



Swans Veterinary Services: Bulk Milk Tank sampling, storage and transportation

Thank you for choosing to work with Swans Veterinary Services. Please read the following instructions before taking a BMT sample to provide us with a quality representative sample ensuring accurate results. If you wish to have a PCR screen test conducted on your milk sample, please follow the instructions carefully outlined in Section 1, 2 and 3.

Section 1. Sampling Procedure for Bulk Milk Antibody Testing

1. Collect samples directly from the bulk tank using a sterile, clean and dry container. Ensure that sample is taken from well-mixed milk.
2. Label the container appropriately and make sure the lid is secured and won't leak.
3. Fill out the Swans Vet Bulk Milk submission sheet completely for the relevant sample.
4. **Do not leave sample in a warm place, in direct sunlight, or in a place where the sample may be damaged/compromised.**
5. After sampling, **freeze the container and its contents until ready to transport.**

Section 2. Sampling Procedure for Bulk Milk PCR Testing

- A. From the original Antibody sample, carefully transfer enough mixed milk into a clean, sterile vial to fill $\frac{3}{4}$ of its volume.
- B. Carefully reseal the vial and label it appropriately.
- C. **FREEZE THE PCR SAMPLE and ship to Swans Veterinary Services.**

Section 3. Transporting Milk Samples

Send milk samples to:

**Swans Veterinary Services
BVDV Laboratory
Lot 83 Sheldon Road
Esperance WA 6450**

Samples should be shipped in a **small esky with frozen ice bricks**. Ideally, the sample(s) will be well protected within the satchel, in a small cardboard box, or in bubble wrap. The submission paperwork for the samples should also be included in a separate bag to ensure it stays dry.

Please use only AAE (Australian Air Express) and mark 'PLEASE KEEP FROZEN' to ensure your sample arrives in good condition.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, or visit our website for more information at:

www.swansvet.com

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Bulk Milk Tank Submission Form

Please fill out this form completely for submission of Bulk Milk samples for Antibody and/or PCR analysis.

Tick the box(es) applicable for the tests you would like to have done on your Bulk Milk Sample.

Bulk Milk Tank Antibody Test <input type="checkbox"/>	PCR BVDV PI Screening Test <input type="checkbox"/>
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Veterinary Clinic:	Collection date:
Veterinarian:	
Address:	Send results to:
Veterinarian Phone:	Clinic email <input type="checkbox"/>
Veterinarian Fax:	Clinic fax <input type="checkbox"/>
Veterinarian Email:	Client email <input type="checkbox"/>
Client:	Client fax <input type="checkbox"/>
Client Address:	Send invoice to:
Client Phone:	Clinic email <input type="checkbox"/>
Client Fax:	Clinic fax <input type="checkbox"/>
Client Email:	Cows vaccinated with Pestigard?
Dairy name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
No.of cows in sample:	Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
Somatic Cell Count:	
Rolling SCC:	
Other information:	

If you have any questions please direct them to the BVDV Laboratory at Swans Veterinary Services, or visit our website for more information at: www.swansvet.com

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