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BVS Honey Bee Virus Detection Sample

Each submitted sample should include about 100 live bees in a sealed plastic bag (300 if you want additional analyses). Mark the bag with your name and hive number. Include one completed form for each bee sample. Refrigerate the sample before mailing and ship with a cold pack (if needed) to: **BVS, Inc., 795 Porter Hill Rd., Stevensville, MT 59870.**

Your Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Your e-mail for contact and reports: _____

Do not mark in this block

IVDS Sample (yyyymm - ####) **2019**

Date Collected:

(yyyymmdd)

Bee Keeper:

Home Location:

Date Collected:

Colony location:

(w/in ¼ mi)

These bees are:

Foragers

☐

From honey super

☐

From brood nest

☐

Colony ID:

Colony

strong

Bee Race:

Strength:

Known Disease:

Varroa mite

☐

Nosema

☐

Chalkbrood

☐

Tracheal mite

☐

Deformed Wing

☐

Am. Foul Brood

☐

Wax moth

☐

Small Hive Beetle

☐

Eu. Foul Brood

☐

Other (identify)

☐

Comments:



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Procedure:

Assign each hive you intend to sample a number. You will mark each sample with the number of the hive from which it is taken. Permanently mark each hive with its number.

Quart-sized ZipLoc™ freezer bag or WhirlPac™ bags

Frozen gel packs (Blue Ice™ or similar)

Cooler

Pen

Black permanent marker

BVS, Inc Sample Description Form (above)

Sample collection steps:

1. Mark each sample bag with the hive number, using a permanent marker. Use a black, permanent marker pen to label the sample bags, being sure to indicate type of bees (brood nest, honey super, forager).
2. Shake at least 100 to 150 bees into sample bag and seal (That's approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of bees).
3. If the weather is *too hot* - Place sealed bag with frozen Blue Ice™ gels or similar freezer pak, wrapped with bubble wrap or similar material –
4. Place in shipping box such as the flat rate US postal priority flat rate mail box. Ship to above.
5. Refrigerate until shipped.

There is no need to add anything to the bees in the baggies, they will arrive just fine.