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Sheep 2011 Fecal Pathogen Collection Record

National Animal Health
Monitoring System

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Complete the information in the table below:

State FIPS:	Operation #:	Collector:	Date:	Kit # on labels:
2 digits	4 digits	Initials	(mm/dd/yy)	
Flock size:		Number of samples collected:		1 to 40 sheep – up to 30 samples 41 to 100 sheep – 35 101 or sheep – 40
Total time for everyone involved to take the samples (in hours):			Total travel time for everyone (in hours):	
How many Fed VMOs: _____		How many State gov't employees: _____		How many other people (and specify position): _____
How many Fed AHTs: _____		How many Producers or employees: _____		

Instructions

Freeze ice packs thoroughly before collection. Collect samples Sunday through Tuesday in **designated week**, cool down quickly using ice packs, and ship within 24 hours of collection. Avoid Wednesday and Thursday collections whenever possible and ship on the same day if necessary.

Pick up **FRESH** sheep fecal pellets.

Number of samples to collect is based on sheep flock size:

1 to 40 sheep, collect up to 30 samples

e.g., if 23 sheep, collect 23 samples; if 38 sheep, collect 30 random samples

41 to 100 sheep, collect 35 random samples

101 sheep or more, collect 40 random samples

1. **Take** samples from throughout the area where sheep spend most of the day.
2. For each sample, invert whirlpak bag, pick up about 6 FRESH fecal pellets, and revert bag.
3. **Place** each sample in a separate whirlpak bag, remove air, twist down twice, and clean off. The laboratory THANKS YOU in advance for submitting clean bags.
4. **Label** the bags with State and Operation numbers using the supplied labels. Do not use label to secure the bag closed.
5. **Cool down** samples immediately and keep cool using ice packs. If necessary, replace ice packs so samples are shipped with frozen ice packs. **DO NOT** freeze samples.
6. **Complete** all wanted information at the top of this page and place the YELLOW copy between Styrofoam lid and outside box flap. Send the original to NAHMS and keep the pink copy or send to your Coordinator.

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