



Statistical reports have been updated to a new organizational format. ***Statistical analysis remains the same and there are the same number of reports for each sample in a round.***

This file contains the Method Summary Statistics Report and the Method All Tests Report. Information on the content of the reports are included as appendices to each report.



Magruder Fertilizer Proficiency Testing

METHOD Summary Statistics

250911 (Urea, Regular Scheme)



Issue Date: 10/31/2025

Code	Analyte / Method	Trueness (Lab Value)						Precision (range)	
		Robust Mean	# Obs	Robust StDev	Robust Uncert.	Robust %RSD	Horwitz %RSD	IA ratio	Robust Mean
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	45.62	7	1.328	0.6276	2.91	1.48		0.1425
008.10	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)	0.9896	5	0.1623	0.0907	16.4	4		0.0224
008.99	Biuret, Other (%)	0.9484	4	0.1402	0.0876	14.8	4.02		0.0843
010.12	Total N, Salicylic (46%)	45.98	3	0.1922	0.1387	0.42	1.47	0.51	0.13
010.60	Total N, Combustion (46%)	46.41	48	0.389	0.0702	0.84	1.47	1.03	0.213
010.99	Total N, Other (46%)	46.12	13	0.1915	0.0664	0.42	1.47	0.51	0.1472

Statistical parameters of the population: Robust statistics was used if number of observations ≥ 6 for estimate of trueness (blue background) and precision (green background). Classical statistics was used if number of observations = 3, 4, or 5 (no color background).

Horwitz %RSD and IA ratio: These values are benchmarks that can be used to evaluate the variability of a population of data in the round. Horwitz %RSD is a standard benchmark on variability from proficiency testing programs. IA ratio is population variability divided by variability expected from AAPFCO investigational allowance. IA ratios greater than 1 indicate population variability is greater than that expected from the IA.

Appendix

Content Description of Analyte and Method Summary Statistics Report

Data collected from all the labs provides an estimate of trueness and precision for determination of an analyte regardless of method (Analyte Summary Statistics) or for determination of analyte by specific methods (Method Summary Statistics). Determination of summary statistics followed protocols in ISO 13528:2015(E) (Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparison). Robust statistics was used to determine statistical parameters for sets with 6 or more observations. Classical statistics was used for sets with 3, 4, or 5 observations. Robust statistics has an advantage of removing undesired influence outlying data can have on the mean and standard deviation without removing data from the statistical analysis.

For trueness, the mean and standard deviation are presented for the number of observations in the population. The uncertainty is a measure of where the “real” value for the concentration lies around the mean with a 68% certainty. The larger the number of observations, the smaller the uncertainty. The relative standard deviation (%RSD) is a percentage of the standard deviation divided by the mean. The Horwitz %RSD is a standard benchmark on variability developed by Horwitz (https://www.rsc.org/images/horwitz-function-technical-brief-17_tcm18-214859.pdf) that can be used to compare program results with Horwitz expectation. The IA ratio is a measure of how disperse the data is in a population compared to dispersion expected by the AAPFCO investigational allowance (IA). The ratio is the data dispersion in the population divided by IA expected data dispersion. Values greater than 1 indicate data dispersion was greater than IA expected dispersion.

Precision in the data populations is estimated by the range of duplicate results reported. The robust or classical mean is presented along with the number of observations. Any duplicate results that are exactly the same are removed in the determination of the mean to remove undue influence of entries from labs reporting one result twice.



Magruder Fertilizer Proficiency Testing

METHOD All Tests Report

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							Population of Lab Values			
Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
Ammoniacal N, Other (%)										
001.99	Ammoniacal N, Other (%)	524	0.6073	0.8297	0.7185					
Urea N, Urease (as N) (%)										
005.00	Urea N, Urease (as N) (%)	389	44	44.05	44.02					
005.00	Urea N, Urease (as N) (%)	368	46.237	46.179	46.21					
Urea N, Other (%)										
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	524	39.9809	40.053	40.02	-3.81	45.62	1.328	7	
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	29	44.34	44.37	44.36	-0.86	45.62	1.328	7	
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	476	45.915	45.8878	45.9	0.19	45.62	1.328	7	
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	584	46.24	45.68	45.96	0.23	45.62	1.328	7	
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	602	46.16	46.25	46.2	0.40	45.62	1.328	7	
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	605	46.61	46.34	46.48	0.58	45.62	1.328	7	
005.99	Urea N, Other (%)	309	46.72	46.87	46.8	0.80	45.62	1.328	7	

