





# Feed Analysis, current concepts, and developments

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# Recent Developments in Feed Analysis and Estimation of Anti Nutritional Factors

| Moisture         | Crude Protein           | Crude Fibre                           |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Crude Fat        | Total Ash               | Acid Insoluble<br>Ash/Sand and Silica |
| Salt as NaCl     | Calcium                 | Phosphorus                            |
| Aflatoxin by TLC | Other Mycotoxins by TLC | Dry Matter                            |
| Organic Matter   | Magnesium               |                                       |



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### **Essential and Toxic Minerals**

| Available<br>Phosphorus | lron     | Copper    |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Manganese               | Sulphur  | N,P and K |
| Zinc                    | Fluorine | lodine    |
| Lead                    | Cadmium  | Mercury   |
| Arsenic                 | Chromium | Molybdate |



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### **Essential and Toxic Minerals**

|           | Iron     | Copper     |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| Manganese | Sulphur  |            |
| Zinc      | Fluorine | Iodine     |
| Lead      | Cadmium  | Mercury    |
| Arsenic   | Chromium | Molybdenum |





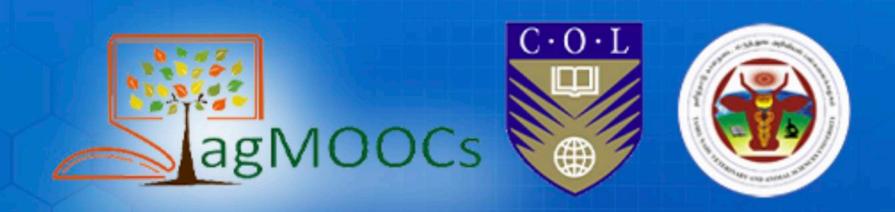


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### Omega-3 Fatty Acids

| Eicosa Pentaenoic Acid | 20:5 (n-3) | Marine Source |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Docosa Hexaenoic Acid  | 22:6 (n-3) | Marine Source |
| α-Linolenic acid (ALA) | 18:3 (n-3) | Plant Source  |







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### Aflatoxin M1 in Milk

|            | Tolerance   | Countries that regulate |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| M1 in milk | Ppb<br>0.15 | 60                      |





### Amino Acids in feed ingredients using HPLC

Methionine

Lysine

Histidine

**Threonine** 

**Tryptophan** 

Arginine

Leucine

Isoleucine

Phenyl alanine

Valine





### Vitamins using HPLC and Spectrophotometer

**Vitamin A** 

**Vitamin D** 

**Vitamin E** 

Vitamin K

Vitamin C

B-Complex Vitamins







# Antibiotic Residues in Animal Feeds and Milk, Meat and Eggs using LC-MS/MS

Tetracyclines

Macrolides

**Nitroimidozoles** 

Sulphonamides

Coccodiostats

Aminoglycosides

Tetracyclines

Fluoroquinolones

Cephalosporins

Carbapenams





# Pesticide Residues in Animal Feeds and Milk, Meat and Eggs using LC-MS/MS

**Organochlorine Compounds** 

Organophosphates

Carbamates

Insecticides

Herbicides

Rodenticides

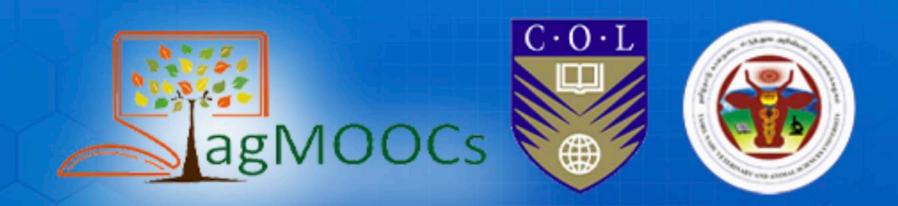
**Fungicides** 



Indian meal moth- adult, larva and pupae

Angoumois grain moth Sawtoothed grain beetle - adult, larva and pupa





### **Anti-Nutritional Factors**

### They are present in almost all the feed ingredients

They cause different problems in different animals

They reduce the digestibility by destroying digestive enzyme (Tannin and Trypsin Inhibitor)

They bind with some nutrients and reduce their availability (Tannin and Avidin)

They cause lesser feed intake (Mimosine)

They cause health disorders and sometimes death (Ricin in castor seed cake, Hydrocyanic Acid)

