

Animal Health Laboratory News

June 2024



THE ISDA DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS.

Juneteenth—June 19, 2024

Independence Day—July 4, 2024

Labor Day—Sept. 2, 2024

Columbus Day—Oct. 14, 2024

AHL FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE 7/1/2024

Due to the rapid increase in testing material costs in 2022 and 2023, the ISDA Animal Health Laboratory will be updating our fee schedule effective July 1, 2024. We value our customer's business, and we will continue to operate as efficiently as possible to ensure we offer the most affordable services. The updated fee schedule will be available on the website July 1, 2024:

<https://agri.idaho.gov/laboratories/animal-health-laboratory-services/>.

Please contact the lab if you have any questions regarding these upcoming changes.

Parasitology Spotlight Test: Fecal Float & Egg Count

As temperatures warm and pastures green, help manage parasite load with a quantitative **Fecal Egg Count!** This rapid assay is typically resulted same day of receipt. Send at least 5 grams of feces, double-bagged. Keep cold (package with an icepack) but do not freeze! If you treat your animal with a dewormer, be sure to send a follow-up sample to determine fecal egg reduction.

Fecal Egg Count Cost: \$19 plus a \$4 accession fee per submission

Fecal Float Cost: \$12 plus a \$4 accession fee per submission

Let us know how we are doing by completing our customer service survey at: <https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/uh9HSr>



2024 Trichomonas Culture Proficiency Tests

It's that time of year again for the Annual Trichomonas Culture Proficiency Test offering. If you wish to continue reading Trichomoniasis cultures, you must participate in the Proficiency Test every 3 years to maintain certification.

Registration emails will be sent out mid-June, with two ship dates scheduled tentatively, for July 29th and August 19th.

For questions, or to check your certification status, please contact the lab.

The ISDA Diagnostic Lab offers After-Hours Sample Drop-off. The ISDA Diagnostic Lab has an automated locker system available for use which allows users to drop-off samples outside of our normal business hours. There are eight, secure lockers which are temperature-controlled to maintain sample integrity, and with unique logins, Chain of Custody is maintained electronically. For more information, or to sign up and begin using this convenient option, please contact the lab.



Samples arriving at the Animal Health Laboratory after 4:30 p.m. may be set up on the next business day.