

YOUR HERD, OUR COMMITMENT.

HERD TESTING MAXIMIZING PROFITABILITY

Herd Testing is the only way to gain comprehensive production information on individual cows. This information is vital for determining appropriate management strategies.

QUALITY ASSURANCE



National Herd Development Laboratories are compliant with the independent VeriTest™ Milk proficiency testing scheme which has been developed to provide a system for laboratories to validate their milk testing capability.

This programme includes monitoring and calibration of instruments and reference sample accuracy. These standards are necessary so that results from all laboratories in Australia are comparable and dairy farmers can be confident in the results.



BENEFITS OF HERD TESTING

- Somatic Cell Count – Keep your milk in premium payment
- Culling decisions
- Drying-off decisions
- Better herd records
- Managing Mastitis
- Pregnancy Testing with milk samples
- Over-all herd performance
- Profitability of individual cows
- Production Index (PI) ranks cows within the herd for productivity
- Identifies potential health issues through change in milk volume from last test



HERD TEST OPTIONS

Standard Test

Milk samples are taken PM and AM (in that order). This is the most accurate method of Herd Testing.

Single Test

This option requires a single sample to be taken (either PM or AM). This method requires the provision of the 24 hour vat volume reading at the time of testing.

Spot Test

Two options available:

- SCC – Tests the Somatic Cell Count of the milk
- FULL SPOT TEST – Tests Somatic Cell count, fat, protein and volume.





[NHD SERVICES]

- **Herd Testing**

- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Goulburn Valley, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Pregnancy Testing by Milk or Blood Sample**

- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Goulburn Valley, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Pregnancy Testing by Ultrasound**

- Western Districts, South Australia

- **Independent semen sales and breeding advice**

- All breeds – All companies – Beef and Dairy
- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Artificial Insemination Service**

- NHIA accredited technicians
- Daily service
- North West Victoria, Western Districts, South Australia
- Timed AI programs, synchronization programs
- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Artificial Breeding Merchandise**

- AI tanks, tail paint, heat detectors, gloves etc.
- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Independent corrective herd mating program**

- Individual cow assessment and sire recommendations
- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **In-Breeding Reports**

- Streamline your breeding program/avoid inbreeding
- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Stock Services**

- Calf dehorning & freeze branding/LN2 and Dry Ice, All Shooof cattle products

- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **Liquid Nitrogen**

- Reliable and regular on-farm delivery service
- North West Victoria, North East Victoria, Riverina, Western Districts, South Australia

- **MISTRO Computer Program**

- Australia's most popular and complete dairy farm recording program

- **Dairy Chemicals & Detergents**

- Australia's largest rural EcoLab distributor
- North West Victoria, Murray Bridge, Mount Gambier & surrounds

- **Milking Machine Sales & Service**

- DeLaval Agent
- North West Victoria

- **Livestock Sales**

- Elders Agent
- Cohuna

- **Stock Yards**

- Red River Yards Agent
- South Australia



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