

Veterinary Laboratory Service, Department of Agriculture and Food, Ireland



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Veterinary Laboratory Service

- Veterinary Laboratory Service (VLS)
 - Central Meat Control Laboratory (food and water)
 - Veterinary Research Laboratories (animal, environment)
- Total 278 Staff – 32 Vet/Scientific, 88 Technicians
- Dr Scott Deputy Director CMCL, PhD entitled “Factors affecting *E. coli* O157 transmission on the farm”

VTEC Surveillance Ireland: 6 DAF Approved Private Labs

Raw Meat	No. Samples Tested	No. Samples Positive
2004	7581	11(0.14%)
2005	9316	13 (0.14%)

VTEC Surveillance (cont)

- VLS (DAF) recently moved into purpose built laboratory complex with category 3 suite of labs
- Currently no VTEC analysis carried out
- Advice from CRL on how to proceed and fulfill NRL function