



Wyoming Livestock Board

"To represent and serve Wyoming's livestock industry through protecting livestock health and verifying livestock ownership."

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HPAI Testing Recommendations for Exhibition Lactating Dairy Cattle

Due to the recent detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in lactating dairy cattle, the Wyoming Livestock Board is recommending that lactating dairy cattle be tested for HPAI prior to movement to shows and fairs within the state. **Please note that lactating dairy cattle with clinical signs should not be moved intrastate or interstate.** Cattle moving between states should be tested per the USDA [federal order](#).

Guidelines for HPAI Testing for Exhibition Lactating Dairy Cattle

1. *What cattle should be tested?*

- **Lactating dairy cattle moving within the state for exhibition purposes (shows, fairs, etc.).**
- The USDA defines lactating dairy cattle as "cattle of a breed raised for the primary purpose of milk production" and "in one of the lactation phases of their production cycle."
- If there are questions about the definition of a lactating dairy cow, please contact the Wyoming Livestock Board at (307) 777-7515.

2. *Who can collect the sample?*

- **A licensed veterinarian or a state or federal animal health official.**
 - Veterinarians must contact the Wyoming Livestock Board at (307) 777-7515 for a premise ID prior to submitting samples to the lab.

3. *When should samples be collected?*

- Animals moving for exhibition should have a **negative test result** from a sample collected **within 7 days of movement.**

4. *What sample should be collected?*

- Milk from **individual** cows
 - **Pool milk from each quarter into one conical tube.**
 - Submit 3-10 ml total per animal.
 - Do **not** pool multiple animals together.
 - It is very important for each quarter to be sampled, as there have been reports of only one quarter having virus present.

5. *Where should samples be submitted?*

- **Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory (WSVL)** in Laramie, WY (the approved NAHLN lab in Wyoming).

6. *What happens if my cow tests positive?*

- If any cattle have positive results, the cow should not travel and the owner and the veterinarian will be contacted by a state animal health official.

Please contact the Wyoming Livestock Board at (307) 777-7515 or lsbforms-applications@wyo.gov with any questions or concerns.

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