



Proficiency Programs

What scientists would you trust to check the scientists? When so much is riding on product quality and safety, how can you be certain your technical performance and data you generate will stand strong against a sea of scrutiny? At Cherney Microbiological Services we've been accused of being detail oriented, overly analytical, even picky – and we're proud of that!

Our proficiency programs provide a variety of benefits for your organization including accreditation and standard methods fulfillment or audit requirements. Both Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products and ANSI/ISO/IEC 17025 requirements for proficiency testing on a periodic basis are met by participating in Cherney Microbiological proficiency testing programs.

Your facility can invest the time and incur the expense of creating your own program, being mindful that it must be large enough to be statistically valid from an audit standpoint, OR you can participate in the only commercially available program for cheese and dry whey powder testing.

Your employees measure their performance against others in the field with the highest degree of confidentiality in order to identify performance trends. Using an outside provider such as Cherney Microbiological eliminates internal biases, builds confidence in your team's technical competence, improves credibility and defensibility of your lab's results and measures your facility against a much larger pool of industry professionals.

Our standard quarterly testing programs include:

- Cheese – Testing for Butterfat, Moisture, pH and Salt
- Basic Microbiology – Testing for Aerobic Plate Count, Total Coliforms, Yeast and Mold, *E. coli* and *S. aureus*
- Dry Whey – Testing for Ash, Fat, Moisture, pH, Protein, Scorched Particles, Aerobic Plate Count, Total Coliforms and Yeast and Mold

Not exactly what you are looking for? Cherney can provide for you a unique and customized testing program for your operation. Examples of these custom programs include an alternative testing matrix such as shredded cheese or milk samples and can provide recovery testing of the organisms you choose.

Participation in Cherney Microbiological's proficiency programs is more than a set of samples results to interpret; you get a partner in the process. We offer guidance through every step of the process, assistance with result interpretation and technical consultation on technique improvement and refinement should your results prove substandard. Contact us at 920-406-8300 or email: TestWithUs@cherneymicro.com to find out how Cherney Microbiological Services can provide "A Culture of Outstanding Services".

