

FLEECE TESTING GUIDELINES

- Complete appropriate test request sheet.
- Provide at 20-30g of wool for each FIP fleece sample.
- Complete barcode identification card (available from the Department of Agriculture). It is important that barcodes are completed for samples, along with the Summary Sheets, as this will ensure prompt turnaround at the Department of Agriculture and New Zealand Wool Testing Authority.
- Seal each sample bag with an elastic band or any twist-tie (allows bags to be opened for checking and to be re-sealed).
- Deliver completed test request sheet, sample summary sheet and samples to Siân Ferguson at the Department of Agriculture.
- Samples tested on the FIP scheme will be allocated to the farm FIP file provided all approvals have been obtained otherwise farm will be billed separately.
- Take the sample from the middle of the sheep. This is important as micron changes over different parts of the animal. Each sample needs to be from a representative portion of the sheep so that comparisons can be made accurately between sheep.

