**Collecting Ear Notch Samples**

1.) Prepare disinfecting solution.

a.) 10% Clorox - 1 Cup clorox + 9 cups water

b.) 30ml (1/8 cup) Novalsan in 1 gallon water

c.) other disinfectant as directed on label.

2.) Fill 2 buckets with water.

3.) Bring Chute side: Tubes, Ear notchers (medium size for cattle), Permanent marker

**Collecting sample:**

Dip notchers in WATER bucket 1

Dip notchers in Disinfectant

Dip notchers in WATER bucket 2

Notch ear on outer tip or lower margin. Place notch in tube and label tube withidentifier(ear tag, tatoo, etc.) 1 NOTCH PER ANIMAL PER TUBE ONLY!

Disinfect notchers as above before notching next animal. This avoids any cross contamination between animals and reduces the possiblity of any false results.

After sampling all animals, fill out lab submission for COMPLETELY, making sure each tube and label are legible on both the tube and form. Samples must be shipped with an ice pack.