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AAFCO 2021 Laboratory Capability Survey Results

GENERAL STATISTICS

Total Number of Responses: 24

Number of Complete Responses: 22

RESULTS BY QUESTION

This survey is being completed by:

1. Name

Number of Responses: 24

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2. Agency

Number of Responses: 24

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2. state chemist section, MD Dept of Ag
3. South Dakota Agricultural Laboratories
4. Department of Agriculture
5. WI-DATCP
6. Wyoming Dept of Agriculture Analytical Services Laboratory
7. Missouri Dept. of Agriculture
8. Office of Indiana State Chemist
9. Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
10. Colorado Department of Agriculture
11. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
12. Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry Ag Chem Lab
13. Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Laboratory
14. Montana Department of Agriculture
15. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Food Safety and Lab Services
16. MN Department of Agriculture
17. Idaho State Department of Agriculture Feed and Fertilizer Lab
18. North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Food and Drug Protection Division
19. West Virginia Dept. of Agriculture
20. New Mexico Department of Agriculture
21. Kansas Department of Agriculture Laboratory
22. NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
23. Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries
24. University of Kentucky

3. Job Title

Number of Responses: 24

1. f
2. State Chemist
3. Director
4. Feed/Fertilizer Manager
5. Chemist Supervisor
6. Laboratory Supervisor
7. Lab Manager
8. Laboratory Supervisor
9. Laboratory Bureau Chief
10. Laboratory Manager
11. Chief Agricultural Scientist
12. Quality Assurance Manager
13. Laboratory Scientist Manager
14. Bureau Chief
15. Chief - Lab Divison
16. Lab Supervisor
17. Principal Chemist
18. Chemistry Manager 1
19. Deputy Director
20. Division Director
21. Laboratory Director
22. Supervisor Chemistry Section Food Laboratory
23. State Chemical Laboratory Director
24. Laboratory Director

4. State

Number of Responses: 24

1. f
2. MD
3. SD
4. Georgia
5. Wisconsin
6. Wyoming
7. Missouri

8. Indiana
9. Iowa
10. Colorado
11. Connecticut
12. LA
13. Michigan
14. Montana
15. Pa
16. MN
17. Idaho
18. NC
19. WV
20. New Mexico
21. KS
22. NY
23. AL
24. Kentucky

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6. Does your laboratory attend meetings and/or participate in the AAFCO Laboratory Methods and Services Committee?

Number of Responses: 23

Yes:	19	82.6%	
No (Do you mind sharing why not?):	4	17.4%	

1. We have never been able to send anybody to the meetings. Now that they are virtual we would like to attend.
2. Historically not promoted
3. some times, if they are relevant
4. Funding, lack of relevant topics.

7. Does your laboratory currently participate in the AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program <https://www.aaeco.org/Laboratory/Proficiency-Testing-Program>





Number of Responses: 23

Yes:	22	95.7%	
No (Do you mind sharing why not?):	1	4.3%	

1. *(nothing was entered*)*

8. Please indicate your current accreditation status below






Number of Responses: 23

Currently ISO17025:2017 accredited:	18	78.3%	
Working towards ISO17025 accreditation:	3	13.0%	
No plans to become accredited:	1	4.3%	
Laboratory wants to be accredited but lack funding or resources:	1	4.3%	

Microbiology Pathogen Testing

9. Does your laboratory have a microbiology lab that performs testing on human and/or animal food?













Number of Responses: 22

Yes - please answer next question:	15	68.2%	
No - Chemical testing lab only with no capability for microbiological testing:	6	27.3%	
No - Could have capability to do microbiological testing but don't have the equipment:	1	4.5%	
No - No trained staff to perform microbiological testing:	0	0.0%	
Other (please specify):	0	0.0%	

10. If you answered "Yes", please select the pathogen(s) your laboratory currently has the capability to analyze for.

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 15

Salmonella sp. VIDAS Screen8 and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	8	53.3%	
Salmonella sp. rt-PCR screen 10 (BAX or other PCR) and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	10	66.7%	
Salmonella sp. other rapid test kit and cultural isolation/confirmation:	6	40.0%	
Listeria VIDAS screen and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	7	46.7%	
Listeria rt-PCR screen (BAX or other PCR) and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	8	53.3%	
Listeria other rapid test kit and cultural isolation/confirmation:	6	40.0%	
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (E. coli O157 and non-O157 STEC) rt-PCR screen and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	8	53.3%	
E. coli O157:H7 only VIDAS Screen and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	5	33.3%	
E. coli O157:H7 only rt-PCR (BAX or other PCR) and FDA BAM cultural isolation/confirmation:	7	46.7%	
Mold identification - microscopy:	0	0.0%	
Mold identification - PCR :	0	0.0%	
Other (please specify):	4	26.7%	





