

The following are instructions for sending fecal samples to be tested for parasites. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LABEL EACH BAG WITH BOTH A NUMBER AND THE ANIMAL'S NAME. Example: If you are sending in three samples for Spot, Snowball, and Roadrunner, you might label the bags Spot #1, Snowball #2, and Roadrunner #3. Then fill in Spot in the number 1 spot and write his name as Spot 1. Snowball goes on line 2 as Snowball 2. And so on and so forth. If you are sending over 9 samples, you will have numbers above 9 and will have to clearly mark this on the forms.

1) Collect 1-2 fresh fecal balls or about 1/8 – 1/4 cup of fresh, clean feces from each animal. You may store the samples chilled for as much as 48 hrs, the fresher the better, and DO NOT FREEZE. Put each sample in a clean Ziploc bag labeled with your name, the animal's name, and the number you assigned. Collect a sufficient number of samples to profile herd (5-10% of each production class), i.e. take samples from adult cows, yearling cattle, replacement heifers, calves and bulls. For dairies, take samples from different stages of lactation. For swine, take multiple samples from various age groups or pens. For horses take individual samples.

2) Pack several samples into larger Ziploc bags such that every fecal sample is encased in at least TWO bags to avoid leakage.

3) Fill out a copy of one of the species-appropriate forms such that each animal has a space on the form (you may need to copy the form).

4) **Submit PAYMENT** - Please include a check made payable to MidAmerica Ag Research for the total cost of testing in your package. We are unable to process without payment and samples are time sensitive. Enclosing a check is the only way to ensure accuracy and timeliness. Enclose the check AND submission form inside another Ziploc bag (in case of leaks!!) **The cost is set at \$7/sample.**

5) Please ship package next day, second day or priority mail on MONDAY, TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY to ensure prompt delivery. Keep your tracking number in the event we need to locate your box. The following address should be used for submissions:

**Dr. Donald H. Bliss  
MidAmerica Ag Research  
3705 Sequoia Trail  
Verona, WI 53593**

6) Flat-rate Priority postal envelopes or boxes work well, an ice pack (freezing water inside an old plastic water/soda bottle can work), and some insulating material or your own insulated box. We should have results in a few days, depending on how busy Dr. Bliss is at the time.