They cause essential minerals not to be absorbed and cause bone and shell quality problems (Fluorine)

They reduce the value of the feeds (Urea, Salt, Free Fatty Acids in oils)

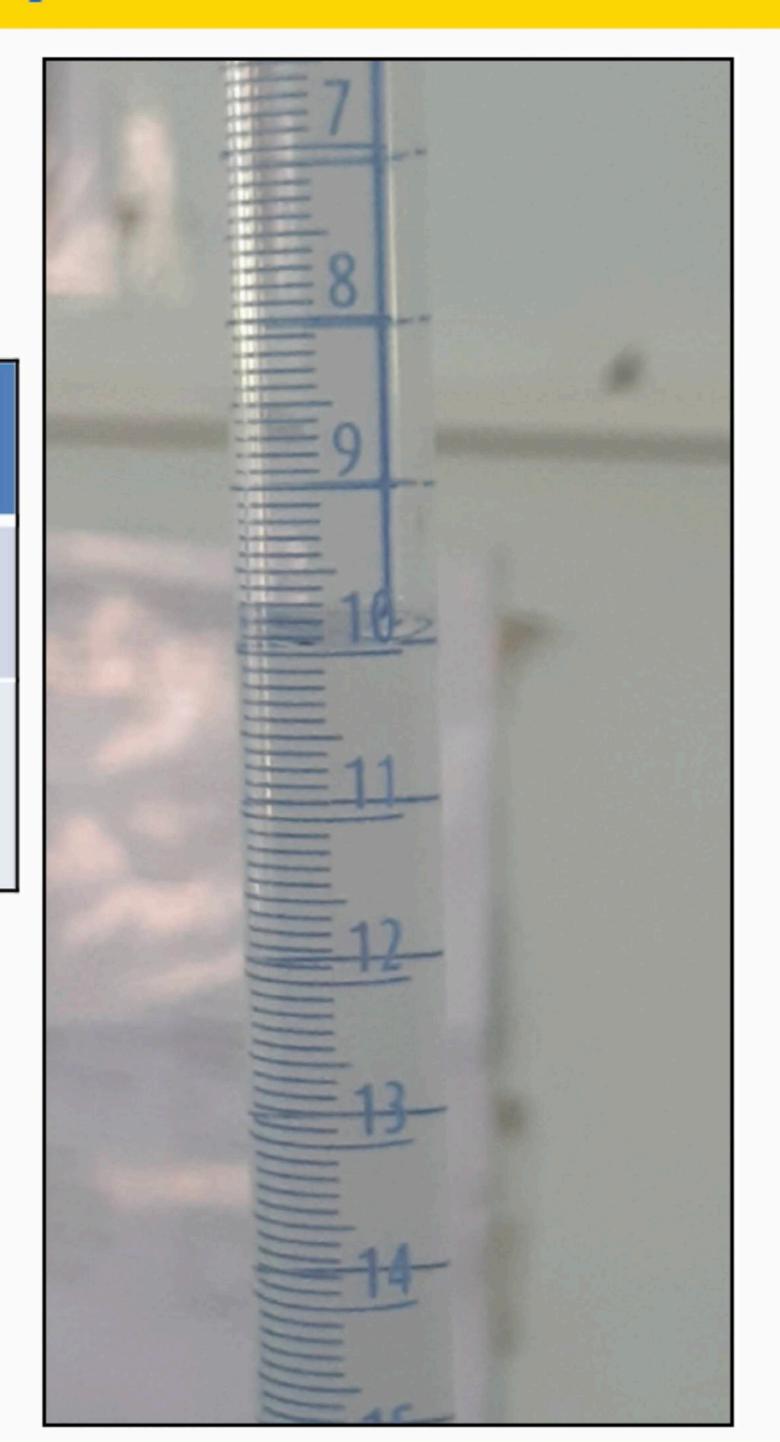


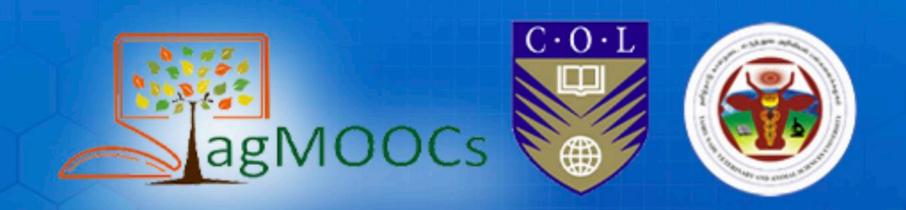
### Oxalate in straws, Stovers and crop residues

