



Parasite Diagnostic Services

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Lab Use Only

Accession No.:

Date Received:

Initials:

- Express
 Postage Paid
 In Person

Parasite Test Submission - Sheep – Cattle – Goats - Alpacas

Name of Account or Business/Individual Paying:

Optional - Name of client or farm being tested (only if different to above):

Address and Contact Details

Street:

Town:

Phone:

State:

Postcode:

Email (print clearly):

How do you wish to receive results? Email (preferred) Other (only if no email)

List any other email addresses that should be sent results:

Sample Details - If you have more than 5 samples, use a copy of this page and alter the column numbers

Species of animal(s): Sheep Cattle Goat Alpaca Other:

Date of collection: day / month / year

Sample #	1	2	3	4	5
ID of Animal / Group:					
Age/Class:					
% Scouring:					
% Dying:					
Date Last Drenched:					
Drench used:					
Lambing date (ewes):					
Other information?					

Testing Required – See overpage for a brief explanation

WORM EGG COUNT: BULK count of each group INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE count NONE

If no options are checked, we will perform bulk tests.

LARVAL CULTURE: NO YES, if count is above _____ * eggs per gram of faeces (*if blank, we'll use 200 epg)

Larval culture results take approx. 8-10 days from the date of processing.

FLUKE CHECK: NO REGULAR EXPORT Which samples? _____

Fluke results are positive or negative. Contact us prior to sending if you require enumerated counts.

Sample Collection and Mailing Instructions - See overpage

Payment: Please fill out the form overpage

Credit Card Direct Deposit Cash Cheque Invoice me*

Test Kit Orders

Please send me more sample test submission kits. No. required: _____

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Payment Form

Prices are available on our website: <https://www.parasite.com.au>.

It is cheaper to send payment at the time of your submission.

Amount Paid or Authorised: \$ _____ Date: day / month / year

Payment Method:

Cash

Cheque *Make payable to Parasite Diagnostic Services.*

Direct Deposit/ EFT **Pay to: National Australia Bank**
Branch: **083 253** Account number: **85376 7430**
Receipt #: _____ (or include a copy of the receipt)

Credit Card VISA MASTERCARD
Name on Card: _____
Number: _____
Expiry date: ____ / ____ CCV: _____

Send me an invoice *Invoices incur higher rates if you do not have an account.

Collection & Mailing of Samples

Faeces: Place at least one tablespoonful of **fresh** faeces per animal in individual small bag or tubes. Include an extra 20 g faeces total per group if you may need a larval culture test. **If using tubes with caps do not fill to the top, or they will leak.**

For bulk tests: Collect ~10 samples per group. We will combine them before testing, or you can pool them before sending.

Larval cultures: Larval culture results take approximately 8-10 days. If you do not also request a worm egg count, you should provide us with your own egg count results.

Mailing: Seal all bags carefully, preferably pack into a second sealed bag, and place in mailing satchel. Include the completed submission form(s) but take care to ensure they cannot be damaged by leaking faeces or moisture. Postage costs will be minimised if all samples are sent in one parcel, but you can also tape satchels securely together, leaving one address visible, to ensure all samples arrive together. **Consider including an ice brick** if the weather is hot, especially with regular mail.

Express Post samples are priority processed. If you elect to use this service, simply place your samples inside an Express Post satchel. Retain the tracking number sticker so you can trace your samples in transit.

Frequently Asked Questions

Should I request a bulk test, or individual counts?

A **bulk test** is cheaper and will give you a good idea of the overall parasite load for your mob. **Individual counts** give greater detail about the distribution of parasites in a mob (whether some animals are more infected than others) and are also recommended in situations where each animal is individually important or kept separately.

When is a larval culture test useful?

A larval culture test can tell you the types (genus or species) of Strongyle worms present in your sample, while a standard worm egg count can tell you if Strongyle worms are present, but not the species/genus. A larval culture can be useful if (i) it helps you decide which drench to use on your animals, (ii) if you've already treated them but the drench has not performed as expected, or (iii) if you're conducting drench resistance testing.

When should I re-test?

If your counts are high, you should re-test your animals approximately 10-14 days after treatment.

If your worm egg counts are low, you should consider re-testing in approximately 6-8 weeks, or sooner after seasonal changes (especially increased rainfall) or times of increased animal stress. If you're concerned that worms may be increasing, then re-test sooner, after approximately 4 weeks.