

SHEEP MILK STANDARDS

The British Sheep Dairying Association's standards for the buying and selling of Raw Sheep Milk in the UK.

TEST	STANDARD	GROUNDS FOR REJECTION
Subjective tests: Appearance, taste, smell	Normal	Any Abnormality
Total bacterial count TBC or TVC	< 5,000/ml	> 20,000/ml
Coliforms E-Coli 0157	Nil - 1/ml Nil	> 100/ml Any
Freezing point	565m C	-
Antibiotic or Anthelmintic residues	Nil	> 4ug/ml
Acidity	pH 6.55 or 0.23% (as lactic acid)	> 0.26%
Sediment	< 0.5mg/litre	> 1mg/litre
Psychrotrophs	< 1,000/ml	> 10,000/ml
Thermoturics	< 1,000/ml	> 5,000/ml
Coagulase positive Staphloci	< 20/ml	> 20/ml
Somatic Cell Count	< 400,000	> 600,000
<p>NOTE. Milk to be pasturised can be sold with less stringent tests. But for milk for drinking or raw milk cheese making must meet these standards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSTANT AND ADEQUATE COOLING WILL AVOID MOST PROBLEMS.</p>		