### Oxalate in dry fodder

Safe Limit is < 1.5 %

> 2.0 - 2.25 % causes calcium binding and denial to animals (Calcium oxalate)





### Nitrate in green fodders in drinking water

### Nitrate in greed fodder

### Safe Limit is less than 3000 ppm

- > 6000 ppm should not be given to pregnant animals
- > 10000 ppm causes in-cordination
- >17500 ppm causes potential toxicity.

Consumption in quicker time causes death in vulnerable animals

### Nitrate in water

Safe Limit is < 100 ppm

> 300 ppm causes disturbance





### Estimation of Urea in feed, rumen liquor and water

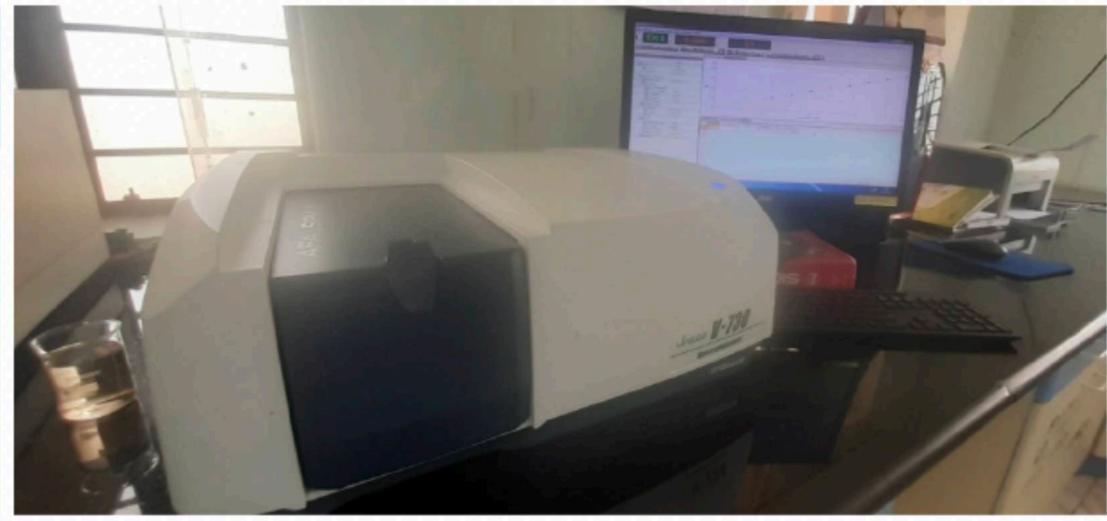
### Urea in feeds and raw materials

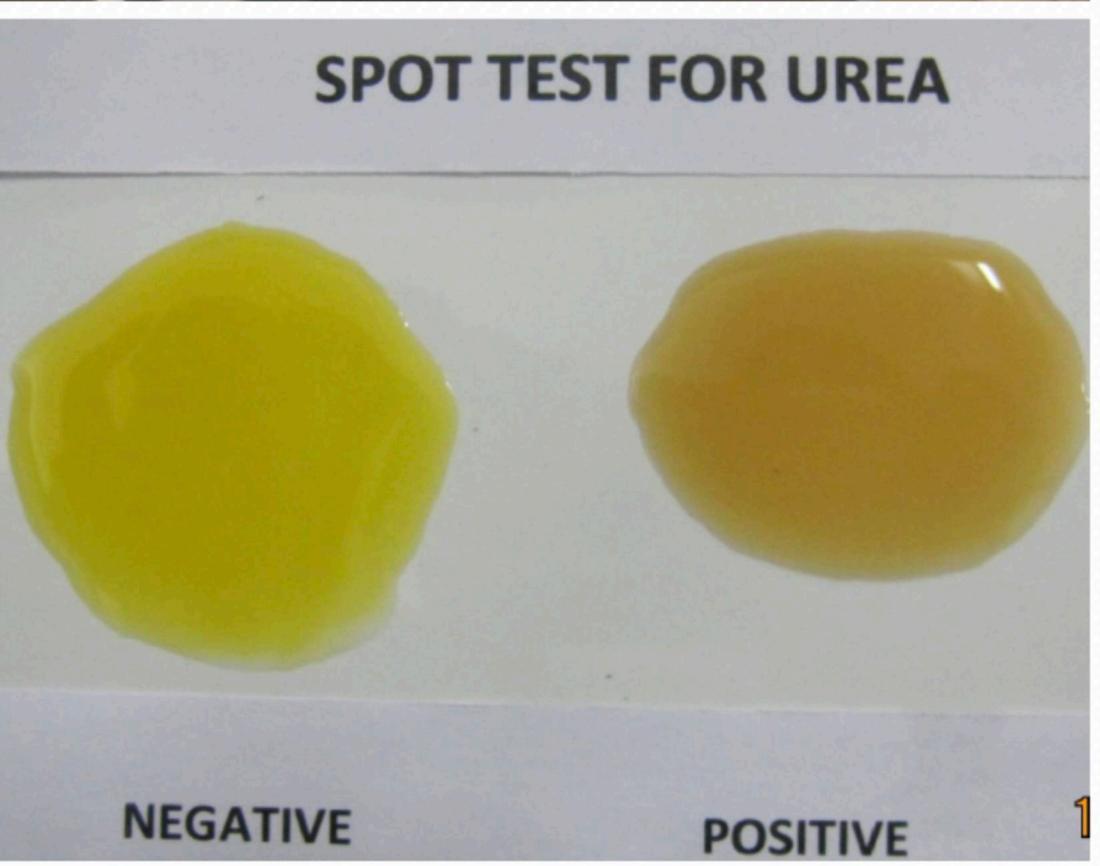
Urea supplies nitrogen and hence is added as an adulterant to elevate the level of protein in proteinaceous feed ingredients

