

# 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. Freezing is better than just refrigerating because it stops bacterial growth completely.
5. Take an “as-fed” sample. That means you take the sample from the tube feeder or bottle just before feeding colostrum to the calf. Avoid contaminating the sample with calf saliva.
6. Our goal is to collect a sample from at least five different cows for a minimum of five samples.

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