

# **COLLECTING MILK/MILK REPLACER QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLES**

- 1. Use sterile milk sample tubes or bottles. If the bottles have been opened or had prior use do not use them for quality control sampling**
- 2. Write the farm name and sampling site description on the top of each bottle. For example, “mixing bucket,” “from pasteurizer,” “last calf fed,” or “raw milk.”**
- 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 bacteria growth completely.**

**If sampling for pasteurized milk feeding take 4 samples:**

- A. Raw milk going into the pasteurizer.**
- B. Pasteurized milk coming out of the pasteurizer.**
- C. “As-fed” milk for first calf fed.**
- D. “As-fed” milk for last calf fed.**

**Comparing these results will permit isolation of sanitation issues and pasteurizer effectiveness.**