

Newbridge Scientific

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Effective Date: 01/08/2023

**Title:** Procedure for Sample Collection: House dust for Salmonella testing

**Objective:** To provide a sensitive assessment of flock Salmonella status.

**Materials required:** Grip-seal sample bags, disposable gloves.

**Method:**

1. Identify areas of the house with the most dust accumulation.
2. Identify the bag with farm and house number. Using gloves and/or mob caps from a fresh pack, sweep up piles of dust and transfer to the grip-seal bag.
3. Complete the Salmonella submission form provided in the packs and submit the samples to Newbridge Scientific on the same day of sampling. If a form is not available, please download from our website.

**For all samples:**

Plan for samples to arrive on a weekday.

Use appropriate sample numbers and containers – consult the Laboratory or supervising vet if in any doubt.

Package in a secure leakproof manner and submit on the day of sampling. If not possible, please keep samples refrigerated (not frozen)

Complete the submission form and place separately to the samples.