

RLP/MWPF Timetable – New Zealand Meat Chem, Meat Micro, Pathogens, Food & Water

January to December 2025



Despatch (Round)	Despatch Date	Results Due	Meat Chem	Meat Micro	Pathogens	Food Micro	Water Micro
January (1)	Mon 06 Jan	Tue 21 Jan		MMC, MMP			
February (2)	Mon 03 Feb	Thu 20 Feb	MBM	MMC, MMP	SL, LIS	FDM	WML, WMY ⁷ , WMP ¹
March (3)	Mon 24 Feb	Wed 12 Mar		MMC, MMP	SL	SFM	WMQ ⁵ , WMR
April (4)	Mon 31 Mar	Tue 15 Apr		MMC, MMP	CSK	FDM	WMP ¹ , WMX ⁶ , WMS, WMV
May (5)	Mon 28 Apr	Tue 13 May		MMC, MMP	CMP, SL	SFM	WME ⁸ , WMQ ⁵
June (6)	Mon 26 May	Fri 13 Jun	MBM, TAL ²	MMC, MMP	CME, NST ³	FDM	WML, WMY ⁷ , WMP ¹
July (7)	Mon 30 Jun	Tue 15 Jul		MMC, MMP	SL	SFM	WMR
August (8)	Mon 28 Jul	Tue 12 Aug		MMC, MMP	VIB	FDM	WME, WMP ¹ , WMX ⁶
September (9)	Mon 01 Sep	Tue 16 Sep		MMC, MMP	CMP, LIS, SL	SFM	WMQ ⁵ , WMR
October (10)	Mon 29 Sep	Tue 14 Oct	MBM	MMC, MMP	CME, CSK, NST ³	FDM	WME, WMP ¹ , WMS, WMV
November (11)	Tue 28 Oct	Thu 13 Nov		MMC, MMP	SL		WML, WMY ⁷ , WMQ ⁵
December (12)	Mon 24 Nov	Tue 09 Dec		MMC, MMP		FDM	WMP ¹

Notes: 1. RLP Laboratories undertaking MPI Official tests in the following products **must participate in the Designated Rounds stipulated below:**

- Potable Water (WMP): **2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12**, incl. *C. perfringens* spores offered in all 6 rounds.
 - Potable Water (WMP): **2, 4, 8 and 10** for test code **11.6.1**
 - Food Microbiology (FDM): **2, 4, 8 and 10**
 - Shellfish Microbiology (SFM): **3, 5, 7 and 9** for test code **11.6.2 / 11.8.1**
 - Meat Microbiology (MMC/MMP): Eleven of the twelve rounds offered.
2. The **Tallow (TAL)** category may be discontinued if there are not enough participants to make this viable.
 3. **STEC** = Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (including O157:H7).
 4. Our **WaterChek Chemistry programme** has a separate Timetable – please ask if you would like a copy.
 5. **Water Microbiology (WMQ):** “Potable P/A” = Presence/Absence for *Total coliforms* and *E. coli* only, utilising rapid test technology.
 6. **Potable Water (WMX):** Rounds **4** and **8** include the additional test *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in a separate sample set.
 7. **Pool Water (WMY):** Rounds **2, 6** and **11** include the additional test *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in a separate sample set.
 8. **Effluent Water (WME):** the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* test will only be offered in **Round 5**.

CONTACT DETAILS

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CATEGORY KEY

Meat Chemistry	
MBM	2 x Meat & Bonemeal
TAL	2 x Tallow

Meat Microbiology	
MMC	2 x Meat FDV
MMP	1 x Meat FDV + Product

Pathogens	
CME	2 x <i>Campylobacter</i> Enumeration
CMP	4 x <i>Campylobacter</i> Presence/Absence
CSK	3 x <i>Cronobacter</i> spp. Presence/Absence (+ matrix)
LIS	2 x <i>Listeria</i> Enumeration
NST	4 x STEC ⁴ incl <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 Presence/Absence (+ matrix)
SL	4 x <i>Salmonella</i> + <i>Listeria</i> + <i>Shigella</i> Presence/Absence
VIB	4 x <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> Presence/Absence

Food Microbiology	
FDM	2 x Food Micro
SFM	2 x Shellfish Micro (+ matrix)

Water Microbiology	
WME	2 x Effluent Water
WML	2 x Pool Water
WMY	2 x Pool Water (<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>)
WMP	2 x Potable Water
WMX	2 x Potable Water (<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>)
WMQ	2 x Potable Water – Presence/Absence
WMR	2 x Receiving Water
WMS	2 x Seawater
WMV	2 x Seawater (Enterococci MPN)