

Dairy Cattle Testing for Avian Influenza

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Cattle Classes Affected by the Federal Order	
Class of Cattle	Test?
Bull or heifer calves	No
Breeding heifers	No
Dry cows	No
Bulls	No
Lactating cows going to slaughter (direct or thru auction)	No
Lactating cows going to a dairy in another state	Yes
Lactating cows going to a show in another state	Yes



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Sampling Guidelines

- Cows must be tested within 7 days prior to movement.
- If fewer than 30 cattle are moving, all cattle must be tested. If more than 30 are moving, then only 30 animals must be tested.
- Samples must be collected by a licensed veterinarian or an approved sample collector.
- Samples must be from individual cows. DO NOT POOL SAMPLES.
 - All four quarters must be sampled.
 - Submit 3-10 ml per cow.
- Keep samples cool prior to submission. If shipping samples, use insulated containers with an ice pack.
- Send samples to UVDL in Logan (see address top right).
- UVDL can supply sample tubes for \$1.50 per tube plus the cost of shipping. Red top blood tubes are also acceptable.
- USDA will cover the cost of the test, but not the cost of sample collection or shipping.

Lactating cows moving to slaughter must have a health certificate or other documentation acceptable to UDAF and the state of destination.

Positive Herds:

- No movement of lactating cattle for at least 30 days. Cows must have a negative re-test before movement is allowed.
- Farm must provide records of all cattle movements and complete a questionnaire.

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