

**MILK SAMPLE COLLECTOR EVALUATION REPORT
DAIRY PLANT SAMPLING – RAW AND PASTEURIZED MILK**

EVALUATION BY _____

AGENCY _____

SAMPLE COLLECTOR AND TITLE _____

LOCATION _____

DATE _____

X = DEVIATION
N/A = NOT APPLICABLE

EQUIPMENT

- 1. Thermometer – Approved Type**
 - a. Accuracy – Checked against reference thermometer every 6 months ($\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ (2°F)); adjustment made; correction factor recorded
 - b. Date checked and checker's initials attached to case
- 2. Agitation**
 - a. Use odor-free, pressurized filtered air or electrically driven stirring or recirculatory equipment as required; all equipment sanitized before use in each successive tank (where applicable).....
- 3. Sample Transfer Instrument**
 - a. Clean, sanitized, or sterilized
 - b. Seamless metal tube
 - c. Or metal dipper with long handle; capacity at least 100 ml (4 oz.)
 - d. Or single-service paper or plastic sampling tube
 - e. Or sanitized sampling cock
 - f. Or from an approved in-line sampler
 - g. Or other means for removing sample aseptically
- 4. Sampling Instrument Case**
 - a. Proper design, construction and repair
- 5. Sample Containers**
 - a. Clean, properly sanitized, or sterilized
 - b. Adequate supply, properly stored and handled
- 6. Sample Storage Case**
 - a. Rigid construction, suitable design to maintain samples at 0°C - 4.4°C (32°F - 40°F); protected from contamination; racks provided.....
- 7. Cleaning and Sanitizing of Equipment**
 - a. Sampling instruments, clean and dry
 - b. For sanitizing stirrer, sampling tube, or dipper between samples:
 - 1. Rinse first in one container of clean cold water connected with a continuous flowing source
 - 2. Then submerge in water maintained at 82°C (180°F) for at least 1 min.
 - 3. Or submerge in a hypochlorite solution at 200 ppm for at least 1 min. (or other bactericidally equivalent solution)
 - 4. Strength of sanitizing solution determined with applicable test kit

SAMPLING PROCEDURES

- 8. General Sampling Procedures – Plants, Raw and Pasteurized Milk Sampling**
 - a. Hands washed, clean, and dry during sampling
 - b. Milk temperature determined and recorded at all sampling locations
 - c. Temperature control sample provided at first sampling location and labeled with time, date, temperature, and collector identification
 - d. Sample containers legibly identified at collection point
 - e. Sample containers and closures handled aseptically
 - f. Sample container not held over milk when transferring sample into container
 - g. Sampling instrument protected from contamination before and during sampling

- h. Fill sample container not more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full
- i. Immediately place samples into sample case containing ice
- 9. Raw Milk for Pasteurization – Milk Tank Trucks and Plant Storage Tanks (Refer to Item 8 for applicable procedures)**
 - a. Agitation time determined as required
 - b. Collect sample aseptically from tank opening (manhole).....
 - c. Or from pipeline
 - d. Or from balance tank prior to pasteurization
 - e. Or from sanitized sampling cock
 - f. Or from an approved in-line sampler
 - g. Manual hand-disc agitator not used to mix milk in large storage tanks or trucks
 - h. Sample dipper, when used, rinsed at least two times before transferring sample
 - i. Dipper should extend 6 to 8 inches into milk to obtain a representative sample
 - j. Sample dipper rinsed in safe tap water after each use and replaced in sanitizing solution
- 10. Pasteurized Milk and Milk Product Samples (Refer to Item 8 for applicable procedures)**
 - a. Samples collected while product still in possession of processor
 - b. Representative samples, randomly selected
 - c. After thoroughly mixing product, aseptically transfer representative portion to sterile sample container
 - d. Collect sample directly from milk dispenser spigot without sanitizing or flushing
- 11. Pasteurized Milk and Milk Product Containers and Closures (Refer to Item 8 for applicable procedures)**
 - a. In the case of single-service containers and/or closures used for packaging milk and milk products, collect a randomly selected sample set from each manufacturing line (process).....
 - OR–
 - In the case of multi-use containers used for packaging milk and milk products, collect at least four randomly selected containers
 - Regarding both of the above cases:
 - 1. Lip or interior of bottles or containers not contaminated
 - 2. Milk or water prevented from dripping into empty milk containers: filler valves by-passed
 - 3. Containers sealed or capped with line equipment
 - 4. Laboratory sterilized closures, when used, aseptically applied to containers
 - 5. Containers delivered to laboratory without rinse solution, properly protected from crushing or damage
 - 6. Single-service containers not stored or shipped in refrigerated cases
- 12. Sample Storage and Transportation**
 - a. Ice or other refrigerant maintained slightly above milk level in sample container; sample not frozen
 - b. Sample protected against contamination; ice water no higher than milk level in sample containers; do not bury tops of containers in ice.....
 - c. Samples and sample data promptly submitted to laboratory
 - d. Use tamper proof shipping case with top labeled "This Side Up" (when using common carrier shipping)

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