

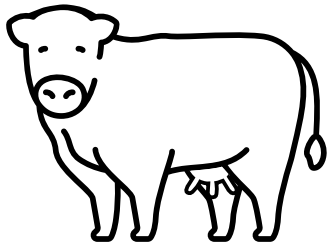
# When to test for antibiotic residue contamination

Keeping antibiotics out of the milk supply is essential to ensure product safety, protect against bacteria resistance, and maintain consumer confidence.

**There are three essential residue-testing check points:**

1. Individual cows before they are returned to the milking line
2. The bulk tank after every milking
3. The bulk tank just before pickup

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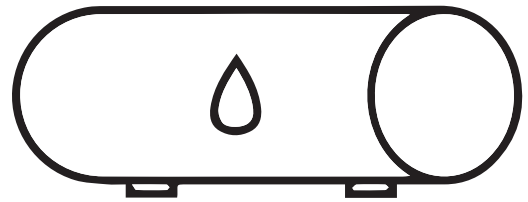


**Before treated cows return to the milking line.**

**Testing is essential because antibiotic withhold times can vary, for example:**

- Older cows retain antibiotics longer than younger cows and many times longer than the stated withhold times.
- If a cow is treated “extra label,” the cow typically retains antibiotic drugs longer than the label withhold time.

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**After every milking.**

- Testing this frequently saves money, because you can catch mistakes early before dumping good milk on top of bad milk.
- The earlier you detect residue contamination, the less milk you'll dump and the lower the financial impact.

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**Just before pickup.**

This is the most critical point of all because it's the last chance to catch contamination before the milk is shipped.



**Regular residue testing ensures your milk is antibiotic-residue free before the truck leaves the farm.**

For more information, contact your IDEXX representative.

Test with Confidence™