Also added in cattle feeds in order to supply Nitrogen for the rumen microbes to manufacture microbial protein

In some countries, urea is permitted in cattle feed but the limit is only 1.0 %

In excess, it causes ammonia toxicity to the animals







### Soluble Protein in Soybean Meal

Soluble protein is the portion of protein that gets solubilised in weak alkali solution

It gives an idea whether soybean meal is heat-processed in an optimum level Because treating soybean meal with heat is the requirement for removal of Trypsin Inhibitor

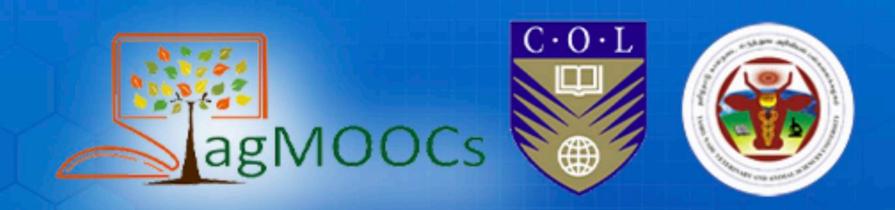
Incomplete TI removal causes protein to indigested and also causes digestive disturbance

Excess heating not only completely removes the TI but also causes true protein to be destroyed partially

Hence, a test of soluble protein to know the % solubility (85-90 % is normal)







