Mid-Side Sampling Guidelines

You will receive your barcode identification labels from the DoA once they have arrived from New Zealand, along with Sample Summary sheets and a Test Request sheet.

Complete the barcode identification labels and put them in the bag with the sample. They will need the tag number and fleece weight (if you are testing for yield).

The sample needs to be from the middle of the sheep, please see the picture, because the micron changes over different parts of the animal. Please try to be as accurate as possible.

Each sample only needs to be **20-30 grams of wool** (a handful).

Please remember to roll each sample and secure with an elastic band, this will enable samples to be vacuum packed safely.

Complete the summary sheet ensuring barcode numbers are entered by each tag number and fill in the headings (do not worry about batch number, this is completed by the DoA). Also remember to specify on the test request sheet if it is to be paid by FIP or the farm. Once you have completed the labels, test request sheet

and sample summary sheet bring them to the DoA for the attention of Lucy Ellis.

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MID SIDE SAMPLE
TAG NUMBER

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If you have misplaced your copies of sample summary or test request sheets please contact Lucy on email lellis@naturalresources.gov.fk and they can be emailed to you.

Samples tested on the FIP scheme will be allocated to the farm FIP file provided all approvals have been obtained otherwise farm will be billed separately.

Once you have completed your mid-siding please throw away any unused labels, they can <u>not</u> be used once the current season has ended. If you would like to mid-side again next season you will need to contact Lucy.