Dear AAFCO PT Program Participants,

Thank you for your participation in the AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program. The final reports have been reviewed and authorized for release. The included reports are:

- Analyte Proficiency Testing Report
- Method Proficiency Testing Report
- Analyte Summary Report
- Method Performance & Summary Report
- Individual Participant’s Methods & Analytes Report Cards

The reports shall not be reproduced except in full, without written approval of the AAFCO PT Program. The full set of reports includes this Report Authorization Letter. The data and results reported in this document are the property of the participating laboratories and are confidential.

**Notation:** This test item contained Urea which should be reported as the Crude Protein Equivalent. Three (3) labs reported results however a robust statistical analysis requires at least six (6) reporting labs. The reported Urea results are divergent therefore simple statistical analysis is not meaningful. The test item’s estimated analysis included Non-Protein Nitrogen (NPN, as % Nitrogen) and seven (7) labs reported results. Since Urea is the only significant source of NPN in the test item, the NPN Robust Assigned Value may be mathematically converted to provide an estimated concentration for Urea. To convert NPN (as % Nitrogen) to Urea (as % Crude Protein Equivalent) multiply NPN by 6.25 (the Nitrogen-to-Protein Conversion Factor or N:P Factor).

This PT Round was prepared, shipped, reported by participants, evaluated by statistical treatment for assigned consensus mean, robust standard deviation, and % Threshold RSD, graded (z-scores) and final reports issued.
Any concerns or errors should immediately be communicated to pt@aafco.org. A timely investigation will occur in accordance with the AAFCO PTP Quality Management System. You will be advised of the outcome. Errors made by the participant in data entry cannot be changed after the reporting deadline and such errors are not grounds for appeal.

Sincerely,

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