## DNA SAMPLES

## HOW TO COLLECT A DNA SAMPLE

## BLOOD SAMPLE

PREFERRED METHOD

1. Record animal ID \# (tattoo and/or tag number) on an DNA card.
2. Wipe the ear clean using a clean paper towel or cloth.
3. Prick the vein in the animal's ear with a sterile needle.
4. Touch the circle on the DNA card to the blood site on the ear.
5. Fill the circle with blood.
6. Allow the card to dry away from direct sunlight for at least 24 hours prior to mailing. Do not mail the card in a sealed plastic bag.


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Mail samples to:
Angus Genetics Inc. 3201 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO 64506 816.383.5100 |www.angus.org

## Hair Sample

REQUIRED WITH TWINS
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ANIMALS YOUNGER THAN FOUR MONTHS, UNLESS TWINS.

1. Record animal ID \# (tattoo and/or tag number) on the hair card.
2. Pull from the tail switch "up and away" (20 hairs with root bulbs).
3. Place bulbs on the back flap. Peel off backing paper on sticky flap.
4. Press sticky side on top of bulbs to seal sides. Hair bulbs must be present to perform tests.
5. Trim excess hair to the edges of the hair card.



## GOOD SAMPLES



## ADDITIONAL SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

## SEMEN SAMPLE

1. Insert thawed semen straw between taped cardboard pieces or into a writing pen with the ink tube removed.
2. Indicate animal ID \# (tattoo and/or tag number) on the cardboard or pen tube.
3. Send at room temperature.
4. Ship samples overnight with a cold pack in an insulated cooler or container.

5. Refrigerate promptly in a stand-up rack between $4-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (39.2-50 ${ }^{\circ}$ ). Do not freeze.

## BLOOD TUBE SAMPLE

Additional sample handling fee Will be Charged

1. Mark purple-top tube with the animal ID \# (tattoo and/or tag number). Fill the tube with 6-9 mL of blood.


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## TISSUE SAMPLE <br> (DECEASED ANIMALS ONLY)

Call for instructions.

## BAD SAMPLES

BLOOD


CONTAMINATED WITH FECES


NOT ENOUGH
BLOOD

HAIR


EXCESS HAIR NOT TRIMMED


NO ROOT BALL
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