



Daily Laboratories

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IDPH TESTING FOR RAW MILK PERMIT

Illinois State regulations for selling raw milk from the farm require four (4) raw milk samples tested in a twenty-one (21) day period, no more than two (2) in one week. Once the certificate is received, testing is done on a monthly basis.

The testing required are total bacterial count, total coliform count, somatic cell count and antibiotic residue test. Those tests can be done from one sample.

Samples should be collected in a sterile container. The common flip-top vials/containers or whirl-pak bags work well. If the flip-top containers are used, please tape them shut. If the whirl-pak bags are used, be sure to spin the bag around the wire so it is a tight seal. Fold the wires in on themselves.

You will send two (2) samples each time for testing. One sample is the temperature control. The other is the testing sample. Record on the container or on a separate paper, the date/time collected, the temperature at collection and the initials/name of the collector. The information can also be emailed to the laboratory ahead of time. That assists if the writing smears or the paper gets wet. Some shippers have put the paper into another flip-top container.

The samples must be received by the laboratory within 48 hours of collection.

Cleanliness while collecting is of the utmost importance. You do not want to contaminate the samples during collection as that will cause high counts. Residual cleaners that get into the sample will show up as an inhibitor/antibiotic residue.

The farm water is also tested annually for the permit. That entails total coliform count and total bacterial count. The lab requires at least 110ml. That would be 4 of the flip-top containers.