



FINAL: 05 OCT 2021

Proficiency Testing Program Committee Report

2021 AAFCO Annual Meeting (Virtual)

August 3, 2021, 11:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. EST

Committee Recommendations

None

Board Recommendations

None

Association Actions

None

Committee Participants

Members Present (Voting): Brenda Snodgrass – PT Program (Chair/Program Manager), Life Member (OK); Louise Ogden – PT Program (Vice-chair/Quality Manager), Life Member (MN); Nancy Thiex – Thiex Analytical Solutions, Life Member (SD); Kristi McCallum – CO; Ametra Berry – GA; Michelle Swarbrick – MN; Tai Ha – NE; Quintin Muenks – MO; Patty Lucas – FL; Sharon Webb – KY; Tom Phillips – MD (Ingredients Definitions Committee Liaison); Josh Arbaugh - WV (Board of Directors Liaison); Gail Swinford – FDA (Primary), Janna Hutchinson – FDA (Alternate), Sue Humphries- FDA (Alternate)

Advisors Present: Bob Kieffer – PT Program, Able Laboratories; Amy Kieffer – PT Program, Able Laboratories; Andy Crawford – PT Program, Crawford Consulting Services; Lars Reimann – AFIA (Primary); Susan Wiegert – AFIA (Alternate); Ken Riter – PFI (Primary); Pat Tovey – PFI (Alternate); Frank Sikora – Magruder PT Program

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Committee Activities

See Action Item Table

Sub-Committee Activities

None

Committee Minutes

1. Welcome & Call to Order – Brenda Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM EST. The agenda was reviewed and approved.
2. Program Leadership and Administrative Update
 - a. QA Manager Position: This position will be open January 1, 2022. Brenda



would like to recruit a volunteer from a regulatory lab to perform internal audits, document control and prepare for audits from ANAB. The person should be familiar with ISO 17025 and or ISO 17043. This would take about 20 hours a month (~ 5 hours a week on average). If we are unable to recruit a volunteer AAFCO voting member, the position will be offered to a contractor with qualifying experience.

3. Customer Surveys - Louise

- a. Unusual Matrices in Feed and Pet Food Laboratories: This survey was sent to 251 Animal Feed and Pet Food laboratories participating in the PT Program. 54 laboratories responded.

Matrices that laboratories are receiving include gummy bears, pizza dough, chocolate, ice cream treats, bakery waste, casava meal, meal worms, potato chips, wrapped candies, horse treats with peppermint candies wrapped inside, donuts, cookies, cakes, raw ground meat, mink food, chew bones, jerky treats, vegan/paleo inspired treats and food, and CBD treats for dogs

Hemp: 12 laboratories are analyzing for the presence of cannabinoids in animal feeds and pet foods.

Algae biomass: 13 laboratories are analyzing algae biomass/seaweed for proximate analysis, fatty acids and metals.

We spoke with the World Wildlife Fund – Algae Biomass – They may be able to donate algae biomass to the program.

4. Update from Able Laboratories

- a. Able Laboratories added a jaw crusher for their preparation process to crush difficult feed ingredients and feed. The jaw crusher was used to process (grind) the Dry Dog Feed for Animal Feed round #202125 (May 2021)
- b. As Bob and Amy Kieffer (Manager and Owner of Able Laboratories, Inc.) transition to retirement their daughter Mo Kieffer will be transitioning to the primary operator of Able Laboratories. Mo is relocating to Pikeville, TN and will begin technical and operations training in September 2021. This training will be done by Bob & Amy over an appropriate time frame determined by Able Laboratories. Training on the ISO 17043 Quality System requirements will be done by Louise Ogden prior to her departure on January 1, 2021.

5. Drugs In Animal Feeds – Panel Discussion – Eric Brady (TN), Austin Therrell (NC), George Ferguson (SC).

- a. Background – Medications in animal feeds – Veterinary Feed Directives – increasingly difficult to get in VFD medication in a form that can be added to feed matrices. Even with the required veterinary subscriptions most are administered via the animal's water supply, orally, or as an injectable. None of these medicated formulations are appropriate for inclusion in a Type II or



- Type III Feed ration
 - b. Presentation attached.
6. Adjournment at 12:45 AM EST

Action Item Table

Responsible	Item	Action	Timing / Status
Committee Chair (Program Manager) & AV WG Volunteers	Analytical Variations from Official Publication	Internal Report on AV misuse, obsolescence, and proposed replacement/guidance.	2021 Annual Meeting/Paused due to Chair availability/ Resuming action in 4 th Quarter of 2021