

Schedule of Animal Health Laboratory Services

Registered Farms



The Agriculture and Food Operations Branch operates several laboratories in support of various extension programs of the Department of Agriculture.

The following price schedule applies to the analysis of livestock and related materials from registered farms. These services are available to agricultural producers and the general public, as well as other departments of government, researchers, and private industry.

The prices listed are applicable as of April 1, 2020 and do not include environmental disposal fees (\$1.00 per sample) or HST.

Post-mortem examination

Fees include all tests related to pos-mortem and carcass disposal fee

Single livestock animal ≥ 100 kg **\$85.52**

Single livestock animal < 100 kg **\$28.48**

Up to 3 related animals < 100 kg each **\$57.04**
up to 6 animals for poultry or fur-bearing animals

Forensic post-mortem examination **\$300.00/hour**
insurance claims, legal cases, etc. **plus expenses**

Livestock includes cattle, sheep, goats, meat rabbits, poultry, llamas, alpacas, deer farm animals, fur-bearing animals, and game farm animals from a licensed premise.

Histology

Biopsy/tissue **single** slide with interpretation **\$30.00**

Biopsy/tissue **2–5** slides with interpretation **\$45.00**

Biopsy/tissue **>5** slides with interpretation **\$55.00**

Slide preparation per slide – stained, no interpretation **\$6.89**

Slide preparation per slide – unstained, no interpretation **\$4.98**

Other special stains **\$20.52**

Decalcification **\$15.48**

Recuts per slide – stained **\$5.61**

Recuts per slide – unstained **\$2.87**

Wax block **\$8.96**

Parasitology

Fecal flotation **\$8.00**

Direct fecal examination **\$6.15**

Giardia/Cryptosporidia FA **\$21.15**

Cryptosporidia stain **\$18.30**

Microbiology

Mastitis sample	\$5.69
Avian environmental sample	
- fluff/litter/feeds screening ^{AT}	\$17.24
- peptone screening ^{AT}	\$17.13
- <i>Salmonella</i> culture ^{AT}	\$18.24
Food environmental sample	
- <i>Listeria/Salmonella</i> screening ^{AT}	\$17.24
- <i>Salmonella</i> culture confirmation ^{AT}	\$18.24
Antibiotic residue test (KIS)	\$9.74
Bacteriology	
- culture and sensitivity	\$25.00

Serology

Avian ELISA testing	
- Avian Encephalomyelitis Virus (AE)	\$5.83
- Avian Reovirus (REO)	\$5.17
- Chicken Anemia Virus (CAV)	\$5.83
- Infectious Bronchitis Virus (IBD)	\$5.17
- Infectious Bursal Diseases-XR (IBDXR)	\$5.17
- Newcastle Disease Virus	\$4.78
- <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum/synoviae</i> (MSMG)	\$4.83

^{AT} accredited test

Sample drop-off

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Animal Health Laboratory
Hancock Veterinary Building
65 River Road, Truro, B2N 2P3

Submission forms and collection procedures:
[novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/lab-services/Animal Health Lab](http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/lab-services/Animal%20Health%20Lab)

Dairy Products

Milk antibiotic testing	
- TRIO ^{AT}	\$50.39
(Beta-Lactams, Sulfa drugs and Tetracyclines)	
- SLBL (Goat/Sheep Milk)	\$20.65
(Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Ceftiofur, Cephapirin and Penicillin G)	
Dairy Products	
- <i>E. coli/Coliform</i> ^{AT}	\$33.61
- <i>Staph. aureus</i> ^{AT}	\$37.39
- <i>Listeria</i> ^{AT}	\$34.48
- <i>Salmonella</i> ^{AT}	\$34.48

Referral Lab Tests

The Department may refer testing to a laboratory not operated by the department.

The fee for referred testing is the sum of:

- The actual cost of the test
- A handling fee of \$4.00
- Shipping costs

For a test carried out outside of regular hours of operation, the cost will be the test fee plus an additional fee of \$126.00.

Please contact the laboratory at 902-893-6540 for sample protocols and current pricing for tests available at reference labs.

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