



For all of us in the NABS network

Thanks to those who have commented / contributed since we kicked off earlier this month with this newsletter about the practicalities of doing NABS SDIs.

Some reminders - with your cases:

- Take a few pictures - phone is good. Pictures add colour (red is good!), interest and info to the record.
- Plan the lab submissions - make an extra effort on quality as much as possible in the circumstances. A phone call to the lab staff before heading out would be welcome and an opportunity for some helpful tips.
- Don't forget to put the sticker on the Lab submission form (or write NABS SDI clearly at the top).

Please let me know as soon as you start (or consider) a NABS SDI.

Cheers Kev

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40 weaners dead in 3 weeks

In March 2018 a mob of 450 Wagu-cross weaners in western Qld were examined when 40 had died after 3 weeks in yards being fed hay and a weaner mix. About 60 more were depressed and listless.

[Find out more](#)

Lab tip from Dave Forshaw (DDSL WA)

Sending fixed samples – drain the formalin and use one container

If samples have been fixed in formalin for 24 hours before dispatch, formalin can be drained off before sending. This reduces weight and bulk.

Samples should not be left to dry on the bench but put back into a sturdy screw top container which should be sealed with electrical tape. Samples can all go in a single container. To stop samples drying out, place a piece of paper towel soaked in formalin in the pot too.

Place the container in a zip-lock bag to contain any spillage that might occur with damage to the container during transport. Then pack in your esky along with the other samples on the core sampling list.



A first class education into every facet of FMD

Bryce Mooring says the FMD course in Nepal was one of the best short courses he has ever attended.

“Being able to see this disease first hand was incredible, being able to experience another culture whilst doing it amazing, and having my belief of biosecurity and how important it is backed up, imperative for our industry moving forward”.

Read more about recent courses from Bryce and John Hosie and see Peter Nugroho's photos. [Words and photos from Nepal](#)

If you are interested to attend the next courses, contact Lisa Stevenson. Applications close 16th August.

Reaching all the network

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Happy to help

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