

TAKING A MILK SAMPLE FROM A BULK TANK

A separate sample is required from each tank.

If more than one tank is sampled, the volume of milk in each tank must be measured and recorded against the sample bottle number before sampling. This is imperative so that a weighted mean can be calculated.

AGITATE THE TANK

Irrespective of whether the tank agitator is idle or whether the tank is busy agitating when you arrive to sample, the tank **MUST** be allowed to agitate for a full five (5) minutes before sampling.

CHECK TEMPERATURE

Do **NOT** proceed if the temperature of the milk is above 7 degrees Celsius.

WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash and dry your hands

TAKE A SAMPLE

1. Select an unused, unopened sample bottle. Ensure that the sample bottle has a bar code number sticker.
2. Ensure that your milk sampler is clean. Clip the sample bottle into the sampler.
3. Open the sample bottle. Do **NOT** touch the inside of the cap or the inside of the bottle or even the rim of the bottle.
4. Collect a sample by dipping the bottle into the milk to a depth of about 30 cm (one foot) using the milk sampler. Move the sampler backwards and forwards twice and then remove the sampler and bottle.
Do **NOT** sample from the outlet pipe or anywhere other than from just below the surface of the body of milk.
5. Pour out excess milk so that the sample bottle is filled to the marked line near the top of the bottle (about 10 mm from the top).
6. Being careful not to touch the inside of the cap or the rim of the bottle with your hands, replace the cap securely onto the sample bottle.
7. Immediately transfer the sample bottle to a refrigerator that is at most 5 degrees Celsius or to a cooler box with an ice pack. Do **NOT** place the sample in the freezer compartment.