

## How to collect samples for FEC

### Sample collection

- Manure samples should be less than 24 hours old
- If needed, animals can be separated into yards for a few hours – manure samples do not need to be freshly deposited; if you know they are under 24hrs old, they will be fine
- Fresh samples can be kept, airtight, in the fridge for up to 3 days before submitting.
- Only a SMALL amount is needed. Half to 1 nugget per horse, or a matchbox sized amount from other animals
- Samples are best collected into small, well labelled ziplock bags. (See photo below)



*Figure 1: Example sample for FEC. Only a small amount of fresh manure (matchbox size) is required. Small ziplock bags are easy to collect samples in and label, and also pack down easily for postage.*

### Sample information

- Make sure bags are clearly labelled. Permanent marker is best.
- Info required for each sample is age (if under 3 years old) and when/with what they were last dewormed.
- If dropping at sample to a store/market stall, a form will be provided to go with the samples.
- If you are posting samples make sure to include a piece of paper with animal ages, previous worming details, and contact details for the report. A submission form is available on the website to download.