



Guidelines for taking a Hair Sample

It is advisable to use the correct method when taking a silage sample as any analytical result is only as good as the sample taken.

- Two people are required. One to hold the horse and the second to take the sample.
- The sample can be taken with a stainless steel scissors or small horse clipper.
- Thoroughly brush the horse prior to taking the sample. Do not wash. Samples are best taken from the belly hair but if this is not possible mane or tail samples can be taken.
- The larger the sample the more accurate the result. A size of 50 ml (½ the fill of a small cup) plus is recommended.
- Label the sample bag, date, time and horse reference.
- Keep the sample dry.
- The sample should be posted or delivered to the lab as soon as possible.

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