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BEEF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME - SUCKLER

- Grant aid payments of €10/test conducted up to a maximum of 100 animals per herd. This will involve just one round of testing per farmer (post treatment samples not included)

Faecal Egg Testing (FEC) **Procedure for collecting samples**

- All faecal samples collected must be fresh.
- Cows should be placed in a clean pen.
- Leave them undisturbed for a couple of hours or until such time that a number of faecal deposits have been observed.
- Using gloves, collect faecal samples from **at least** 10 different fresh faecal deposits and place them in 10 separate containers (You must collect at least a heaped teaspoonful of faeces).
- Place all filled containers of faeces in the plastic zip lock bag.
- Post samples, on the day of sampling, or the following day at most.
- If samples are collected at the weekend store them in cool place preferable in a fridge not used for domestic purposes (DO NOT FREEZE or PLACE IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT) and post on Monday.
- **Cows should be dosed based on the result of the FEC result.**
- Applicants are advised to discuss the results of their FEC with their veterinary advisor.

HOW TO DECIDE ON TESTING

1 – 10 animals in scheme	Only need to test 1 or 2 samples
11 – 100 animals in scheme	Only need to test 10 samples

PRICING

€25 PER TEST – RUMEN FLUKE & LIVER FLUKE

Examples –

- *A farmer has 9 cows in the scheme* – He tests one samples for €25. He is then entitled to an extra €90 for taking part in faecal testing.
- *A farmer has 50 cows in the scheme* – He gathers 10 individual samples. We pool the samples together and test as one sample for €25. He will receive €500 for taking part in the faecal testing.

€15 for us to send you out the kit by courier if needed.