1. E.coli 3M Molecular Detection System and BAM cultural isolation/confirmation
2. Salmonella-FDA BAM culture and LAMP screening/confirmation
3. We don't use FDA BAM, but we do use FSIS MLG
4. Cyclospora, B. anthracis, BSE, S. aureus, S. enterotoxin

Toxic Metals - Please choose the appropriate response based on your lab's current status

11. Arsenic

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)





Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	14	66.7%	
Have capability - need training:	4	19.0%	
Have capability - need method:	3	14.3%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.5%	

12. Arsenic speciation

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)





Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	5	23.8%	
Have capability - need training:	4	19.0%	
Have capability - need method:	2	9.5%	
No capability - need equipment:	12	57.1%	

13. Cadmium

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)





Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	17	77.3%	
Have capability - need training:	3	13.6%	
Have capability - need method:	2	9.1%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.1%	

14. Chromium

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)





Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	15	71.4%	
Have capability - need training:	3	14.3%	
Have capability - need method:	3	14.3%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.5%	

15. Chromium Speciation

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 19

Current capability:	2	10.5%	
Have capability - need training:	4	21.1%	
Have capability - need method:	5	26.3%	
No capability - need equipment:	13	68.4%	

16. Cobalt

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	16	76.2%	
Have capability - need training:	3	14.3%	
Have capability - need method:	2	9.5%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.5%	

17. Lead

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	16	72.7%	
Have capability - need training:	4	18.2%	
Have capability - need method:	2	9.1%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.1%	

18. Nickel

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	16	76.2%	
Have capability - need training:	3	14.3%	
Have capability - need method:	2	9.5%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.5%	

19. Mercury

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	11	52.4%	
Have capability - need training:	5	23.8%	
Have capability - need method:	4	19.0%	
No capability - need equipment:	5	23.8%	

20. Molybdenum

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	17	81.0%	
Have capability - need training:	3	14.3%	
Have capability - need method:	2	9.5%	
No capability - need equipment:	1	4.8%	

21. Selenium

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	16	76.2%	
Have capability - need training:	3	14.3%	

Have capability - need method:	1	4.8%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.5%	

22. Selenium Speciation

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 17

Current capability:	0	0.0%	
Have capability - need training:	5	29.4%	
Have capability - need method:	5	29.4%	
No capability - need equipment:	12	70.6%	

23. Other (please specify)

Number of Responses: 4

- Answers for 11-22 relate to ICP-MS detection
- Use an ICP-OES for mineral guarantees, would need an ICP-MS for toxic metal contamination.
- We currently analyze samples for 24 nutritive and non-nutritive metals.
- No current requirement from customer to do speciation

Poisons/Toxins - please choose the appropriate response based on your lab's current status

24. Total Aflatoxins (AB1, AB2, AG1 and AG2)

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	18	81.8%	
Have capability - need training:	1	4.5%	
Have capability - need method:	3	13.6%	
No capability - need equipment:	1	4.5%	

25. Fumonisin (B1 and B2)

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	15	68.2%	
Have capability - need training:	3	13.6%	
Have capability - need method:	5	22.7%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.1%	

26. Deoxynivalenol (DON)

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	18	81.8%	
Have capability - need	1	4.5%	

training:			
Have capability - need	2	9.1%	
method:			
No capability - need	2	9.1%	
equipment:			

27. Ochratoxin

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	11	50.0%	
Have capability - need	5	22.7%	
training:			
Have capability - need	8	36.4%	
method:			
No capability - need	3	13.6%	
equipment:			

28. Zearalenone

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	13	59.1%	
Have capability - need	5	22.7%	
training:			
Have capability - need	6	27.3%	
method:			
No capability - need	2	9.1%	
equipment:			

