
List of Laboratories Completing Obex (Brain) Testing

As part of the VSFCP, producers are required to complete a brain test on any animal that dies on the farm that is over one year of age. If no animals die within the year, producers are required to cull an animal that is over 24 months of age and complete a brain test.

The cost of the brain test is covered by the program. In order for the cost of the brain test to be invoiced to Scrapie Canada, producers must submit a cover letter with the following information to the laboratory along with the brain sample.

- 1) Contact information
- 2) Animal identification information
- 3) VSFCP enrollment number

If submitting the entire head to the laboratory, please note that most laboratories charge an extra fee to remove the obex from the head (approximately \$15.00 depending on the laboratory). This removal fee is not covered by the program and producers are responsible for paying this cost. If submitting the entire head, producers should contact the laboratory in advance and inquire about the cost of the obex removal.

The following is a list of approved laboratories across Canada that complete brain testing.

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

[Agri-Food Laboratories Branch](#)

TSE Laboratory

6909 – 116th Street

Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 4P2

Telephone: 780-422-4830

Facsimile: 780-415-4527

[Animal Health Laboratory](#)

Laboratory Services (University of Guelph)

Ontario Veterinary College Building 49, Box 3612

Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6R8

Telephone: 519-824-4120, ext. 54544

Facsimile: 519-821-8072

[Prairie Diagnostic Services Inc.](#)

52 Campus Drive

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 5B4

Telephone: 306-966-7316

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
Veterinary Services Branch
Veterinary Diagnostic Services
545 University Crescent
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 5S6
Telephone: 204-945-8220

Note: Samples may also be submitted through a CFIA district office to CFIA laboratories in Ottawa (Fallowfield), Lethbridge, or Saint-Hyacinthe as part of the National Scrapie Surveillance Program.