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Thank you for participating in the NAHMS Sheep 2011 Study and for taking the time to sample your sheep herd. Please be sure to review all of the materials received and follow collection and shipping instructions carefully.

If you have sore mouth on your farm, it is possible that more than one animal will be affected. If multiple animals have signs of sore mouth, please collect specimens (scabs) from at least one, but no more than 5 animals. In order to match test results to individual animals, you will need to write the sheep's name or ID on the tube.

Please keep this kit to use when scabs develop between now and May 25, 2011.

Specimens should be put in the mail no later than one week after you have collected them. Please arrange to have the containers mailed on Monday – Thursday to ensure arrival by Friday.

The last day to ship specimens is May 25, 2011.

Items needed for collecting sore mouth specimens:



Disposable gloves, 2.0 mL microcentrifuge tubes, FedEx UN3373 Staker (already placed on white card) and cardboard box

If you have any questions or are missing any supplies, please contact Judy Rodriguez with the NAHMS Staff. Her direct phone number is (970) 494-7255 or email judith.m.rodriguez@aphis.usda.gov.

Specimen collection directions:

1. Scab material should be collected from five or fewer individual sheep.
2. Scabs can be collected over a one week period of time, but the samples should be mailed within 7 days of when the first sample was taken.
3. Examine the contents of the submission form to determine what information will be needed for each animal.
4. Use a clean pair of gloves when collecting specimen material from each animal*.
5. Need fresh scab - Gently remove fresh scab material from the animal's muzzle or teats
6. Put the scab from one sheep into a microcentrifuge tube.
7. Label the tube with your sheep's ID number or name (and list on the submission form).
8. Repeat steps 4 - 8 for each additional animal.
9. Complete the submission form.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number. NAHMS-252 Oct 2010

* While wearing the gloves, they can be disinfected with a 10% bleach solution between sampling of each animal. Once gloves have been taken off they should not be reused.

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Submission Form Directions:

Enter the date the first scab was collected and answer the questions below regarding the herd and each animal sampled.

1. How many sheep (including lambs) are on your operation today?..... _____
2. What percent of your flock do you think has sore mouth? _____
3. For each animal sampled, please answer the following:

Specimen	Sheep ID	Age of animal (in years)	Breed code (from list below)	Location of scab (✓ one)
Example	A1234	2.5	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Teat <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify
1				<input type="checkbox"/> Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Teat <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify
2				<input type="checkbox"/> Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Teat <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify
3				<input type="checkbox"/> Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Teat <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify
4				<input type="checkbox"/> Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Teat <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify
5				<input type="checkbox"/> Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Teat <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify

Breed codes :

To be determined

Packaging Directions:

1. Wrap the labeled sample tubes in the bubble wrap and absorbent sheet from the white cylinder.
2. Place the wrapped samples into cylinder and close.
3. Place the cylinder into the white cardboard box and seal closed.
4. On the FedEx airbill shipping label, fill out the "From" section.
5. Adhere the airbill shipping label to the FedEx UN3373 Pak overwrap at the lower right quadrant where it says to Align Peel & Stick Airbill here.
6. Place the white cardboard box and the YELLOW copy of the completed submission form inside the UN3373 overwrap.
7. Close and seal the overwrap.



Shipping Directions:

1. Specimens should be shipped priority overnight via FedEx; costs will be billed to the CDC.
2. Contact FedEx at www.fedex.com or 1-800-463-3339 to determine local drop-off and hours of operation for a location accepting priority overnight packages.
3. **Mail the original copy of the submission form to the NAHMS staff using the supplied envelope.** Keep the pink copy for your records.