



### **Guidelines for taking a Silage 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.

- Take the sample from deep inside the silage pit using a corer.
- Do not take a sample directly from under the plastic cover.
- For bales, use a corer or take the sample from the centre of a freshly opened bale.
- The sample should be placed immediately in an airtight bag.
- Clearly label the bag.
- Include contact details with the delivered sample.
- Keep the sample cool and out of direct sunlight. Do not freeze.
- The sample should be posted or delivered to the lab as soon as possible. Do not post on a Friday.

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