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Feed Analysis ReportsExplained

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Laboratory analyses of feeds provide the best indication of nutrient availability, allowing feeds to be utilized to their full potential. Reliable nutritional information is important to not only balance rations, but also allows ration balancing programs to determine the most economical ration that will meet the animals’ requirements. Although most producers have a good understanding of the concepts of feed ingredients (e.g., dry matter, protein, starch etc.), some are unsure of what a laboratory analysis report is telling them. This factsheet will assist producers to have a better understanding of these analytical reports, provide definitions of key terms included in feed analysis reports and provide an example of a laboratory report. Although the layout of reports may be different between laboratories, the parameters indicated are included in most feed analysis reports.

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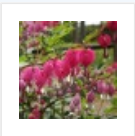
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