



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING FOR HUNTER-KILLED DEER AT ADDL

The Ohio Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) will accept heads from anyone from deer harvested during the annual hunting season for Chronic Wasting Disease testing. Guidelines are as follows.

SAMPLE REQUIRED: The chilled head of the deer to be tested, double bagged in plastic bags, and kept chilled, NOT frozen. Use of a cooler with 1-2 bags of ice is recommended for immediate cooling. Heads can be delivered to the ADDL in person or by courier. See PROCEDURE below.

IDENTIFICATION: The completed ODNR deer hunter tag must be included, with contact information, site of collection and tag number all legible.

COST: \$33 for testing (\$25 IHC test, \$8 accession fee), paid at time of submission (cash, check, credit card accepted).

REPORTING: A copy of test results will be provided to the submitter, as well as to ODNR for surveillance purposes.

TURNAROUND TIME: Results will be reported within 10-14 calendar days.

ADDL SUBMISSION FORM: <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/ai/addl/forms/anim-addlsample.pdf>

PROCEDURE for Whole Head Packaging and Delivery:

1. Leave the ears with any ID device(s) in place.
2. Place the head in a large heavy-duty plastic bag. Antlers can be removed before shipping the head.
3. If the ear has already been detached prior to submission, then place the animal's ID devices with at least 1/2 inch of ear attached into a separate bag, with the bagged head inside a second bag.
4. Ensure that the head is double bagged (with a second heavy-duty plastic bag).
5. Secure each bag in a manner that will prevent leakage such as by tying a knot in the bag or by using twist ties, string, or cord.
6. To deliver a deer head in person to the ADDL: Place bagged deer heads in a cooler or cool box and use either bags of ice or frozen gel packs to keep samples cool until delivery to the ADDL in person. Deliver deer heads to the Division of Animal Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.
7. To deliver a head via courier, pack a cool box as described below:
 - a – Insert a large plastic bag into the cool box.
 - b – **DO NOT USE ICE FOR SHIPPING HEADS.** Put frozen gel packs in the bottom of the bag, then insert absorbent material such as newspaper.
 - c – Insert double bagged heads.
 - d – Seal the outer bag.
 - e – Place frozen gel packs on top of sealed bag and close cooler top.
 - f – Insert submission form between cooler top and exterior box.
 - g – Use at least four frozen gel packs per box, and an additional chill pack for each additional head, if more than two heads are shipped in the same cool box.
 - h – Deliver in person or ship overnight to ADDL using a courier such as UPS or FedEx.