



MYCOTOXIN TESTING

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SGS North America's Agricultural Services laboratories have the facilities, equipment and experience to service your complete food and feed testing needs. SGS routinely tests the quality of dairy products, pet food, livestock feed, co-products and grain. With cutting edge technology and standardized testing methods, SGS laboratories are fully equipped to meet your needs. Our trained scientists and technicians hold advanced degrees in chemistry and microbiology, as well as years of laboratory experience. Our laboratories are ISO 17025 accredited and are recognized by several food and feed associations as approved laboratories.

COMMON MYCOTOXINS

Mycotoxins are secondary metabolites produced by fungi which contaminate crops and feed products. The formation of mycotoxins is dependent on weather and environmental conditions, making them difficult to control. In addition, mycotoxins can become concentrated in some processing and production of products from these crops and feeds.

High levels of mycotoxins in food, pet food and livestock feed can be detrimental to the health of humans and animals. Testing of feed and food materials is necessary to keep these products safe, and many countries have set standards to control the levels of mycotoxins.

DEOXYNIVALENOL (DON) OR VOMITOXIN

DON is a trichothecenes produced by various Fusarium species and is usually favored by cool, wet weather. DON causes feed refusal, vomiting and immunosuppression.

AFLATOXIN

Aflatoxins are a group of mycotoxins consisting of aflatoxin B1, B2, G1,

G2 and M1 which are produced by Aspergillus species and are usually most severe when drought, extreme heat or injury occurs. Aflatoxins are potent carcinogens.

FUMONISIN

Fumonisin is a group of mycotoxins (B1, B2 and B3) which are produced by several Fusarium species. Fumonisin affects primarily corn and are brought on by drought stress followed by warm wet weather. They have been known to cause pulmonary edema in swine and esophageal cancer in humans.

OCHRATOXIN

Ochratoxin A, B, and C are produced by some Aspergillus species and Penicillium species. Ochratoxin A is most prevalent and is a carcinogen.

ZEARALENONE

Zearalenone is produced by Fusarium species and is favored by cool wet weather. Zearalenone has negative effects on the reproductive system of mammals.

T-2 TOXIN

T-2 Toxin is a trichothecenes produced by various Fusarium species and causes severe immunosuppression, vomiting and reduced feed intake.

TESTING METHODS

SGS utilizes both USDA-GIPSA validated ELISA (Enzyme Linked Immunosorbant Assay) testing methods and LC MSMS (Liquid Chromatography with tandem Mass Spectrophotometry), depending on the level of detection and quantification needed.

LC MSMS technology allows for differentiation of mycotoxins within a group and offers quantitative results with a turnaround time of 5-7 days. ELISA testing is also available with a turnaround time of 2-3 days and results can be rushed for an additional fee. Results are reported as parts per million (ppm) and parts per billion (ppb) depending on the mycotoxin tested.

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MYCOTOXIN	MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVELS FOR TOTAL DIET(1)				DETECTION CAPABILITIES	
	HUMANS	CATTLE	SWINE	POULTRY	ELISA(2)	LC MSMS(3)
DON	1ppm	10ppm for beef 5ppm for dairy	5ppm (<20% of diet)	10ppm (<50% of diet)	0.5ppm - 6ppm	0.25ppm and higher
AFLATOXIN	20ppb	100ppb for breeding; 300 ppb	100ppb for breeding; 200 ppb	100ppb	5ppb - 80ppb	1ppb and higher
FUMONISIN	2ppm	15ppm for breeding; 30ppm	10ppm	15ppm for breeding; 50ppm	50ppb - 6ppm	100ppb and higher
OCHRATOXIN		No established levels			2ppb - 25ppb	10ppb and higher
ZEARALENONE		No established levels			25ppb - 500ppb	10ppb and higher
T-2 TOXIN		No established levels			25ppb - 250ppb	40ppb and higher

(1) FDA established acceptable levels for different mycotoxins

(2) Turnaround Time for ELISA testing - 2-3 days

(3) Turnaround Time for LC MSMS testing -5-7 days. Rush capability for an additional fee.

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