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
	Biuret N, Other (%)									
006.99	Biuret N, Other (%)	558	0.75	0.76	0.755					
006.99	Biuret N, Other (%)	534	1	1	1					
	Urea, HPLC, H2O mobile phase (%)									
007.10	Urea, HPLC, H2O mobile phase (%)	394	46.135	46.195	46.16					
	Urea, Other (%)									
007.99	Urea, Other (%)	602	46.16	46.25	46.2					
007.99	Urea, Other (%)	536	46.15	46.28	46.22					
	Biuret, AA (as Biuret) (%)									
008.00	Biuret, AA (as Biuret) (%)	498	0.79	0.79	0.79					
	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)									
008.10	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)	572	0.86	0.85	0.855	-0.83	0.9896	0.1623	5	
008.10	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)	405	0.89	0.89	0.89	-0.61	0.9896	0.1623	5	
008.10	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)	510	0.9357	0.9697	0.9527	-0.23	0.9896	0.1623	5	
008.10	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)	513	0.98	0.99	0.985	-0.03	0.9896	0.1623	5	
008.10	Biuret, Spectrophotometric (as Biuret) (%)	476	1.2828	1.2474	1.265	1.70	0.9896	0.1623	5	
	Biuret, Other (%)									
008.99	Biuret, Other (%)	394	0.8049	0.8422	0.8236	-0.89	0.9484	0.1402	4	
008.99	Biuret, Other (%)	220	0.81	0.91	0.86	-0.63	0.9484	0.1402	4	

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
008.99	Biuret, Other (%)	548	0.96	0.99	0.975	0.19	0.9484	0.1402	4	
008.99	Biuret, Other (%)	536	1.05	1.22	1.135	1.33	0.9484	0.1402	4	
Total N, Reduced Iron (46 %)										
010.10	Total N, Reduced Iron (%)	548	46.45	46.39	46.42					
Total N, Modified Comprehensive (46 %)										
010.11	Total N, Modified Comprehensive (%)	510	46.0611	46.1983	46.13					
Total N, Salicylic (46 %)										
010.12	Total N, Salicylic (%)	117	45.9	45.8	45.85	-0.70	45.98	0.1922	3	
010.12	Total N, Salicylic (%)	498	45.8	46	45.9	-0.44	45.98	0.1922	3	
010.12	Total N, Salicylic (%)	602	46.16	46.25	46.2	1.14	45.98	0.1922	3	
Total N, Combustion (46 %)										
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	360	43.35	42.67	43.01 †	-8.74	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	35	45.1	45.2	45.15 †	-3.23	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	292	45.43	45.45	45.44 †	-2.49	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	389	45.93	45.62	45.78	-1.63	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	612	45.61	46.14	45.88	-1.37	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	234	45.79	46.06	45.92	-1.24	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	423	45.99	46.09	46.04	-0.95	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	561	46.04	46.07	46.06	-0.91	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	307	46.6	45.69	46.14	-0.68	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	521	46.171	46.171	46.17	-0.61	46.41	0.389	48	

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	405	46.17	46.19	46.18	-0.59	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	291	46.18	46.19	46.18	-0.57	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	422	46.14	46.25	46.2	-0.55	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	451	46.1	46.3	46.2	-0.54	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	368	46.237	46.179	46.21	-0.51	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	624	46.196	46.311	46.25	-0.40	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	34	46.11	46.4	46.26	-0.39	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	86	46.415	46.13	46.27	-0.35	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	169	46.26	46.3	46.28	-0.33	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	43	46.08	46.49	46.28	-0.32	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	231	46.3	46.3	46.3	-0.28	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	95	46.27	46.33	46.3	-0.28	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	572	46.31	46.31	46.31	-0.25	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	220	46.39	46.29	46.34	-0.18	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	136	46.65	46.07	46.36	-0.12	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	255	45.909	46.907	46.41	0.00	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	233	46.5	46.33	46.42	0.02	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	421	46.67	46.21	46.44	0.08	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	106	46.55	46.44	46.5	0.22	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	40	46.5	46.5	46.5	0.24	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	55	46.41	46.6	46.5	0.25	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	452	46.53	46.6	46.56	0.40	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	177	46.461	46.726	46.59	0.48	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	534	46.7	46.5	46.6	0.49	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	527	46.66	46.56	46.61	0.52	46.41	0.389	48	

