Herd-Based Diagnostic Program

Veterinary Diagnostic Tests for Dairy Herds

Contact the Wisconsin Farm Center

Requests for veterinary assistance from our Herd-Based Diagnostic Program can be initiated by contacting the Wisconsin Farm Center at

1-800-942-2474 or farmcenter@wisconsin.gov

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
P.O. Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911
datcp.wi.gov
Farmers that have submitted an application for veterinary diagnostic assistance to the Wisconsin Farm Center Herd-Based Diagnostic Program are provided with access to program-designated labs, free of charge. When it is most expedient or effective, samples can be collected and submitted directly by the farmer or their local farm-service professionals. Listed below are the details on how to submit samples to labs and have lab charges paid by the Herd-Based Diagnostic Program.

1. The program will only pay for charges on samples submitted from a farm that we are currently assisting. This means,
   A) the farmer must have submitted an application for assistance to our program,
   B) the tests being requested must apply to the specific concerns that the farmer has asked us to address (as listed on the application), and
   C) our program’s involvement with the herd should be current (this would include concern-specific, targeted, follow-up testing within six months from when the application is received).

2. The samples must be submitted to one of the listed labs.

3. Only laboratory fees are covered by the program. Other fees, such as charges for mailing, collection or processing of the samples, are the responsibility of the farmer. For example, when a whole cow or calf is submitted for a postmortem examination and diagnostic testing, our program does not pay for the transport cost of getting the animal to the lab. However, once the cow is in the door of the diagnostic lab all the laboratory’s charges will be paid by our program.

4. In order for the lab charges to be properly billed to the Herd-Based Diagnostic Program account, the form used to request lab work must have a message written on it to identify which account to charge the work to. Contact information and billing codes are included here.