

Feed and Forage Testing Labs

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Feed and forage quality varies depending on species, maturity, environmental conditions, and storage conditions. Therefore, it is commonly recommended to have feed and forage analyzed to assess accurately its quality. Visual indicators of forage quality such as color, maturity, and leafiness are not consistently reliable. Sending forage samples to a lab for testing will provide information about nutrient composition and expected animal performance of the particular forage. This information can help you more accurately formulate rations for the animal consuming the forage and/or sell forage of a known quality.

Proficient labs have met the requirements set forth by the National Forage Testing Association. The labs listed in this fact sheet represent regional proficient and other feed and forage labs. Some offer both wet chemistry (WC) and near infrared reflectance spectroscopy (NIR) analysis. Wet chemistry is the most accurate method, but it is more expensive and takes longer. NIR is faster and less expensive, yet provides accurate results. Either method provides information so you can more effectively and economically formulate rations or market forage. For more information on sample collection and preparation contact your county agricultural agent.

<u>PROFICIENT LABS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
Blue Seal Feeds, Inc.	603-437-3400	15 Butterick Rd. Londonderry, NH 03053	NIR/WC
Brookside Laboratories	419-753-2448	308 S. Main St. New Knoxville, OH 45871	WC
Cumberland Valley Analytical Services	301-790-1980	18501 Maughans Ave. Hagerstown, MD 21742	NIR/WC
DHI Forage Lab	607-257-1272	730 Warren Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850	NIR/WC
Holmes Laboratory, Inc.	800-344-1101	3559 U.S. Rt. 62 Millersburg, OH 44654	WC
Pennfield Corp.	717-295-8764	805 Rohrerstown Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601	NIR/WC



<u>OTHER LABS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>METHOD</u>
A&L Eastern Laboratory	804-743-9401	7621 Whitepine Rd. Richmond, VA 23237	WC
Jefferson Laboratories	301-473-4066	3867A Jefferson Pike Jefferson, MD 21755	WC
NA-Churs	800-622-4877	421 Leader St. Marion, OH 43302	WC
New Jersey Feed Lab	609-882-6800	1686 Fifth St. Trenton, NJ 08638	WC
Skyview Laboratory	814-629-5441	P.O. Box 273 Rt. 30 Jennerstown, PA 15547	WC
Spectrum Analytic, Inc.	800-321-1562	P.O. Box 639 Washington, C.H., OH 43160	WC
Woodsen-Tenent	937-222-4179	313 E. Helena St. P.O. Box 164 Dayton, OH 45404	WC

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