



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FECAL SAMPLING AND STORAGE *

- Collect 2-3 fecal balls from different locations in one manure pile, not all 3 side by side.
- Samples should be stored in airtight and leak-proof containers or plastic bags.
- Collected manure should be as fresh as possible. Samples less than 12 hours old are acceptable, but should be refrigerated immediately after collection
- Samples should preferably be tested within 7 days of collection, although there are indications that eggs can remain intact for longer if adequately refrigerated
- Fecal samples that are or have been frozen are not acceptable, as this will damage the eggs and decrease the recovery rate.
- Diarrhea samples are not acceptable for FEC (fecal egg counts)

**These are from the 2013 AAEP parasite control guidelines with a few alterations*