



Where can I get my agricultural water tested for microbial water quality in Florida?

Under proposed produce food safety guidelines, agricultural water that comes into contact with the harvestable portion of a crop covered under the rule will need to be tested for its microbial water quality. Typically, microbial water quality is evaluated by testing for the number of *E. coli* (by the Most Probable Number test, or MPN) in 100 ml (3.38 fl oz).

Below is a list of labs we know about that test for microbial water quality in Florida and their websites. Once you contact a company, they should provide you with everything you need to collect your agricultural water and get it tested.

- Advanced Environmental Laboratories, Inc.** <http://www.aellab.com>
Jacksonville, 904-363-9350
- Mérieux NutriSciences**, Gainesville, FL <http://www.merieuxnutrisciences.com/us/eng>
352-372-0436
- Covance Laboratories, Inc.**, Daytona, FL <http://www.covance.com>
866-429-3700
- Deibel Laboratories** <http://www.deibellabs.com/>
Sarasota 941-925-1579
Gainesville 352-271-4320
Lakeland 863-686-2909
- PrimusLabs, Belle Glade, FL** <http://www.primuslabs.com/>
561-996-5507
- Thornton Labs**, Tampa, FL <http://www.thorntonlab.com/>
813-223-9702
- Florida Spectrum Environmental Services, Inc.** <http://www.flenviro.com>
Fort Lauderdale 954-978-6400
- Sanders Laboratories, Inc.** <http://www.sanderslabs.net>
Nokomis 941-234-1000
Fort Myers 239-590-0337
- KAPPA Laboratories Inc.** Miami <http://www.kappalabs.com>
305-599-0199

Questions? Contact your local UF/IFAS Extension Agent, Keith Schneider at 352-392-1991 x 309 (keiths29@ufl.edu) or Michelle Danyluk at 863-956-8654 (mddanyluk@ufl.edu).

If you are a water testing laboratory, and we've missed you, please let us know so we can add you to our list!