

water test result

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At our last board meeting there was interest in seeing what a bad water test result would look like. I tested the stream water in Salem that I talked about. A couple of fields up stream from my property a neighbor has beef cattle that drink from the stream and cattle poop wherever they go. There is a wetland between the cows and my property so the water does get some filtering and looks very clean.

The picture attached shows the water in the vial turned purple. The water turns yellow when you collect the samples. You wait two days (varies somewhat depending on temperature) and if the water is still yellow you are good. There is a small range of color change that you can match to if the water turns just a little purple but basically it is a good or bad test. This purple is a bad test result. This spring the three samples Dave and I took all stayed nice and yellow. The three locations were, arms length deep, at the mouth of Ti bay, Northwest corner of Charles island and Northwest corner of Fox island.

