

Testing portable milk meters

Instructions for sending portable milk meters for testing.

The summer break for the maintenance of portable milk meters is 24.6.–21.7.2024

Meters can be sent for testing in Kouvola again on 22 July 2024.

ICAR requires regular testing of milk meters to keep the recordings official. The meters must be tested every two years. ProAgria tests milk meters centrally in Kouvola. Send the milk meters for testing immediately after the test milking day, so that they have time to be tested before the next test milking.

How to send the milk meters for testing

1. Order enough milk meter boxes from the dairy producer's store to send the meters. Boxes are included in the price of postage and will be invoiced afterwards. One box fits a different number of milk meters depending on the brand:

MilkoScope II, 2 pcs

Tru-Test total length 78 cm, 2 pcs

Tru-Test total length 75 cm, 4 pcs

Waikato, 3 pcs

DeLaval MM6, 5 pcs

Sample devices must be removed from Tru-Tests.

2. Pack the milk meters in the box. NOTE! The milk meters should be well protected, for example by wrapping them individually in newspaper. Put a lot of padding between the milk meters and fill the box with e.g. newspaper so that they cannot move. The milk meters must not touch each other or the box. Leave the big milk tubes and samplers to the farm.

3. Fill in your information on the side of the box. Take the milk meter boxes to Posti and tell them the return code 654105. Delivery is not paid for yet. The return code serves as the package's delivery address and payment.

4. At the testing place, the meters are disassembled, washed, tested and, if necessary, serviced. We will contact you if something special comes up during testing or maintenance.

5. Milk meters are returned by mail with home delivery. Home delivery is attempted once, after which the milk meters can be picked up from your own post office. When the boxes leave the testing place, you will receive a text message.

6. If something is broken when the boxes arrive, you must immediately report the matter to the post office employee for insurance purposes.

The price of milk meter testing in 2024 is 65 €/ milk meter and the maintenance supplement for milk meters requiring maintenance is 45 €/ milk meter. VAT 24% is added to the prices. In addition, a postage fee is charged, which is determined by the boxes to be sent. Testing, possible spare parts and postage will be invoiced after testing.