

aphid collection instructions for identification service



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Experts at **cesar** can assist you with lettuce aphid identification free of charge. In return for our service, we ask that you fill out our attached aphid report form detailing the context of the aphid sample in question.

Live, intact aphids are easiest to identify, so this is the preferred method of receiving samples.

1. Place fresh specimens in a non-crushable plastic container. Not all plastics are equally strong. Please don't send insects in plastic, take-away containers - they often break during transit!



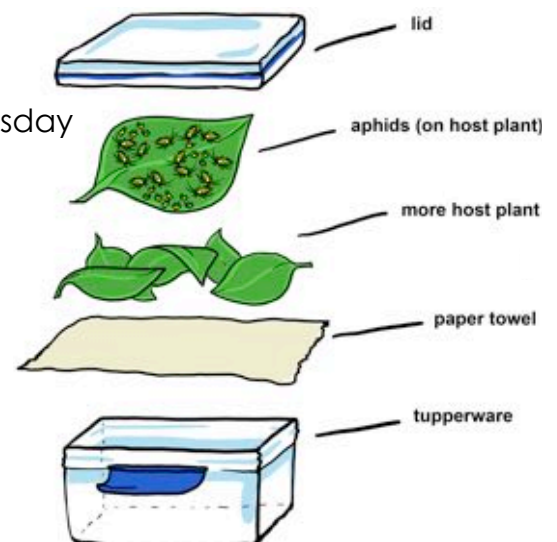
2. Send multiple individuals. A sample of >30 aphids can be sent in by harvesting and sending in the infested foliage.

3. Place a tissue or piece of paper towel in the container to absorb excess moisture.

4. Send by express post between Monday-Wednesday

Address to:

cesar pty ltd
Siobhan de Little, insect ID service
Ground floor, 293 Royal Parade
Parkville, VIC 3052



Don't puncture the container with air holes.

Don't place the insects directly in plastic bag without a container – they will get crushed

Don't send samples at the end of the week or before a public holiday period

Don't forget to fill in the aphid report form

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Collection date:

Collector name:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Occupation:

Grower name(s):

Paddock name:

Paddock/Crop Road address:

GPS at collection point:

Paddock Details

Crop/Host plant:

Crop variety:

Crop growth stage:

Please provide any other information you think is relevant: