



State of Wisconsin  
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**JOHNE'S DISEASE**

**NOT ALL SUBMISSION FORMS ARE CREATED EQUAL**

To ensure your client will receive proper credit for the Johne's disease classification program, please include the following minimum information on the submission form when submitting samples for official Johne's disease classification. Thank you.

- Complete name and address of owner** (Premises ID if available) **Date samples were collected**
- Complete name, license # and address of veterinarian collecting and submitting samples** **Species**
- Signature of veterinarian collecting and submitting samples** **Johne's Classification** as reason for test.
- Test Requested:** ELISA or fecal culture for cattle. Fecal culture only for Goats **Number of samples submitted**

**Official identification of each animal tested, age if known and sex:** If official identification other than USDA metal eartags are used, indicate type of ID used at top of column, i.e. individual breed registration number or individual breed tattoo. Any type of barn ID such as barn name, bangle tag, or registration name is not acceptable. They can be included on the form in addition to official ID if desired.

**One of the following types of herd test:** If there is not a box for this, please write the information on the form. Remember test eligible animals are: bulls ≥24 mo. of age, cattle ≥36 mo. of age., and goats ≥18 mo. of age.

**Whole herd test:** This means all test eligible animals are sampled on the same day or consecutive days (consecutive means days in a row). If the form has a box for complete herd test of all animals 20 mo or older, cross out 20, write in 36 and check yes. If a box is not on the form, write on the form "complete herd test <sup>36</sup>mo.". Also indicate if testing for consecutive days.

**Random herd test:** This means 30 head or 10% of the herd (whichever is greater) randomly selected, test eligible animals are sampled. All samples must be collected on the same day. If there is a box for complete herd test, check no and write in "random herd test". If a box is not on the form, write "random herd test" on the form. Write in the total number of test eligible animals in the herd. If the herd has 30 or fewer test eligible animals, it is not eligible for a random herd test.

**Split herd test:** This means all test eligible animals are sampled over a period of time (to be determined by owner and veterinarian) not to exceed 12 months. The anniversary date will be the last sample date. A herd test plan must be approved and on file at DAH prior to initiation of each year's testing. A herd plan must include the number of test eligible animals in the herd at time of initial test (for each year), the time period during which testing will occur, (beginning date and ending date) and pattern of testing. Please indicate beginning and ending dates on submission forms. If there is a box for complete or whole herd test, check no and write "split herd test". If not, write "split herd test" on the form.

If younger animals are tested at the same time, please use a separate form and mark it "diagnostic" or indicate which animals are not to be included for Johne's classification on the form.

If a confirmatory fecal culture is requested on a previous ELISA positive animal, the submission form must be marked "Classification and retest of ELISA positive animal" (for classification test) or "Diagnostic and retest of ELISA positive animal" (for diagnostic test) as reason for test. Remember the sample must be taken within 30 days of receiving the initial ELISA positive results. Individual animals cannot be reclassified as negative based on a repeated ELISA test. Only with a negative fecal culture at this time.

Please note that if you are submitting fecal cultures for herd classification or for confirmatory tests, and if any of the sample results are reported as contaminated, the contaminated sample results will be considered as a no-test. Samples from those individual animals will need to be resubmitted within 30 days. For information on minimizing contaminated cultures, please contact WVDL bacteriology department at 1-800-608-8387 or 1-608-262-5432. Remember if you will be submitting more than 10 fecal samples, contact WVDL to schedule ahead of test time.

Please call DATCP-Division of Animal Health with classification or general Johne's disease questions at 608-224-4872.