

COLLECTING COLOSTRUM QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLES

- 1. Use sterile milk sample tubes. If the tubes have been opened or had prior use do not use them for quality control sampling**
- 2. Write the farm name and calf or cow number on the top of each bottle.**
- 3. Fill the sample bottle about one-half full. Do not overfill. Overfilling will cause leakage when the bottles are frozen.**
- 4. Freeze the sample as soon as possible after collecting. This prevents bacterial growth after sampling.**
- 5. Take an “as-fed” sample. That means you take the sample from the tube feeder or bottle just before feeding the colostrum. Avoid contaminating the sample with calf saliva.**
- 6. Our goal is to collect a sample from at least five different cows for a total of five samples.**