



# DATCP Question & Answer

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# HOW MANY OFFICIAL SAMPLES ARE NECESSARY AT EACH DAIRY?

- ATCP 65.38(1) **Sample required.** A dairy plant operator who receives a milk shipment from a milk producer shall collect a representative milk sample from that shipment. From that sample, ATCP 65.70(b) requires that during every month in which a dairy plant operator or a milk contractor licensed as a dairy plant receives milk from a milk producer, the dairy plant operator shall perform at least one standard plate count (SPC) or plate loop count (PLC) on a milk sample obtained from the producer.



# CAN OFFICIAL SAMPLES ON DIRECT SHIP LOADS BE TAKEN VIA AN IN-LINE SAMPLER WHILE UNLOADING IN THE INTAKE?

- **Yes.** Samples can be taken at the dairy plant through the use of an approved aseptic **in-line** sampler as provided for in Appendix B of the PMO as prescribed under M-I-06-06. This method requires departmental review and acceptance. [Supplemental Application for In-Line Milk Sampler](#)
- Not using an in-line or string sample, sample can be taken at the dairy plant through the use of an approved aseptic sampling method for the milk tank trucks. This method requires a validated agitation method that meets the criteria as a universal sampling system under Appendix B of the PMO and the criteria outlined in M-I-16-17. This method requires departmental review and acceptance. [Supplemental Application for In-Line Milk Sampler](#)



# SAMPLING METHOD FOR APPENDIX N ON DIRECT SHIP TANKERS THAT DON'T REQUIRE MECHANICAL AGITATION

- Samples taken at the dairy farm or dairy plant through the use of an approved aseptic in-line sampler as provided for in Appendix B of the PMO as prescribed under M-I-06-06. This method requires departmental review and acceptance.  
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- A properly documented and validated “over the road” agitation study would be acceptable.



## WHAT IF THE CHILLER ISN'T WORKING FOR A DIRECT SHIP LOAD AND MILK ENTERING THE TANKER IS GREATER THAN 45°F, IS THIS MILK GRADE A?

- When the blend temperature of the tanker remains below 45 degrees when the tanker is completely full. The producer would be in violation of [65.16\(5\)\(g\)](#), which requires milk entering a bulk milk tanker be cooled to 45°F.
- Properly document the unusual occurrence on the record. Well documented isolated incidences with proper corrective actions would not be an issue for the product to be maintained as Grade A upon receipt at the dairy plant.



# MILK PRODUCER RESOURCES

- DATCP Website – [Milk Producer Resources](#)
  - For specific question on equipment and backflow, please refer to the assigned dairy technical specialist and environmental health sanitarian.
- DATCP Website – [Wisconsin Farm Center](#)
  - Brochures in back of room
- FDA Resource Documents - [Grade A Milk Search \(GAMS\) \(fda.gov\)](#)
  - M-b, M-l, etc.





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