



DMG MICROLABS

GUIDELINES FOR VEGETABLES: - MAXIMUM COUNTS FOR BACTERIA

Bacteria	Cultured Grains – Alfalfa & bean sprouts etc		Vegetables - Salad		Vegetables - General		Fruits	
	Target (CFU/g)	Maximum Limit (CFU/g)	Target (CFU/g)	Maximum Limit (CFU/g)	Target (CFU/g)	Maximum Limit (CFU/g)	Target (CFU/g)	Maximum Limit (CFU/g)
Standard Plate Count	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Coliforms/ Enterobacteriaceae	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>E. coli</i>	<3	100	<3	100	<3	100	<3	100
<i>Salmonella</i>	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g
Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i>	<100	1000	<100	1000	<100	1000	<100	1000
<i>Bacillus Cereus</i>	<100	1000	<100	1000	<100	1000	<100	1000
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	<100	1000	<100	1000	<100	1000	<100	1000
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g
<i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7 or pathogenic strains	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g

NA – Not Applicable test for this food type

Disclaimer:

It should be recognised that these guidelines are not standards under the existing legislation. The guidelines have been developed on the basis of our expertise and from documents prepared by bodies such as the United State Department of Agriculture, FSANZ, and the New Zealand Department of Health. To the best of our knowledge, they were current at the date these DMG Micro Labs guidelines were prepared. However, they are not formal standards and no liability is accepted by DMG Micro Labs for any occurrence arising from the adoption of any of these guidelines.

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