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Procedure for sending in Faeces samples for oocyst and worm egg counts

This is relevant for broiler or layer systems

1. Write your business title, site, house number, and the date on covering note, so there is no confusion as to which site or client the samples are from. If you have multiple samples from multiple sites it is best to package them separately. Noting the case vet is also helpful to us.
2. For each house do the following, take a plastic bag with you, labelled with the site, date of collection and age of the birds:
Walk down the left side of the house and collect about 10 FRESH droppings with NO LITTER which have not been stepped in by the birds – this ensures that the count will be relevant to the day of collection – repeat for the right side of the house, using the same bag - this gives a representative sample from the whole house. Collect a variety of droppings, but only FRESH ones.
3. Seal the bag or tie the top so that nothing can leak out
4. Place in another plastic bag with a piece of kitchen roll or similar to absorb any leakage
5. Label the envelope as follows:

Samples Enclosed

St David's Poultry Team Ltd

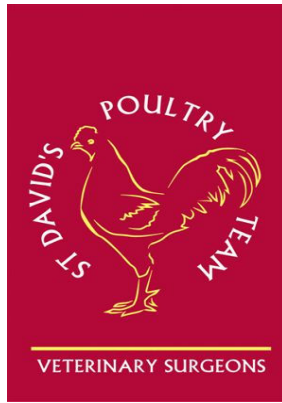
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The results will be sent to you as soon as a vet has interpreted them.

If there is a delay between collecting and posting the samples, put them in the fridge. All samples should be as fresh as possible to give the most accurate results.



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Worm Egg Count/Cocci Submission Form

PLEASE SEND SAMPLES TO:

ST. DAVID'S POULTRY TEAM, NUTWELL ESTATE, LYMPSTONE, EXMOUTH, EX8 5AN

Report ref

Client & Farm ref

Age of birds

Bird type Layers / Broilers / Pullets / Breeders / Game Birds

Date sample taken

Name of ration at time of sample

Cocciostat inc within ration (if any)

Number of days on that ration

Test date

Sample type: Faeces

House No.	Capillaria (eggs/g)	Heterakis (eggs/g)	Ascarids (eggs/g)	Strongyles (eggs/g)	Total (eggs/g)	Coccidia (oocysts/g)

The figures below are to be used as a guide as exact number present depends upon a number of factors including, age of birds, age of sample, time of sampling etc.

Coccidial Oocysts Numbers

<5,000 Oocysts/gm = no need to treat. 5,000–50,000 Oocysts/gm = no disease but worth consulting with your veterinary surgeon.
>50,000 Oocysts/gm = usually see disease consult with your veterinary surgeon.

Worm Egg Numbers

<400 = no need to treat. >500 = treatment advised. >1,000 = high levels of worms.

Capillaria

Always worm when Capillaria is present.

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