



Abattoir sampling guide for cattle (Phase 1)

Basic collection protocols

1. Pre-label all 20 bags before collection.
2. Confirm the five designated cattle and farm link with abattoir staff.
3. Agree the meat and skin sampling location before slaughter.
4. Use clean disposable gloves and clean sampling tools.
5. Change gloves and clean tools between animals.
6. Tail: cut off the tail tip with the entire hair switch attached.
7. Meat: collect at least $10 \times 10 \times 3$ cm from the agreed location.
8. Skin: collect at least 10×10 cm from the agreed sampling location.
9. Place each sample in its matching labelled bag.
10. Keep samples chilled in a cool box with freezer blocks.
11. At base, squeeze out excess air or vacuum seal. Freeze at -18°C .
12. Follow site safety rules and wear required PPE.

Safety procedures

1. Follow all abattoir safety, hygiene and biosecurity rules.
2. Enter processing areas only when authorised.
3. Wear all PPE required by the abattoir.
4. Keep clear of moving carcasses, machinery and cutting equipment.
5. Leave slaughter and carcass handling to trained staff.
6. Wear clean disposable gloves when handling samples.
7. Change gloves and clean tools between animals.
8. Carry a first-aid kit.



What you need to bring



20 × pre-labelled bags
(15 sample + 5 outer)



Required PPE



Clean disposable gloves



Sanitiser & paper towels



Cool box & Freezer blocks



Clean sampling tools



First-aid kit

Pre-label all sample bags

Label three sample bags and one outer bag per animal.
Check all three sample IDs against the outer label.



Animal 1



Animal 2

Animal 3

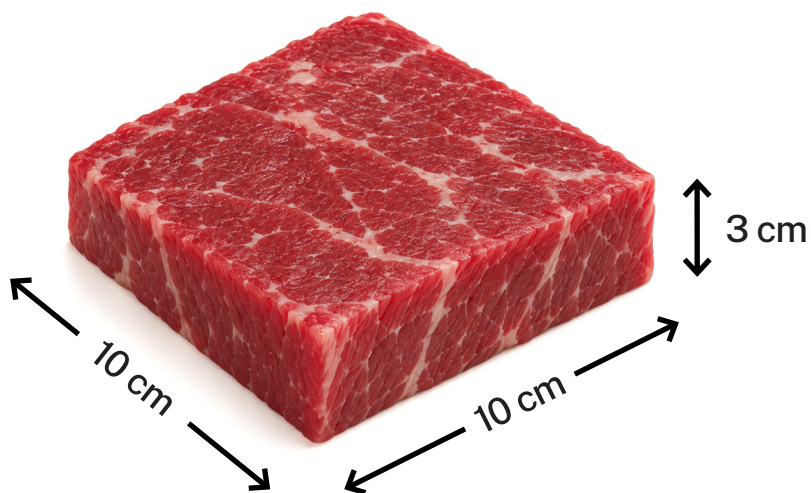
Animal 4

Animal 5

What you're collecting

TAIL HAIR

Tail tip with entire hair switch, in one piece per animal.



MEAT

At least 10 × 10 × 3 cm per animal.

SKIN

At least 10 × 10 cm per animal.



