

Manure sampling instructions:

Please make sure to label the manure sample container, and fill out the submittal form. Solid manure samples can go in a Ziploc freezer bag, liquid samples can go in a clean plastic 20 oz. pop bottle (or a Ziploc freezer bag). If you have any questions, let me know.

Sampling directly from a stack or bedded pack – Take samples from several locations throughout the pile or pack area using a fork, shovel or spade. Thoroughly mix the samples and subsample using a one-gallon plastic bag. *Note that sampling directly from a stack or bedded pack is not the preferred option.*

While loading – Recommended method for sampling from a stack or bedded pack. Take samples while loading several spreader loads and combine to form one composite sample. Thoroughly mix the composite sample and subsample using a one-gallon plastic bag.

Daily haul (or any liquid) – Place a five-gallon pail under the barn cleaner 4-5 times while loading a spreader. Thoroughly mix the composite sample together and subsample using a one-gallon plastic bag or a clean plastic bottle with a screw on lid. For best results, repeat sampling 2-3 times over a period of time and test separately to determine variability.

Do not fill bottles more than 2/3 full of liquid or they will burst when freezing. Freeze the manure sample and ship it early in the week so that they are not stuck in a warehouse somewhere over the weekend.

Sample Submittal Sheet – Fill out the Sample Submittal Sheet as completely as possible. Our account number at A&L is 98164. Label the sample clearly and record the sample label on the sheet. Identify each manure by the Manure Type Code shown in the tables at the bottom of the sheet. Also, indicate the test package desired. Test M4 is usually appropriate unless you want micros or something else.