AAFCO supports laboratories testing feeds, feed ingredients, and pet foods with four unique proficiency testing programs that provide performance assessment for laboratory test results.

**Regular Check Sample Program**

The Regular Check Sample Program consists of monthly shipments of a commercial feed proficiency testing material. The series 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 provided and once annually the shipment comprises both a feed ingredient and a mineral pre-mix supplement (two materials). This program is available worldwide.

**Pet Food Program**

The Pet Food Program consists of quarterly shipments of a pet food ingredient. The series begins in February and includes feed ingredients derived from animal or plant sources. Laboratories enrolled in only the Pet Food Program will also receive the dry pet food or canned pet food material offered in the Regular Program. Subscription to the Pet Food Program is available worldwide.

**Mycotoxin Contaminants Program**

The Mycotoxin Contaminants Program consists of quarterly shipments 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 T2 toxin. Subscription to the Mycotoxin Contaminants Program is available worldwide.

**Minerals Program**

The Minerals Program consists of quarterly shipments 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 Program is available worldwide.
Subscribe to the programs using the web forms on the Check Sample Program page of the AAFCO website.
http://www.aafco.org/Laboratory/Proficiency-Testing-Programs

**Regular Check Sample Program**
- $300/year

**Pet Food Program**
- $300/year

**Mycotoxin Contaminants Program**
- $440/year

**Minerals Program**
- $300/year

Shipping charges are not included in the prices above. You must select a shipping option when you subscribe:
- Courier (Provide your own courier account)
- USPS First Class
- USPS Priority or Express (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 laboratories. Due to increased delivery problems, AAFCO may require laboratories in some countries to use the expedited international shipping to participate; 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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