

1. Population & Timing

✓ First Season Grazers Only

Wormwise Insight: Immunity reduces worm egg output in older animals. Adult EPG is often an unreliable diagnostic.

🕒 8–10 Weeks Post Turn-out

Allows the overwintered larval population to establish a detectable burden in the herd.

🚫 No Treated Animals (< 4 Weeks)



2. Sampling Strategy

Aim: Identify herd infection pressure.



Sample 10–15 Animals

Selection must be random.

Avoid selection bias: do not target only clinical cases.



4. Logistics & Storage



Keep Cool (4 - 8 °C)

Essential to halt egg development.



Ship Immediately

Dispatch on the same day as collection.



Max Storage: 5 Days

Samples older than 5 days will be rejected.



3. Collection Technique



The "3-Spot" Rule

Collect ~20g per animal. Take sub-samples from 3 different spots on the pat.



Exclude All Air

Squeeze the bag flat. Oxygen promotes hatching, leading to false-low results.



Faecal Consistency

Watery faeces significantly dilute egg counts. Note consistency in clinical records.

**FEC tracks current egg shedding, not the total worm burden.
Always interpret alongside the herd's grazing history and clinical signs.**