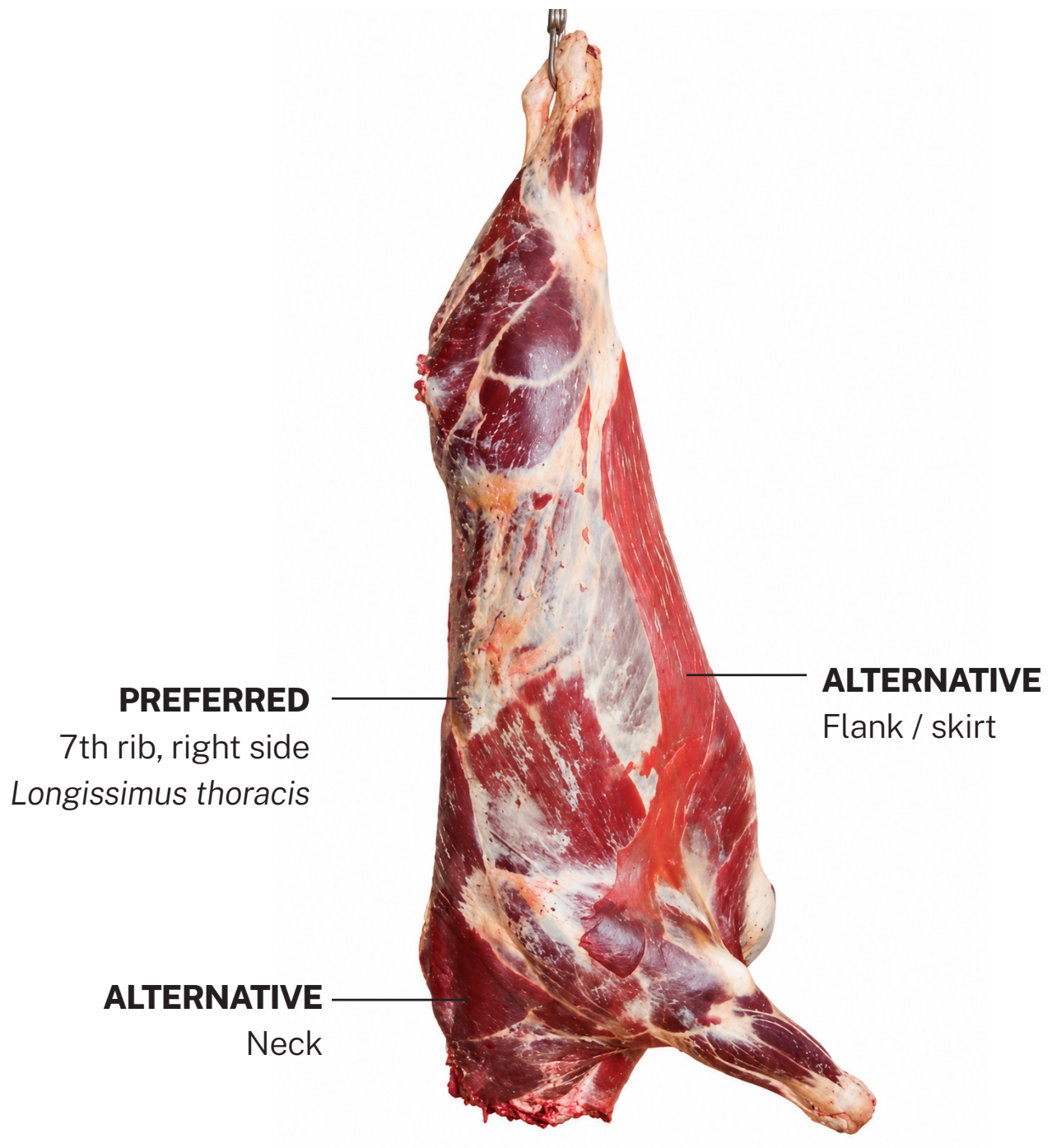
Keep each animal's samples together

Keep each animal's tail, meat and skin bags together in its labelled outer bag. Check all three sample IDs match against those on the outer label.



Meat & skin sampling location

Agree the sampling location with abattoir staff before slaughter. Where possible, take meat and skin from the same location.



Tail collection

1. Cut off the tail tip with the entire hair switch attached.
2. Place it directly in the matching labelled bag.



3. Place the sample bag inside the matching outer animal bag.
4. Place immediately in the cool box.



5. At base, remove excess air or vacuum-seal. Freeze at -18°C .



! FREEZE SAMPLES AT -18°C

Skin collection

1. Cut a skin sample at least 10×10 cm from the agreed location.
2. Place it directly in the matching labelled bag.



3. Place the sample bag inside the matching outer animal bag.
4. Place immediately in the cool box.



5. At base, remove excess air or vacuum-seal. Freeze at -18°C .



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Meat collection

1. Cut at least $10 \times 10 \times 3$ cm of meat from the agreed site.
2. Place it directly in the matching labelled bag.



3. Place the sample bag inside the matching outer animal bag.
4. Place immediately in the cool box.



5. At base, remove excess air or vacuum-seal. Freeze at -18°C .



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Abattoir checklist

BEFORE SAMPLING

- ☐ Five cattle confirmed
- ☐ Farm link confirmed
- ☐ 20 bags labelled (15 sample + 5 outer)
- ☐ Sampling location agreed
- ☐ Cool box ready

COLLECT

- ☐ 5 tail samples
- ☐ 5 meat samples
- ☐ 5 skin samples

BEFORE LEAVING

- ☐ Three sample IDs checked against outer label
- ☐ All samples correctly labelled
- ☐ All samples chilled

AT BASE

- ☐ Excess air removed / vacuum sealed
- ☐ Samples frozen at -18°C



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