

All dairies testing need a *FEDERAL PIN*: by requesting one at this resource account RA-PREMISE-ID@pa.gov or directly to Camryn (cammcclure@pa.gov)

One representative herd milk sample (bulk tank or in-line sample) is collected for each bulk tank emptying over a 24-hour period, or a single collection cycle—whichever is longer. More than one herd sample may be needed if there are multiple bulk tanks.

- *Required sample volume: 10-12 mL in a sterile tube. Snap top tubes should not be used as these leak during transit. Screw-top tubes are preferred. Label with a provided Premise ID sticker and write the sample identity (e.g., “Bulk Tank 1”)*
- *The bulk tank must be agitated for at least 10 minutes prior to sample collection.*
- *Use a sterile device to obtain milk from the bulk tank. An image of a simple sample collection device which can be made at most veterinary clinics is included. The device is a 50 mL conical tube with a string attached that is autoclaved.*
- *Always collect the sample from the top of the bulk tank and never from the outlet as milk collected from the outlet may be contaminated.*

Sample labeling and Submission

Bill To: Mark *Other* and write in **‘Surveillance Testing’**.

Purpose of Testing: Mark *Other* and write in **‘HPAI BTM Monitoring’**

Veterinarian/Submitter: Submitter info

Owner: Owner info, please provide your federally issued Prem ID

Animal Information: Mark “Bovine”

Test(s) Requested: Write **“Influenza A – PCR”**

Animal Identification: Write the identify your sample(s). This must match the sample label(s). For individual milk samples, this must include official animal identification.

Specimen Information:

-Collection date: Write in the date that your specimen was collected.

-Specimen Type: Mark ‘Milk’ and circle the type (Bulk tank or composite).

Delivery to a PADLS Lab:

Samples may be delivered to any PADLS site or shipped overnight on ice. Pre-paid shipping labels can be provided upon enrollment.

- Additional shipping labeling and shipping instructions can be found at padls.agriculture.pa.gov/InnerPages/Shipping.html
- Submission form should be in a sealed plastic bag inside the box.
- Additional supplies (Premise ID labels, submission forms, and conical tubes) can be obtained through a request to any laboratory.

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