

Collecting & Posting Silage Samples

Follow these simple steps to collect a representative sample for feed testing. Accurate sampling ensures reliable test results for your livestock nutrition planning.

Pit Silage (Unopened Pit)

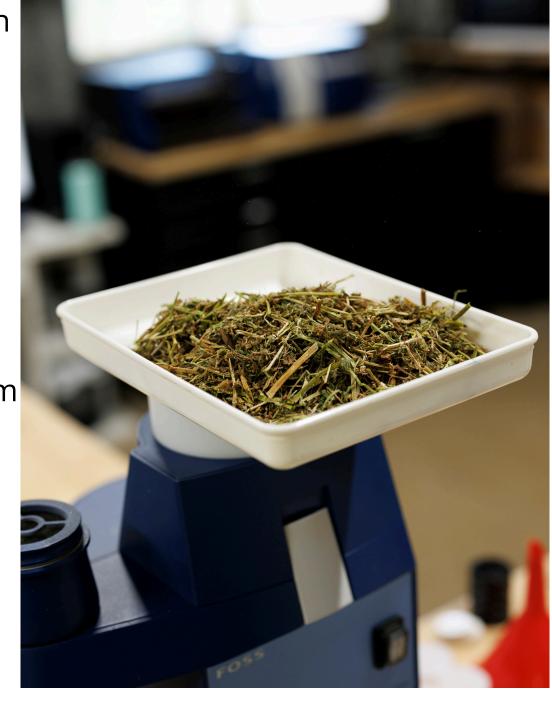
- Cut plastic in 10-20 random spots along the pit in a W grid pattern
- Use a corer to collect samples (avoid areas where water collects)
- Avoid the top 50cm which is often exposed to air and the bottom 50cm
- Repair holes with UV-resistant tape or patches

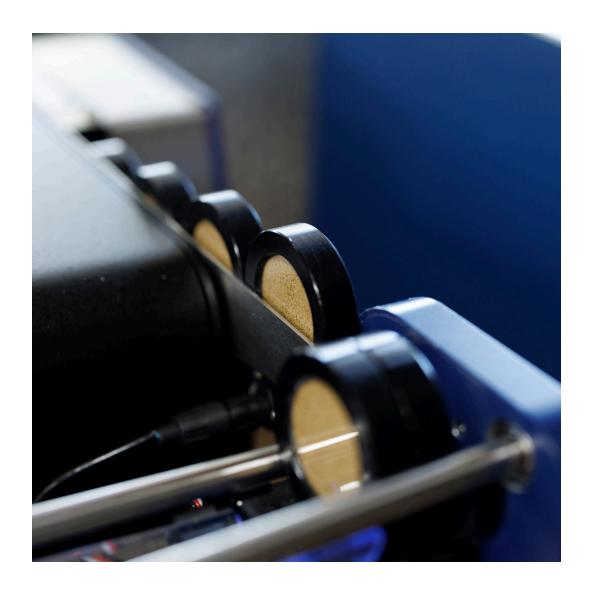
Pit Silage (Opened Pit)

- Sample at feed-out time
- Take 10-15 samples across the face in a W grid pattern
- Avoid the top 50cm which is often exposed to air and the bottom 50cm

Baled Silage

- Use a corer to sample up to 20% of bales
- Round bales: sample from curved side
- Square bales: sample from the end face
- Collect to the centre of the bale
- Repair wrap holes with UV-resistant tape





Packing and Labelling

- Combine samples into a clean bucket and mix well
- Place sample in the provided zip open bag, fill to the line, squeeze out air and seal
- Label with date, name, commodity, species and location reference
- Freeze sample for up to 12 hours before posting (NIR and wet chemistry)

Sending Samples

- Place bag and complete submission form into the reply-paid postage bag
- Email or text your submission form to the Fodder Link team





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