29. T2 and HT2

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	8	38.1%	
Have capability - need	7	33.3%	
training:			
Have capability - need	8	38.1%	
method:			
No capability - need	3	14.3%	
equipment:			

30. Dioxin

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 19

Current capability:	0	0.0%	
Have capability - need	4	21.1%	
training:			
Have capability - need	8	42.1%	
method:			
No capability - need	11	57.9%	
equipment:			

31. Pentobarbital

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 19

Current capability:	1	5.3%	
Have capability - need	8	42.1%	
training:			
Have capability - need	11	57.9%	
method:			
No capability - need	6	31.6%	

equipment:

32. Other (please specify)

Number of Responses: 1

1. Depending on the method, we may not have the proper equipment

Vitamins & Veterinary Drugs - please choose the appropriate response based on your lab's current status

33. Vitamin D HPLC

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	2	9.5%	
Have capability - need training:	10	47.6%	
Have capability - need method:	15	71.4%	
No capability - need equipment:	4	19.0%	

34. Vitamin D LC/MS

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 20

Current capability:	1	5.0%	
Have capability - need training:	9	45.0%	
Have capability - need method:	11	55.0%	
No capability - need equipment:	7	35.0%	

35. Lasalocid HPLC

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	14	66.7%	
Have capability - need training:	3	14.3%	
Have capability - need method:	5	23.8%	
No capability - need equipment:	2	9.5%	

36. Lasalocid Plate Method

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 17

Current capability:	0	0.0%	
Have capability - need training:	2	11.8%	
Have capability - need method:	5	29.4%	
No capability - need equipment:	12	70.6%	

37. Monensin HPLC

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 18

Current capability:	8	44.4%	
Have capability - need training:	3	16.7%	
Have capability - need method:	6	33.3%	
No capability - need equipment:	4	22.2%	

38. Monensin LC/MS

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Current capability:	10	45.5%	
Have capability - need training:	4	18.2%	
Have capability - need method:	7	31.8%	
No capability - need equipment:	5	22.7%	

39. Monensin Plate Method

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 19

Current capability:	6	31.6%	
Have capability - need training:	1	5.3%	
Have capability - need method:	2	10.5%	
No capability - need equipment:	11	57.9%	

40. Comments

Number of Responses: 2

1. We do not routinely do any of these.
2. Developing Vit D and A with saponification sample prep followed by UPLC-PDA detection

Drug Residues - Please choose if this testing is already being conducted in your state or is a critical need currently not being tested.

41. Drug Residues by Mass Spectroscopy

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 21

Current capability:	4	19.0%	
Have capability - need training:	8	38.1%	
Have capability - need method:	11	52.4%	
No capability - need equipment:	6	28.6%	

42. Comments

Number of Responses: 3

1. Our equipment is limited to perform this on a routine basis
2. We do not routinely do drug residues analysis

- We have equipment but lack personel and time to set up

Pesticide Residues - Please choose if this testing is already being conducted in your state or is a critical need currently not being tested.

43. Pesticide Residues by Mass Spectroscopy

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 19

Current capability:	12	63.2%	
Have capability - need training:	2	10.5%	
Have capability - need method:	5	26.3%	
No capability - need equipment:	3	15.8%	

44. Comments

Number of Responses: 5

- Not routinely tested, only in special cases/requests. Instrument doesn't belong to the Feed Laboratory
- my lab does not do pesticides, the pesticide lab does and does not participate in aafco
- Not under our scope of accreditation - will need some work
- Would only have the capability to test pesticides on LCMSMS would need a GCMSMS to get a bigger selection of pesticides.
- Pesticide testing program is being rebuilt following lab relocation and associated turnover

45. Would your laboratory like to contribute to an AAFCO Laboratory Methods & Services Committee working group to validate analytical methods and/or establish best practices for testing? If so, check the area(s) of interest and please leave your contact information in the "contact information" box below.

(Survey taker was allowed to select all applicable answers)

Number of Responses: 22

Microbiology Pathogen Methods:	5	22.7%	
Toxic Metal Methods:	9	40.9%	
Poisons/Toxins:	2	9.1%	
Vitamins and Veterinary Drugs:	8	36.4%	
Drug Residues:	6	27.3%	
Pesticide Residues:	6	27.3%	
No:	8	36.4%	
Contact information:::	8	36.4%	

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