

FIVE STEPS TO WORM EGG COUNT (WEC) (+/- FLUKE) TESTING

1. COLLECTION

Push mob into corner of the paddock, and hold for at least 5 mins. (No need to yard mob)

Avoid

- Hot weather. Collect samples early AM
- Very weak or ill sheep
- Sheep yarded more than 4 - 6 hrs
- Mixing different ages
i.e. lambs/ weaners/adults

DO NOT MIX EWE & LAMB SAMPLES

- A) Collect 20 + **WARM** fresh samples from the ground (*you can assess the warmth by squeezing the sample by hand even with plastic glove on*)
- B) Ensure each sample is an equal amount (around 5 grams of faeces) from each of the 20+ samples and place them all into one Zip lock plastic bag per mob with ~100 grams total per mob.

There are 5 zip lock bags provided in this kit.

Notes: 5 gms of faeces in volume measurement is:

Dry Pelleted Faeces	5 pellets (Adults)
	7 pellets (lambs)
Moist Faeces	1 level teaspoon

- C) **Squeeze plastic bag** so all samples are compressed into a single ball
- D) Before sealing the Zip lock plastic bag, roll plastic bag so that **all air in bag is excluded**

Note: No need to refrigerate if the faecal sample is in an airtight container with most of the air excluded within 30 minutes of collection.

E) Label each zip lock bag with:

- Owner name
- Date
- Mob identification
- Fluke Test (Yes/No)

F) Place bags in hard plastic container (provided) for posting

G) Fill out Lab submission form (provided in the kit), (*without this information it is difficult to give advice or recommendations*)

2. DELIVERY

Deliver or post with completed lab submission form to:

60 Portland Rd Hamilton VIC 3300

- If posting use Express Post or reply paid bags provided
- Place bags in plastic box to avoid transit spillage
- Avoid posting Friday as delay over weekend can affect sample. Allow 2 days for delivery to our lab.

3. PROMPT RESULTS

Results emailed or faxed within 24 hrs of arrival
Posted samples arrive next morning

Those mobs that require urgent results mark accordingly so they get priority. Preferably ring us so we make arrangements to ensure no hold-ups

4. FREE VET PHONE CONSULTATION

Available with each WEC to discuss your results

A WEC is only as good as the interpretation and advice that goes with it.

5. COST

At Livestock Logic, a bulk sample test is \$28.05 as of January 2013.