

DIRECTORATE: VETERINARY SERVICES

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HYGIENE MONITORING SECTION

Services rendered by the section

1. Hygiene

- Water Potability (Total Plate Count, Coliforms and E. coli)
- ➤ Milk and milk products (Total Plate Count, Coliforms and *E. coli*)
- ➤ Meat hygiene (Total Plate Count, Salmonella, Coliforms and E. coli)
- Hygiene monitoring i.e. contact and exposure plates (Total Plate Count)
- Surface Swabs (Total Plate Count, Salmonella, Coliforms and E. coli)
- ➤ Hand Swabs (Total Plate Count, Salmonella, S. aureus, Coliforms and E. coli)
- Feed, Food and Food Products (Total Plate Count, Salmonella, Coliforms and E. coli)

2. Salmonella enteriditis (SE)

The following samples can be tested for SE in the Hygiene Monitoring Section:

Meconium, fluff, dead-in-shell, pre-incubated eggs, litter, nest box inserts, drag swabs, feed and dust.

Collection and sending of samples

- > All samples submitted must be clearly identified using a permanent marker.
- Samples in transit must be placed in a cooler box with ice packs.
- Water samples to be tested should reach the laboratory within 24 hours after collection.
- ➤ The laboratory's <u>current submission form</u> must be comprehensively completed and submitted with samples.

Test Fees

Please refer to the current test and fees list or contact the laboratory for fees on tests requested.



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