soft- use the spoon provided.

Get samples from as many of the horses in the mob as possible.

***Don't have a Test Kit but need to get some samples tested in a hurry don't despair....Its easy!. Simply seal samples into small plastic bags and post in a post pack using our reply paid service.***

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