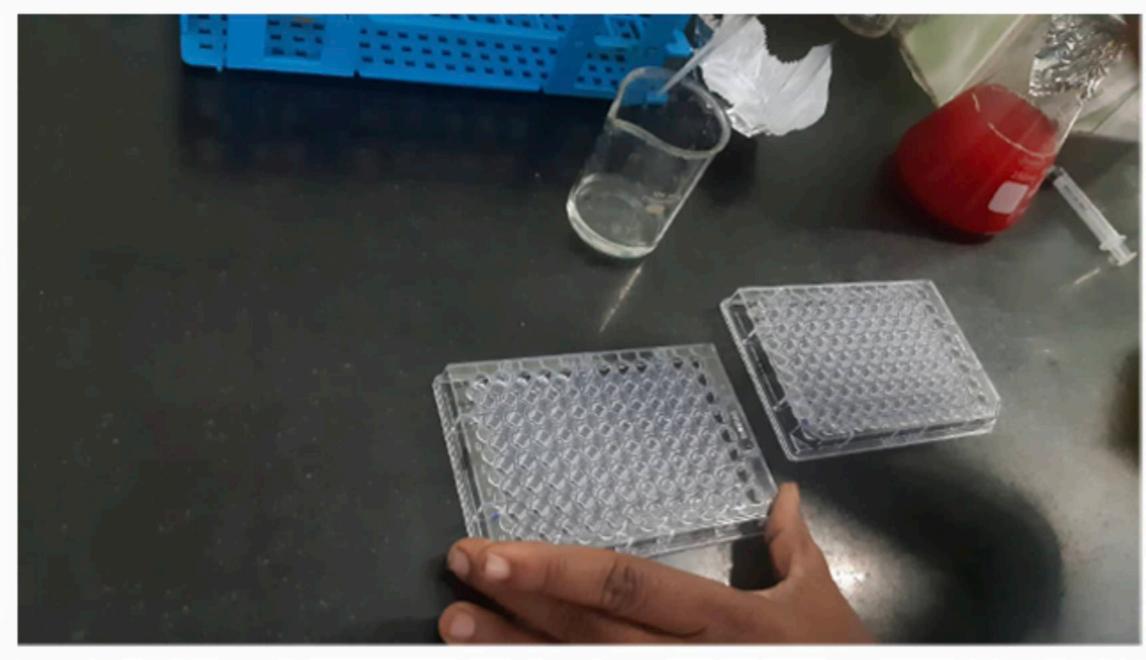
## Adulteration of High Protein Meal with Castor Seed Cake

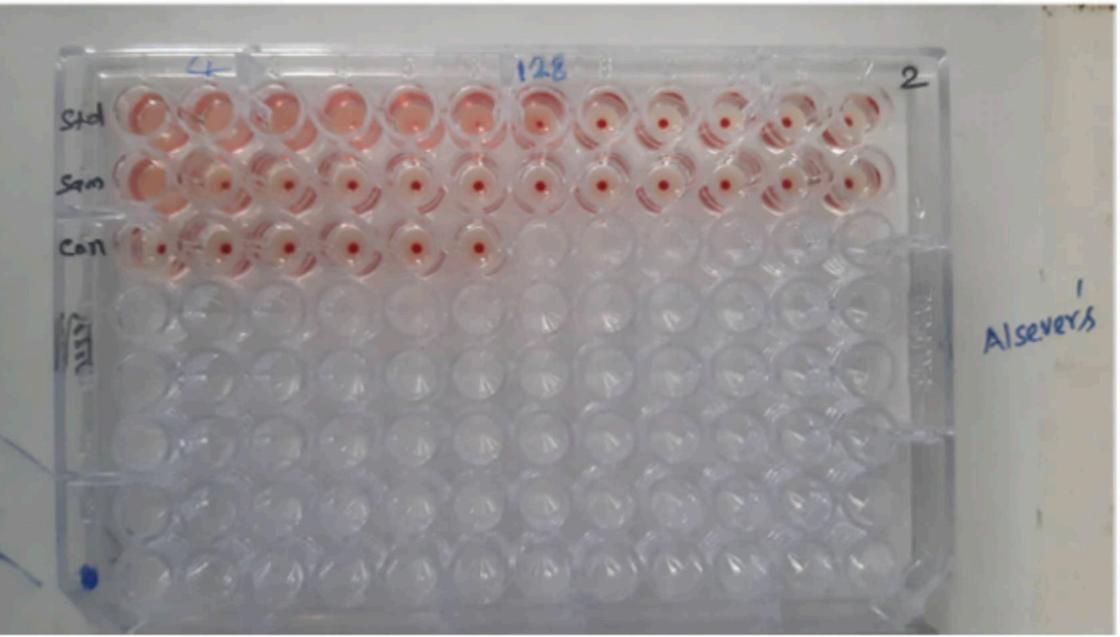
Castor See Cake is poisonous to animals due to presence of toxic principle Ricin

Presence of Ricin, the alkaloid, in a spot test using the common method of Haem Agglutination test

Chicken blood is used in the HA plate with suspected sample by simple extraction keeping a control and a standard of castor cake extract

Agglutination occurs when RICIN is present and the agglutination in more dilutions level means higher level of RICIN contamination





### To conclude....

- There are good number of instrumental and spot tests for finding both minute nutrients and anti-nutritional factors
- ► The spot tests are for screening the samples and further quantification is done with laboratory methods
- ► Choose a third party reliable accredited laboratory and keep testing the samples for knowing the nutrient contents and ANFs which are currently very important and relevant in the background reality of high performing animals







Thank you