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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN DAIRYCHEK:

➤ Confidence in Results

Measurement of performance in comparison with other laboratories provides confidence that:

- Precision and Accuracy of test results and test methods are within acceptable limits
- Results from participating laboratories (or groups of laboratories) are equivalent
- In-house methods are equivalent to national or international standard methods

➤ Credibility

Performance can be demonstrated to:

- Customers
- Regulatory Authorities
- Accreditation Agencies

➤ Compliance with

- Laboratory Standards (e.g., ISO 17025)
- Regulatory and market access requirements

➤ Optimising Yields

Low levels of bias in simple tests (e.g., moisture) can add up to significant volumes of lost yield (and value) over time.

➤ Training

Test performance from individual analysts can be monitored and reported over time.

PROGRAMME FEATURES

- Comprehensive range of sample types and tests, covering the major recognised chemistry and microbiological test methods
- Participation by numerous accredited laboratories gives high confidence for inter-lab comparisons
- Separation of data by method (where appropriate)
- High quality and cost-effective reference materials
- Technical direction from an independent Technical Advisory Group ensuring relevance to current industry needs
- Accredited to ISO/IEC 17043: Conformity Assessment - General Requirements for Proficiency Testing and ISO 17034: General requirements for the competence of Reference Material Producers

SAMPLE TYPES

Casein, Caseinate, Whey Protein Concentrate, Whey Powder, Lactose, Milk Protein Concentrate, Nitrate/Nitrite

AVAILABLE TESTS:

CASEIN

Lactic and Mineral Acid

Fat (SBR)
Moisture (102°C Oven)
Ash
Lactose
Free Acidity
pH
Protein (Kjeldahl)
Particle Size (2 passes)

CASEINATE

Sodium & Calcium

Fat (SBR)
Moisture (102°C Oven)
Ash
Lactose
Calcium
pH (5% soln)
Protein (Kjeldahl)

Calcium offered in the March and September sample set

LACTOSE

Edible & Pharmaceutical

pH (10% soln)
Moisture (LOD)
Total Moisture (KF)

BULK DENSITY

Casein, Caseinate, MPC & WPC

Bulk Density (35 taps)
Bulk Density (100 taps) *
*MPC ≤ 70 only

PURITY

Casein, Caseinate, WPC & Lactose

Recovery & Identification

MILK PROTEIN CONCENTRATE

MPC 42, 56, 70, 80, 85 & MPI

Fat (RG / SBR)
Moisture (102°C Oven)
Ash
Lactose**
Insolubility Index 40°C
Titratable Acidity (5% soln) *
WPNI
pH (5% soln)
Protein (Kjeldahl)
*42, 56, 70 only
**80, 85, MPI only

WPNI offered in the April and October sample sets for MPC 80, 85 & MPI (WPNI is offered in all MPC 42, 56 and 70 sample sets)

WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE

Sweet & Acid Whey

Fat (SBR)
Moisture (102°C Oven)
Ash
Lactose
Insolubility Index 24°C
pH (5% soln)
Protein (Kjeldahl)

WHEY POWDER

Fat (RG)
Moisture (102°C Oven)
Ash
pH
Protein (Kjeldahl)
Titratable Acidity
Salt
Insolubility Index 24°C

Global Proficiency also offers other DairyChek proficiency products including **Milk Powders, Fat Product, Cheese** and **Contaminants** – please request a copy of the Programme Description if you are interested.



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- Casein (matrix is lactic casein)
- Caseinate (matrix is sodium caseinate)
- Whey Protein Concentrate (matrix is sweet whey)
- Lactose (matrix is edible lactose. Note - one round per year the matrix is pharmaceutical lactose).

Provided as four-sample sets. Samples consist of 4 freeze-dried vials containing microorganisms, each with an accompanying sachet containing the applicable matrix as detailed above to enable the preparation of sample homogenates.

AVAILABLE TESTS - ALL SAMPLE TYPES:

Aerobic Plate Count
 Coliforms (Count & Detection)*
E. coli (Count & Detection)*
Enterobacteriaceae (Count, Detection)
 Coagulase-positive Staphylococci (Detection)
 Yeast & Mould Count
 Thermophile Count*

Enterobacteriaceae offered in the **March** sample set

* *Lactose* offers Detection only and no Thermophile Count

ALSO AVAILABLE

Inhibitory Substances: Samples with varying levels of Penicillin G in a milk matrix.

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