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LAB ID (do not use)	Your Sample Name	Please Mark Type of Sample	Other Information
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## **PROCEDURE FOR TAKING MANURE/LITTER SAMPLES**

Obtaining a representative manure sample from each storage area is critical to getting accurate test results. Collect multiple samples, mix them together and make a composite sample. Samples collected during application should be composite of sub-samples taken from several loads, or taken at several times or places during application through an irrigation system. Submit at least one pint of the material to the lab for analysis.

### **Manure/Litter:**

- **Taking a representative sample** Obtain samples from at least 10 different places and/or depths to make the composite sample. In the case of poultry litter, sample to the bottom of the litter. If possible, agitate the liquids before collecting the sample.
- **Submitting dry samples** submit one quart of dry manure in a Ziploc bag, squeeze excess air from the bag and seal it. Complete the manure testing sample information form and make sure to write your sample number or ID on the bag and mail it to the lab.
- **Submitting wet samples** submit one pint of liquid manure in a plastic container. Do not fill the container. Make sure to leave at least one third free space and tighten the cap securely. Complete the manure testing sample information form and write your sample number or ID on the container with permanent ink and mail it to the lab.

### **Anaerobic Lagoons:**

- Anaerobic lagoons are not usually agitated before manure removal. The top water, effluent, when sampled from May to November, is fairly uniform in nutrient concentration from the surface to the interface with the sludge layer due to biological mixing. If anaerobic lagoons are pumped from near the surface, a representative lagoon effluent sample can be obtained by taking several surface samples. Avoid samples that contain floating solids.

### **Mailing Instructions:**

- Place sample containers in a box and wrap securely. Unwrapped sample bags are often broken in the mail. Place manure sample information sheet and check or money order in an envelope inside the box of samples.

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