



PET FOOD TESTING - HELPFUL FAQs

MOST REQUESTED ANALYTES FOR SMALL PET FOOD COMPANIES:

	Required Sample Size	Turnaround Time	Price
F2: COMPLETE PROXIMATES	250g	3 - 5 BD	\$33.00
Moisture, Crude Protein, Acid Hydrolysis Fat, Crude Fiber, Ash			
MOISTURE	10g	2 - 3 BD	\$10.00
PROTEIN	10g	2 - 3 BD	\$15.00
FAT	10g	2 - 3 BD	\$26.00
CRUDE FIBER	10g	2 - 3 BD	\$12.00
ASH	10g	2 - 3 BD	\$12.00

MOST REQUESTED ANALYTES FOR LARGER CLIENTS:

AMINO ACID PROFILE	50g	7 - 10 BD	\$300.00
Alanine, Arginine, Aspartic acid, Cystine, Glutamic acid, Glycine, Histidine, Isoleucine, Leucine, Lysine, Methionine, Phenylalanine, Proline, Serine, Threonine, Tryptophan, Tyrosine, Valine. (Requires Protein)			
FATTY ACID PROFILE	50g	7 - 10 BD	\$185.00
Includes individual Fatty Acids, Saturated Fat, Monounsaturated Fat, Omega 3 Fatty Acids, Polyunsaturated Fat, Trans Fatty Acid, Omega 6 Fatty Acids. (Requires Crude or Acid Fat)			
AEROBIC PLATE COUNT	50g	2 D	\$20.00
SALMONELLA	50g	1 D	\$35.00
GENERIC E. COLI	50g	2 D	\$20.00
LISTERIA	50g	2 D	\$20.00
YEAST & MOLD	50g	5 D	\$20.00

1. How much sample should I send in for a proximate/ mineral analysis?

- Forage: 1 gallon ziplock bag
- Finished Feed: 2 cups or quart ziplock bag
- Pet Food/Pet Treats: 2 cups or quart ziplock bag

2. What is your Turn Around Time for analysis?

- 3 business days for Proximates/Minerals
- Up to 7 business days for Vitamins/Amino Acids/Fatty Acids (depending on sample volume, this could be up to 10 bd)

3. What is the "Reporting Limit" on my report?

This is the detection limit, any trace levels found less than this number will be reported as non-detect (n.d.)

4. What do the DW values mean on my report?

DW stands for Dry Weight and is a calculated value based on the Dry Matter. This value is the result if there was no moisture in your product. This is used for formulation purposes and NOT for a labeling purposes.

5. Does MWL generate a Guaranteed Analysis pet food label?

No, we only provide levels found for Moisture, Crude Protein, Crude Fat, Crude Fiber, (and ash). You will need to take these levels and adjust them for your label as you will want to make sure that any time you test your sample, the levels will fall above or below your guaranteed minimums and guaranteed maximums.

This is a helpful site from AAFCO:

<https://petfood.aaeco.org/Nutritional-Labeling>

6. Are you ISO Certified?

Yes, this link to our ISO 17025:2005 Scope of Accreditation can be found at the bottom of our home page:

[Biological & Chemical Testing Cert #2853.01/02](#)





7. When will I be invoiced and how do I pay my bill?

You will be invoiced at the beginning of each month for any work completed in the month prior. Once you receive your invoice, you may pay through the myLab Portal with a credit card, send in a check, or call in payment.

8. Can I rush my samples?

Proximates and Minerals or any microbiological analysis cannot be rushed because we cannot get any more efficient in the process. For proximates/minerals you will receive results on the 3rd business day of receipt (day 1 counts as the day of receipt), usually 1-2 bd for micro work. Other analyses can be rushed and need to be set up through the Rush Coordinator (rush_coordinator@midwestlabs.com).

9. Do I need to set up an account to send in samples?

Yes, you may set up an account and user profile at the following site: <https://mylab.midwestlabs.com/register>

10. Where do I send in my samples?

Midwest Labs has one campus in Omaha, Nebraska. All samples come to one location, please send your samples to the following address:

MIDWEST LABORATORIES
13611 B ST
OMAHA, NE 68144

