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Beef 2007-08 Fecal Sample Collection Record

Complete the information in the table below:

State FIPS: 2 digits	Operation #: 4 digits	Collector: Initials	Date: (mm/dd/yy)	Kit # on label:
Cow herd size:		Number of samples collected:		x to x cows – 30 samples x to x cows – 35 x to x cows - 40
Total time for everyone involved to take the samples (hours):			Total travel time for everyone (hours):	
How many Fed VMOs: _____	How many State gov't: _____		How many other people & specify:	
How many Fed AHTs: _____	How many Producers or employees: _____			

Instructions

Collect samples Sunday through Wednesday in designated week and ship within 24 hours of collection.

Samples are from **FRESH** fecal pats made by cows. DO NOT sample replacement heifers.

Number of samples to collect is based on cow herd size:

Fewer than XX cows, collect up to 30 samples (i.e., if 23 cows, collect 23 samples)

XX cows to XX cows, collect 35 samples

XX cows to XX cows, collect 40 samples

1. Freeze the ice packs at least 24 hours before collection.
2. Use a new tongue depressor for each sample.
3. Take samples from throughout the area where cows or cow/calf pairs spend most of the day.
4. For each sample, collect a golf-ball size sample from a **FRESH** fecal pat. Place each sample in a separate whirlpak bag, express air, twist down twice, and clean off.
5. Write the Farm ID and Kit Number on a bag.
6. Keep samples cool and, if necessary, replace ice packs so samples are shipped with frozen ice packs. **DO NOT** freeze samples. Place the **YELLOW** copy of the submission form in the shipping box. Send the original to your Coordinator.

Be sure to complete the information at the top of the page.

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