



**GDA Animal Health and Dairy Division
State-specific and National Milk Testing Strategy**

This summarizes Georgia's surveillance program in support of both state-specific and national milk testing for H5N1 HPAI in accordance with USDA's Federal Order. Samples will be collected by or under the supervision of the Dairy Division team following their routine procedures for milk sample collection.

State-specific surveillance samples will be submitted to the UGA Veterinary Diagnostic Labs, Athens and/or Tifton locations. National Plant Silo samples will be shipped to USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL).

- 1.) Large Processing Plants – silos or tanker trucks**
 - a. Weeks of January 6th, Feb. 24th, Mar. 24th +/- Apr. 21st
 - i. State-specific and National Plant Silo samples will be collected once weekly during these weeks and shipped to the appropriate lab (UGA or NVSL).
 - ii. Re-assess prior to April sample collection to determine if sampling needed.
 - b. Weeks of January 13th, 27th
 - i. State-specific milk samples will be collected once weekly during these weeks and shipped to the appropriate UGA lab.
- 2.) Producer-Processors – applicable BTUs**
 - i. State-specific milk samples will be collected once per month in February, March, April, +/- May and shipped to the appropriate UGA lab.
 - ii. Re-assess prior to May sample collection to determine if sampling needed.
- 3.) Additional surveillance sampling will be conducted as needed.**

More information on the Federal Order can be found here:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock/federal-order>