



Sampling & Shipping Guidelines

Sample Volumes

- Johne's Fecal: 3 grams
- Johne's Bulk Tank Milk: 50 ML
- A1/A2 or BVD Tissue: Ear Notch
- All other test types: 4 mL

Sample Storage

- Milk: fresh, frozen, or preserved
- Feces: fresh only, do not freeze
- Tissue: fresh or frozen
- Blood: fresh only, do not freeze

Packaging

- Place sample containers in cardboard box. If sending ice packs, use Styrofoam cooler box.
- Pack absorbent material (such as paper towel) around samples to soak up the contents in the event of leakage.
- Place frozen ice packs over samples for proper cooling during shipping. (Only necessary in warm weather)
- Include Sample Submission Form(s). Place inside container in a plastic bag to avoid damage from any leakage or condensation.
- Seal shipping container with packaging tape.

Shipping

- Ship samples Monday – Wednesday to avoid weekend deliveries.
- US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx are acceptable carriers.
- Samples should arrive to the laboratory within 2 days whenever possible to avoid degradation.
- When using shipping arranged by CentralStar
 - United States Postal Service (USPS) – if size appropriate, the box can be put in your mailbox. If the box is too large, contact your postal carrier or take to your local post office.
 - UPS – Contact UPS directly for a pickup or take to your local UPS drop off location.
- When shipping from Canada, please include the U.S. Department of Agriculture import permit with shipping documents.

Ship Samples to

- CentralStar Michigan Lab, 1163 Comet Lane, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Phone: 517.333.8381
- CentralStar Wisconsin Lab, 200 East Kelso Road, Kaukauna, WI 54130. Phone: 920.733.6598