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	377	46.72	46.57	46.64	0.61	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	543	46.83	46.5	46.66	0.66	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	29	46.81	46.59	46.7	0.75	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	131	46.782	46.724	46.75	0.89	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	49	47.15	46.39	46.77	0.93	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	494	46.79	46.77	46.78	0.96	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	324	46.7	47.1	46.9	1.26	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	354	46.9	46.9	46.9	1.26	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	27	46.92	46.98	46.95	1.39	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	260	47.4	46.9	47.15	1.91	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	23	47.192	47.267	47.23	2.11	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	25	46.48	48.63	47.56 ‡	2.95	46.41	0.389	48	1
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	542	47.59	47.58	47.58 ‡	3.02	46.41	0.389	48	
010.60	Total N, Combustion (%)	472	49.1	49.3	49.2 ‡	7.18	46.41	0.389	48	

Total N, Other (46 %)

010.99	Total N, Other (%)	524	44.5898	44.9674	44.78 †	-7.00	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	577	45.82	45.9	45.86	-1.35	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	558	45.6	46.3	45.95	-0.88	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	538	45.9	46.1	46	-0.62	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	553	45.94	46.16	46.05	-0.36	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	600	46.1	46.2	46.15	0.16	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	551	46.16	46.17	46.16	0.24	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	602	46.16	46.25	46.2	0.45	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	371	46.35	46.1	46.22	0.55	46.12	0.1915	13	

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	559	46.23	46.22	46.22	0.55	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	513	46.28	46.2	46.24	0.63	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	394	46.184	46.299	46.24	0.64	46.12	0.1915	13	
010.99	Total N, Other (%)	545	46.99	46.9	46.94	4.31	46.12	0.1915	13	
Total P2O5, ICP (%)										
020.50	Total P2O5, ICP (%)	422	0.0007	0	0.0004					5
020.50	Total P2O5, ICP (%)	524	0.0011	0.005	0.003					
020.50	Total P2O5, ICP (%)	472	0.06	0.09	0.075					
Direct Available P2O5, Spectrophotometric, Citrate-EDTA Ext. (%)										
041.21	Direct Available P2O5, Spectrophotometric, Citrate-EDTA Ext.	472	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					6
041.21	Direct Available P2O5, Spectrophotometric, Citrate-EDTA Ext.	354	0.011	0.011	0.011					
Water Soluble P2O5, Spectrophotometric (%)										
048.20	Water Soluble P2O5, Spectrophotometric (%)	472	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					6
Soluble K2O, AA (Citrate-EDTA) (%)										
050.32	Soluble K2O, AA (Citrate-EDTA) (%)	472	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1					6
Soluble K2O, ICP (Oxalate) (%)										
050.50	Soluble K2O, ICP (Oxalate) (%)	422	0.0858	0.036	0.0609					
Soluble K2O, ICP (Citrate-EDTA) (%)										
050.52	Soluble K2O, ICP (Citrate-EDTA) (%)	354	0.015	0.016	0.0155					

							Population of Lab Values			
Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
	Soluble K2O, Other (%)									
050.99	Soluble K2O, Other (%)	524	0.0101	0.0127	0.0114					
	Water (Free), Vacuum Oven (%)									
060.00	Water (Free), Vacuum Oven (%)	405	0.14	0.14	0.14	-0.67	0.2633	0.1841	3	
060.00	Water (Free), Vacuum Oven (%)	220	0.17	0.18	0.175	-0.48	0.2633	0.1841	3	
060.00	Water (Free), Vacuum Oven (%)	561	0.49	0.46	0.475	1.15	0.2633	0.1841	3	
	Water (Free), Karl Fischer (%)									
060.20	Water (Free), Karl Fischer (%)	498	0.135	0.129	0.132	-1.06	0.2758	0.1351	3	
060.20	Water (Free), Karl Fischer (%)	513	0.294	0.297	0.2955	0.15	0.2758	0.1351	3	
060.20	Water (Free), Karl Fischer (%)	234	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.92	0.2758	0.1351	3	
	Water (Free), AFPC No. 2B (105°C oven for 2 hours, 5g sample) (%)									
060.30	Water (Free), AFPC No. 2B (105°C oven for 2 hours, 5g sampl	394	0.132	0.131	0.1315					
	Water (Free), Other (%)									
060.99	Water (Free), Other (%)	136	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.66	1.915	2.594	3	
060.99	Water (Free), Other (%)	510	0.5984	0.6936	0.646	-0.49	1.915	2.594	3	
060.99	Water (Free), Other (%)	572	5	4.8	4.9	1.15	1.915	2.594	3	1
	Acid Soluble Ca, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)									
101.30	Acid Soluble Ca, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	354	0.08	0.1	0.09					

