

New York State Contract Case Pricing

The New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets provides funding to subsidize the costs for certain disease tests for New York's livestock and poultry industries. This subsidy is intended as an aid in the early detection and surveillance of disease conditions that may threaten livestock and/or public health. For more detail please call the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at 607-253-3900.

1. Eligibility Requirements for NYS Contract Case Pricing

Submissions must meet all the following criteria:

- The herd, flock, or animal is located in New York State and is being raised for food and/or fiber production. Horses suspected of having a condition that may threaten the health of other animals or humans are covered. When special situations or conditions arise, a New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets Veterinarian or his/her designee will make the final determination with respect to eligibility for Contract Case Pricing.
- The history of the case suggests a condition or contagious/infectious disease that would threaten other animals or humans.
- The animals are experiencing a condition previously undiagnosed in their herd or flock. Surveillance testing to monitor, control, or eradicate previously diagnosed or endemic conditions does not qualify for contract pricing.
- Samples must be submitted by a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian employed by a New York State university.
- A completed AHDC Contract Subsidy Submission Form must accompany all sample submissions. The form must include:
 - Complete history of the animals or samples submitted including the herd size and date of onset in the herd/flock, the morbidity and mortality rate for the herd/flock, as well as a summary of the clinical signs, course of the disease, and response to treatment (additional information can be attached to the form).
 - Complete veterinarian and owner identification and contact information, including phone numbers.
 - Available Federal premises ID number(s).

Additionally:

- a) Samples from up to 10 representative animals from an affected premises can be submitted as a single case problem except for necropsies which are limited to 3 animals per case. Samples exceeding this limit will be billed at full price.
- b) Disease conditions in other types of animals may be considered for Contract Case Pricing if the disease or condition has implications for livestock and/or public health.
- c) Composite samples will not be considered for the discounted pricing if submitted.

2. **Contract Case Pricing Fees**

The New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets will subsidize the clients of the AHDC who submit samples that are eligible for Contract Case Pricing by limiting the maximum cost per submission to \$75.00 (as of 4/1/16). Testing that generally does not qualify for Contract Case Pricing include but are not limited to:

- Research cases and legal/insurance submissions are excluded from this discount and will be charged full price.
- Stat processing can be requested but Stat fees will be charged in full in addition to the maximum case cost.
- Necropsy costs are only partially subsidized, limiting the maximum cost per submission to \$125.00, \$85.00 for poultry cases. This price includes all ancillary tests which would qualify under Contract Case Pricing.

No Composite Samples for NYS Contract Subsidized Testing

Please do not submit composite samples for diagnostics related to outbreaks of clinically ill NY animals for NYS Contract subsidized testing. The NYS Contract Subsidy program provides generous support for comprehensive diagnostic testing on up to 10 individuals, where clinically appropriate. Composite samples may be too dilute, or may identify multiple pathogens that would need to be attributed to individual animals. In rare instances, we perform pooled testing on select specimens for select tests. Even in those instances, we require submission of individual specimens from individual animals, so that if pooled testing results in a positive detection, the infected individual(s) can be identified. If composite samples are submitted, they will not be covered by the NYS Contract Subsidy program and the submitting veterinarian will be responsible for all fees generated by the testing.