



Sampling Instructions for the Easy Collect Fabric Meat Sampler

Follow these instructions to collect a sample from a bin of beef trim using the Easy Collect sampler:

1. Label the bag of the Easy Collect Sampler with the appropriate lot information.
2. Setup your sampling area on a clean, sanitized surface.
3. Put on plastic apron (optional) and sleeves and apply sanitizer to each.
4. Remove the bin cover by gathering it to one side, exposing the trim.
5. Sanitize the stopwatch needed for timing the sampling.
6. Remove the perforated top of the bag and put on Nitrile or a similar type of glove. If not sterile, apply sanitizer.
7. Remove the sampler from the bag and place it onto the surface of the trim.
8. Fold the bag and place it in the pocket of the apron or other clean surface.
9. Unfold the sampler and place it onto the trim so that it remains flat.
10. Start the timer to countdown 1 minute 30 seconds.
11. Grab the Easy Collect sampler with both hands and begin rubbing the trim on half of the bin.
 - a. Do this for 45 seconds using one side.
 - b. Trim that has been sampled can be moved to the side to expose other trim. This can be done by pushing or grabbing trim with the cloth.
 - c. Rub the trim with a significant amount of pressure using the entire surface area on one side of the sampler, forcing the sampler between and below pieces of trim.
 - d. The entire side of the sampler should be covered with meat and fat.
12. After 45 seconds, and sampling one-half of the bin, flip the sampler to the other side and begin rubbing the other half of the bin for 45 seconds.
13. Fold the sampler and place it back into the sample bag.
14. Remove gloves by grasping from the edge of the glove. Roll the top of the bag on itself a couple of times and fold the wire tabs to secure the bag.
15. Place the labeled bag into a cooler with ice packs.
16. Submit the samples to the laboratory.