



Dairy Cattle Testing for Avian Influenza

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Cattle Classes Affected by the Federal Order

| Class of Cattle | Test? |
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| Bull or heifer calves | No |
| Breeding heifers | No |
| Dry cows | No |
| Bulls | No |
| Lactating cows going to slaughter (direct or thru <u>in-state</u> auction) | No |
| Lactating cows going to an <u>out-of-state</u> auction or buying station | Yes |
| 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. An [owner-hauler shipping statement](#) can be filled out by a producer or auction in place of a health certificate for ID and CA (check with UDAF for other states).

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.

For more information on biosecurity and livestock diseases, visit: ag.utah.gov

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