



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO ISO/IEC 17025:2017

**FOOD SAFETY NET SERVICES**  
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**BIOLOGICAL**

Valid To: April 30, 2028

Certificate Number: 1698.26

In recognition of the successful completion of the A2LA evaluation process (including an assessment of the laboratory’s compliance with A2LA’s R204 – *Specific Requirements – AOAC Laboratory Accreditation Program*, containing the 2024 “*AOAC International Guidelines for Laboratories Performing Microbiological and Chemical Analyses of Food, Dietary Supplements, Pharmaceuticals, and Cannabis*”), accreditation is granted to this laboratory to perform the following tests on foods, beverages, feeds, pet food, bread, butter, cheese, cocoa, eggs, seafood, fruits, mayonnaise, dressings, ice cream, meat, oils, milk, nuts, spices, sugars, vegetables, water, and environmental swabs:

<b>Quantitative Test Method</b>	<b>FSNS Method(s)</b>	<b>Reference Method(s)</b>
Petrifilm	1.3 (6595)	AOAC 986.33, 989.10, 990.12 USDA MLG Chapter 3 (Aerobic Plate Count)
	1.5 (6597)	AOAC 2015.13 (Rapid Aerobic Plate Count)
	1.14 (6590)	AOAC PTM 041701 (Lactic Acid Bacteria)
	4.3 (6612)	AOAC 997.02 (Yeast and Mold)
	4.6 (6613)	AOAC 2014.05 (Rapid Yeast and Mold)
	6.4 (6622), 7.4 (7849)	AOAC 991.14, 986.33, 989.10, 998.08, 966.24, USDA MLG Chapter 3 ( <i>Escherichia coli</i> and Coliform)
	11.3 (7854)	AOAC 2003.07, 2003.08, 2003.11 ( <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> )
	25.1 (8722)	AOAC 2003.01 (Enterobacteriaceae)
APHA (SMEDP/SMEWW)	1.7 (6599)	APHA (SMEWW) Chapter 9-9215 (Heterotrophic Plate Count)
	7.2 (7811)	APHA (SMEWW) Chapter 9-9221 ( <i>E. coli</i> and Fecal Coliform Count MPN)
	7.11, 7844	APHA (SMEWW) Chapter 9-9222 ( <i>E. coli</i> and Coliform Count Colilert)

Qualitative Platform	FSNS Method	Reference Method(s)
Cultural Confirmation	13.1 (7859)	FDA-BAM Chapter 5 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp.)
	14.1 (7861)	FDA-BAM Chapter 10 ( <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> )
ELFA (VIDAS) Analysis	32.2 (10058)	AOAC 2011.03 (EZ <i>Salmonella</i> spp.)
	32.3 (10058)	AOAC 2013.01 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. UP)
	33.1	AOAC 2004.02 ( <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> II)
	34.1 (10058)	AOAC 2004.06, AOAC-RI 981202 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp.)
	34.3 (10058)	AOAC 2013.10 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp. UP)
FDA-BAM	5.1 (6616)	FDA-BAM Chapter 14 ( <i>B. cereus</i> )
	11.1 (7853)	FDA-BAM Chapter 12 ( <i>S. aureus</i> )
Gene-Up	13.23 (10056)	AOAC-RI 121802 ( <i>Salmonella</i> 2)
	14.22 (10056)	AOAC-RI 121803 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp. 2)
PCR-BAX Analysis	12.8 (10049)	AOAC-RI 091301, USDA MLG Chapter 5 (Non <i>E. coli</i> O157 STEC RT)
	12.10 (10049)	AOAC-RI 031002, USDA MLG Chapter 5 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 RT)
	12.17 (10049)	AOAC-RI 102003, USDA MLG Chapter 5 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 RT Exact)
	13.18 (10049)	AOAC 2003.09, AOAC-RI 100201, USDA MLG Chapter 4 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. 2)
	13.19(10049)	AOAC 2013.02, AOAC RI 081201, USDA MLG Chapter 4 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. RT)
	14.16 (10049)	AOAC-RI 121402 ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> RT)
	14.17 (10049)	AOAC-RI 081401 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp. RT)
	14.9 (10049)	AOAC-RI 030502 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp.)

**KEY:**

APHA = American Public Health Association

AOAC = Association of Official Analytical Chemists International

AOAC-RI = Association of Official Analytical Chemists International – Research Institute

FDA-BAM = Food and Drug Administration – Bacteriological Analytical Manual

USDA MLG = United States Department of Agriculture – Microbiological Laboratory Guidebook

SMEDP = Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products

SMEWW = Standard Methods for the Examination of Waste Water





# Accredited Laboratory

A2LA has accredited

## FOOD SAFETY NET SERVICES

*Plymouth, MN*

for technical competence in the field of

### Biological Testing

This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*. This laboratory also meets the requirements of A2LA R204 – *Specific Requirements – Food and Pharmaceutical Testing Laboratory Accreditation Program*. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (refer to joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué dated April 2017).



Presented this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

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Trace McInturff, Vice President, Accreditation Services  
For the Accreditation Council  
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*For the tests to which this accreditation applies, please refer to the laboratory's Biological Scope of Accreditation.*