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Most ask Questions about Cooled Shipped Stallion Semen.

Q: Are all stallions good candidates for cool shipped semen processing

A: Most stallions semen can with stand the cooling process. Test cooling is recommended before offering cool shipped semen. Test cooling can be done at Richland Ranch where semen is cooled for 24 and 48 hours in different extender and then evaluated to determine what extender is best suited for your stallion.

Q: What is the age range of stallions that can be successfully cooled?

A: Although 2 year old stallions are producing sperm and can be collected, we generally recommend that stallions not be collected until the spring of their 3-year-old year. Aged stallions can be cooled as long as they are producing viable sperm and are physically able to be collected. Once sexually mature at 5 or 6 years, semen quality reaches its peak and can only go downhill with advancing age. By offering shipped cooled semen you can greatly increase the geographical area you are able to breed mares in.



Q: How many doses of semen will my stallion produce from each collection?

A This is greatly affected by each stallion. Normally a stallion will produce enough sperm cells to breed 6-15 mares. A pre-breeding soundness exam should be conducted prior to offering cool shipped semen where testicular size can be measured, along with semen evaluation, and physical health of the stallion are considered to give a production of the number of mares a stallion can cover in a given year with cool shipped semen.

Q: How long can the semen be stored and still be viable?

A: Most cool semen shippers can hold semen for 24 -48 hours. Allowing the semen to easily be shipped across the country with fed ex or UPS.



Q: Can we do haul in collections?

A: yes, we offer haul in collections where you bring your stallion to Richland Ranch we collect, evaluate and ready your stallion semen for shipment. The whole process normally takes about 45 min. depending on the stallion.

Q: How much does it cost to ship cooled semen?

A: At Richland Ranch the cost of a clean out collection is \$25. A test cool collection is \$250. The fee for collection for cooled semen is \$200 an ejaculate cooled (this includes collection, evaluation, and freezing). Equitainer and fed-ex services are available at an additional cost.



Q: Can you ship the semen for me to my clients?

A: Absolutely! We have several equitainers and can send the shipments out for you with no problem. Our technical staff is available for consultation with receiving veterinarians.