

Guidelines for Clients
Submitting Ag/Small Acreage Weed Samples
Boulder County Extension
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For accurate ID of Weed Samples we need the following:

- Completeness: sample is representative of the entire plant (roots, stems, leaves and flowers) and is an intact whole (not cut into separate piece) unless in excess of the size of the bag (may use several bags if needed)
- Freshness*: sample is collected in the cool of the day and is immediately packaged into a plastic bag (no larger than a grocery bag). Roots are wrapped in a damp, wrung out paper towel (damp paper towel with other plant parts if cut from root). The goal here is to prevent desiccation (drying) of the sample and preserve its appearance as it looked growing.

*Not applicable to weed samples found in hay. We cannot guarantee accurate weed ID of dead, dried weed samples

- Storage: samples packaged as described above should be stored indoors at <70°F or in a refrigerator until ID is possible. Close the bag but do not seal it shut. Leave a 1-2" opening.
- ID Form: we WILL NOT accept samples without our Ag Plant/Weed ID form attached. Form must be entirely filled out by the client and affixed to the outside of the bag.

QUESTIONS: Call the Boulder County Extension Office 303-678-6238