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
	Acid Soluble Ca, ICP, 2017.02 (%)									
101.33	Acid Soluble Ca, ICP, 2017.02 (%)	472	0.01	0.01	0.01					
	Acid Soluble Mg, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)									
121.30	Acid Soluble Mg, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	354	<0.01	0.02	<0.01				6	
121.30	Acid Soluble Mg, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	371	0.12	0.1	0.11					
	Acid Soluble Mg, ICP, 2017.02 (%)									
121.33	Acid Soluble Mg, ICP, 2017.02 (%)	472	0.06	0.08	0.07					
	Acid Soluble Mg, Other (%)									
121.99	Acid Soluble Mg, Other (%)	524	0.0002	0.0005	0.0004					
	Total S, ICP, test portion as in 2017.02 (%)									
148.07	Total S, ICP, test portion as in 2017.02 (%)	472	0.03	0.03	0.03					
	Total S, Other (%)									
148.99	Total S, Other (%)	422	0	0.0157	0.0078				5	
148.99	Total S, Other (%)	354	0.09	0.05	0.07					
	S - HNO3 soluble, ICP (%)									
149.04	S - HNO3 soluble, ICP (%)	524	0.0004	0.0008	0.0006					

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							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
	Acid Soluble As, ICP (ppm)									
151.30	Acid Soluble As, ICP (ppm)	524	0.0008	0.0017	0.0012					
	Acid Soluble B, ICP, test portion in 982.01 (%)									
165.30	Acid Soluble B, ICP, test portion in 982.01 (%)	354	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01				6	
165.30	Acid Soluble B, ICP, test portion in 982.01 (%)	371	0	0	0				5	
	Acid Soluble B, Other (%)									
165.99	Acid Soluble B, Other (%)	472	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01				6	
	Acid Soluble Cd, ICP (ppm)									
181.30	Acid Soluble Cd, ICP (ppm)	524	0.0152	0.0399	0.0276					
	Acid Soluble Cr, ICP (ppm)									
191.30	Acid Soluble Cr, ICP (ppm)	524	0.3236	0.3536	0.3386					
	Acid Soluble Co, ICP (ppm)									
202.30	Acid Soluble Co, ICP (ppm)	524	0.0373	0.1455	0.0914					
	Acid Soluble Cu, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)									
221.30	Acid Soluble Cu, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	354	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01				6	
221.30	Acid Soluble Cu, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	371	0	0	0				5	

							Population of Lab Values			
Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
	Acid Soluble Cu, ICP, 2017.02 (%)									
221.33	Acid Soluble Cu, ICP, 2017.02 (%)	472	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01					6
	Acid Soluble Fe, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)									
241.30	Acid Soluble Fe, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	354	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01					6
241.30	Acid Soluble Fe, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	371	0.01	0.01	0.01					
	Acid Soluble Fe, ICP, 2017.02 (%)									
241.33	Acid Soluble Fe, ICP, 2017.02 (%)	472	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01					6
	Acid Soluble Fe, Other (%)									
241.99	Acid Soluble Fe, Other (%)	524	0.0003	0.0007	0.0005					
	Acid Soluble Pb, ICP (ppm)									
251.30	Acid Soluble Pb, ICP (ppm)	524	0.2392	0.3058	0.2725					
	Acid Soluble Mn, ICP, test portion 972.02a (%)									
261.30	Acid Soluble Mn, ICP, test portion 972.02a (%)	354	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01					6
	Acid Soluble Mn, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)									
261.32	Acid Soluble Mn, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	371	0	0	0					5
	Acid Soluble Mn, ICP, 2017.02 (%)									
261.35	Acid Soluble Mn, ICP, 2017.02 (%)	472	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01					6

