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Good News! GESTALAB is now available every day!

Valacta would like to announce that GESTALAB, our pregnancy detection tool, can be used everyday as of October 3rd. In the past, GESTALAB has only been available at milk recording, but now it can also play a role in the daily management of dairy farms. Milk samples can easily be shipped to the Valacta laboratory using Canada Post or any other shipping company. You can view the [detailed shipping procedure here](#).

Furthermore, in collaboration with CIAQ, a simple and efficient sample pick-up has been put into place in Quebec, using their network of inseminators. When servicing a farm, the inseminators can provide producers with sampling kits and even collect the samples and send them to the Valacta laboratory for a nominal fee.

Also available for robot herds.

Robot herds can now also take advantage of this service by taking their samples by hand. The shipping procedure remains the same; simple and efficient.

Would you like to get a sampling kit?

Starting on October 3rd, Valacta technicians can provide a sampling kit to their clients along with the shipping procedure, free of charge. Clients can replenish their supply as needed with their Valacta technician or CIAQ inseminator.

Tighter management means more savings!

« The fact that testing is possible starting at 28 days post-breeding without having to wait for the next milk recording visit allows for even tighter reproductive management. » states Jean Durocher, D.M.V., Dairy Herd Health Coordinator at Valacta.

Dr. Durocher recommends using GESTALAB for early pregnancy testing between 28 and 45 days post-breeding to reduce the number of days open. Every extra day open brings with it estimated losses of \$4.50; early testing pays!

These analyses are carried out in Valacta's highly certified laboratories and clients receive a report the day after sampling for the majority of regions of Quebec; and within two days for the majority of the Atlantic Provinces. [Take a look at how the sample travels](#).

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