



Agrihealth Laboratory Services

Swabbing Chick Boxes

1. Wash and sterilize hands thoroughly before beginning.
2. Put on clean gloves.
3. Open the swab packet by tearing along the blue line and pulling apart the seal.
4. Using the blue sponge, wipe the swab gently across the surface of the chick box.
5. Repeat on other chick boxes at random throughout the trolleys to ensure you have swabbed 4-5 representative samples per trolley.
6. Place the swab back into the packet once swabbed and seal the packet tightly.
7. Write the sample details on the swab and complete a sample submission form to match, make sure to include Farm name, House number and date of sampling.
8. Return the swab to the lab for salmonella testing within 24 to 48 hours for testing.