Code	Analyte and Method	Lab Num	Result1	Result2	Lab Value	Z score	Population of Lab Values			
							Robust Mean	Robust StDev	# Obs	Flag
	Acid Soluble Mo, ICP (ppm)									
289.30	Acid Soluble Mo, ICP (ppm)	524	0.2095	0.3284	0.269					
	Acid Soluble Ni, ICP (ppm)									
291.30	Acid Soluble Ni, ICP (ppm)	524	0.2971	0.3813	0.3392					
	Acid Soluble Se, ICP (ppm)									
301.30	Acid Soluble Se, ICP (ppm)	524	0.0089	0.0043	0.0066					
	Sodium, Other (%)									
311.99	Sodium, Other (%)	354	0.03	0.04	0.035					
	Acid Soluble Zn, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)									
321.30	Acid Soluble Zn, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	354	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01				6	
321.30	Acid Soluble Zn, ICP, test portion inorganic 965.09 (%)	371	0.01	0.01	0.01					
	Acid Soluble Zn, ICP, 2017.02 (%)									
321.33	Acid Soluble Zn, ICP, 2017.02 (%)	472	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01				6	

Lab Data: Value is the average of 2 reported lab results. † or ‡ beside Lab Value denotes the value exceeds the investigational allowance (IA) around the analyte mean. † denotes value is less than IA and ‡ denotes value is greater than IA. This is noted for guaranteed analytes with # of observations ≥ 6 . Method code and analyte name are shown in green for guaranteed analytes along with guaranteed concentration.

Statistical parameters of the population: Robust statistics was used to determine mean, %RSD, and range if number of observations ≥ 6 (blue background). Classical statistics was used if number of observations = 3, 4, or 5 (pink background). The number of observations in parentheses is the number of values used in the statistical calculation. Footnote on flags below identifies flag number where data was rejected and the reason why.

Z scores: Red = Z value >3 or <-3 (action required), Orange = Z value between 2 and 3 or -2 and -3 (warning), Green = Z value between -2 and 2 (pass). Z values are determined for data populations with number of observation ≥ 3 for values that are not an analytical limit or 0. Color ratings shown for number of observations ≥ 6 .

Flags: Flag number denotes whether or not Lab Value was used in the population to determine statistical parameters. No flag number indicates data was used, 1 = data rejected for dups too far apart, 2 = rejected as extreme outlier, 3 = rejected for both dups too far apart and extreme outlier, 4 = removed after manual inspection, 5 = rejected due to zero(s) submitted, 6 = rejected due to analytical limit submitted (eg "<0.1").

Other Method: Unspecified methods are shown without color ratings on Z-score.

Appendix

Content Description of Analyte and Method All Tests Report

The All Tests reports have results listed for every lab grouped by Analyte or by Method with data in each group sorted by lab value. The reports are helpful to see where your lab result fell within the whole set of data for the Analyte or Method by identifying your results by your lab number. Data on the right side of the report shows the mean, standard deviation, and number of observations (obs) used in the analysis of each group. An observation was a lab value for a test which was the average of reported duplicate results. Determination of mean and standard deviation followed protocols in ISO 13528:2015(E) (Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparison) where robust statistics was used to determine the mean and standard deviation for 6 or more observations. Robust statistics has an advantage of removing undesired influence outlying data can have on the mean and standard deviation without removing data from the statistical analysis. Robust statistics is only appropriate for use on data sets with 6 or more observations. For data sets with 3, 4, or 5 observations, classical calculation of mean and standard deviation was performed. Z scores for data sets with a small number of observations are given less importance as indicated by no color coding of Z score with less than 6 observations. No Z scores were determined for 1 or 2 observations.

Before determining mean and standard deviation for a set of data, data was removed from statistical analysis for various reasons. Mandel statistical analysis was used to identify and remove extreme outliers and lab values from duplicate results that were too far apart (ISO 5725-2:1994, Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results – Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method.). Any individual result report of zero or less than a limit had lab value removed from analysis. The lab values removed from analysis are denoted with numerical flags on the far right-hand side of the report. Z scores are reported for data removed due to extreme outlier or duplicates too far apart even though data was not used in the determination of mean and standard deviation. However, Z scores are not reported for results reported as 0 or less than a limit. Also, any submission of just one lab result is removed for consideration in statistical analysis and presentation on reports.

The American Association of Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) recommends limits around a nutrient guarantee that should initiate an investigation if observed nutrient concentration falls outside of the limits. These limits are referred to as Investigational Allowances (IAs). Lab Values that fall outside of the IA limits around the analyte mean are denoted with † (below limit) or ‡ (above limit). These same symbols are also used to denote Lab Values beyond IA limits on Laboratory Report Cards.