



AAFCO supports laboratories testing feeds, feed ingredients, and pet foods with four unique proficiency testing schemes that provide performance assessment for laboratory test results. The AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program complies with ISO/IEC 17043.



Proficiency test items are distributed to customers on a predetermined, pre-defined schedule to be tested for analytes of interest by each laboratory. Results for individual analytes are reported using specified AAFCO method codes

and units to allow for statistical analysis of the performance of individual methods or method types. Laboratory data are reported using the AAFCO Data Reporting Website.

Reported results are analyzed statistically and customers receive performance scores for each analyte and method reported.

Report cards and consensus reports are posted for download from the Data Reporting Website. Extra materials from each testing round are offered for purchase as Quality Reference Materials (QRMs) or "past samples."



Monthly Animal Feed Scheme



The Monthly Animal Feed Scheme consists of monthly rounds of a commercial feed proficiency testing material. The scheme begins in January and includes a variety of feeds and supplements with nutrients, drugs, antibiotics, minerals, and vitamins at levels typically encountered in commercial products. At least once annually, a dry pet food is distributed and once annually the round comprises a feed ingredient and a mineral pre-mix supplement (two materials). This scheme is available worldwide.

Quarterly Pet Food Scheme



The Pet Food Scheme consists of quarterly rounds of a pet food ingredient and includes ingredients derived from animal or plant sources. The scheme also distributes a fifth round of dry pet food coinciding with the Animal Feed Scheme. Customers subscribed to both the Animal Feed Scheme and the Pet Food Scheme will be distributed a single unit in the dry pet food round. Subscription to the Pet Food Scheme is available worldwide.

Quarterly Mycotoxin Contaminants Scheme

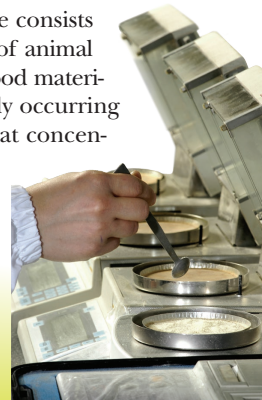


The Mycotoxin Contaminants Scheme consists of quarterly rounds of animal feed or pet food that has been contaminated with naturally incurred mycotoxins. Mycotoxins that may be present include aflatoxins, fumonisins, deoxynivalenol, zearalenone, ochratoxin A, and T-2 toxin. Subscription to the Mycotoxin Contaminants Scheme is available worldwide.

Quarterly Minerals Scheme



The Minerals Scheme consists of quarterly rounds of animal feed, pet food, and food materials with both naturally occurring and spiked minerals at concentrations of health/toxicological significance. Minerals present may include aluminum, arsenic, boron, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, fluorine, iodine, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, sulfur, and vanadium. The Minerals Scheme is available worldwide.





Subscribe to the schemes using the web forms on the AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program page of the AAFCO website.
<http://www.aafco.org/Laboratory/Proficiency-Testing-Programs>

Monthly Animal Feed Scheme

- \$300/year

Quarterly Pet Food Scheme

- \$300/year

Quarterly Mycotoxin Contaminants Scheme

- \$440/year

Quarterly Minerals Scheme

- \$300/year

Shipping charges are not included in the prices above. You must select a shipping option when you subscribe:

- USPS First Class (Domestic and International)
- USPS Priority or Express (International only)
- Courier—provide your own courier account (International only)

Priority Mail Express International service from the US Postal Service has an estimated delivery of 3 to 5 business days and full tracking. AAFCO cannot guarantee delivery times for international customers. Due to increased delivery problems, AAFCO may require customers in some countries to use the expedited international shipping to subscribe; these countries include but may not be limited to Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, and Vietnam. Please contact pt@aafco.org for further assistance.

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