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# Beef 2007-08 Fecal Bacteria Collection Record

National Animal Health  
Monitoring System

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**Complete the information in the table below:**

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

## 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.

Sample **FRESH** fecal pats made by **COWS**. **DO NOT** sample pats from replacement heifers, stockers, or unweaned calves. If animals are commingled, you need to assure correct animal type is sampled.

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

**1 to 40 cows, collect up to 30 samples**

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

**41 to 100 cows, collect 35 random samples**

**101 cows or more, collect 40 random samples**

1. **Take** samples from throughout the area where cows spend most of the day.
2. For each sample, **use** a clean tongue depressor and collect a golf-ball size sample from a FRESH fecal pat. (Or invert whirlpak, pick up sample, and revert.)
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 your Coordinator.



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