

**National Residue Survey**  
**Proficiency Tests Schedule 2023 – 24**  
**(As at 28 March 2023)**

**MIT SCREEN IN URINE – PROFICIENCY TEST**

Sample dispatch	Reporting deadline
Monday 10 July 2023	Generally 48 hours from receipt of samples
Monday 5 February 2024	Generally 48 hours from receipt of samples

**PROFICIENCY TESTS – MILK**

Sample dispatch	Reporting deadline
Monday 31 July 2023	Wednesday 16 August 2023
Monday 19 February 2024	Wednesday 6 March 2024

**PROFICIENCY TESTS – MAJOR PROGRAMS IN MEAT AND GRAINS**

Participation in the August 2023 round is a prerequisite for laboratories wishing to tender for the NRS 13<sup>th</sup> term (2024-2027) contracts in the corresponding Major Meat and Grain Program. The Major Programs will comprise one round which will be used for the assessment of laboratory performance. Participation in the April 2024 round is a prerequisite for successful tenderers.

Sample dispatch	Reporting deadline
<b>Round 58 for the assessment of 13<sup>th</sup> term contract bids:</b> Monday 28 August 2023	Wednesday 13 September 2023
<b>Round 59 for performance verification prior to commencement of 13<sup>th</sup> term contracts:</b> Monday 8 April 2024	Monday 29 April 2024

**ROUND ILCSS – HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS**

Participation in the September 2023 round is a prerequisite for laboratories wishing to tender for the NRS 12<sup>th</sup> term (2024-2027) contracts in the Horticulture Program. The ILCSS for horticulture programs will comprise one round which will be used for the assessment of laboratory performance.

Sample dispatch	Reporting deadline
<b>For the assessment of 13<sup>th</sup> term contract bids:</b> Monday 18 September 2023	Wednesday 4 October 2023

**INTER-LABORATORY CHECK SAMPLE SCHEME (ILCSS) – SPECIALIST MEAT PROGRAMS**

Participation in the October 2023 round is a prerequisite for laboratories wishing to tender for the NRS 13<sup>th</sup> term (2024-2027) contracts in the corresponding Specialist Meat Program. The ILCSS for Specialist Meat Programs will comprise one round which will be used for the assessment of laboratory performance. Participation in the March 2024 round is a prerequisite for successful tenderers.

Sample dispatch	Reporting deadline
<b>For the assessment of 13<sup>th</sup> term contract bids:</b> Tuesday 3 October 2023	Thursday 19 October 2023
<b>For performance verification prior to commencement of 13<sup>th</sup> term contracts:</b> Monday 18 March 2024	Friday 5 April 2024

## TENDERING AND CONTRACTING SCHEDULE

Date (tentative - to be confirmed)	Event
Week beg. 24 July 2023	RFT released
Week beg. 6 November 2023	Tenders close
Late January 2024	Tender Evaluation Panel meeting
Late February 2024	Successful tenderers advised
April 2024	Deeds issued

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