



## SERVICES OFFERED

### PASTURE SHEARS

These modified Pasture Shears are used by many of our customers to make pasture sampling much easier. There is less risk of soil contamination with side walls holding the pasture sample for easy transfer to the sample bag.

As the blades are mild steel it is important to dry them after use.

If the blades do need a clean at any time, you can use wet and dry sandpaper to clean them and then thoroughly clean with a paper towel before use.



### Taking Pasture Samples

- For pasture samples collect **at least 500g** of actively growing herbage from across each sample area.
- Sample paddocks 'ready for grazing', taking 20 small cuts of herbage in a diagonal line across the sample area and combine into one plant sample bag.
- Ensure the sample is representative of what the animals will be eating, and to help avoid soil contamination, cut at the normal grazing height.
- Avoid dung and urine spots, troughs, stock camps, fence lines, shelter trees and recently grazed pastures, and do not sample within three months of applying fertiliser.
- Traces of soil or chemicals (such as drench) on your hands may contaminate results.
- If you require tests for 'Dry Matter' or 'Feed', samples collected should be sealed in airtight Feed sample bags after squeezing out the air.
- Pasture test options are available from our website – [www.hill-laboratories.com](http://www.hill-laboratories.com) – or by phoning the laboratory on 07 858 2000.
- **Shears cost \$50 + GST each**

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