

DMI LABORATORIES

I. VISION

1. To bring Agmark Laboratories at National and International level in view of its necessity under WTO agreement and mandatory requirement of India for safe food.
2. To make Agmark Laboratories to a level of producing widely internationally accepted scientific data centre based hi-tech research laboratory in food standardization system.
3. Framing of specification for Research and Standardization work of agricultural, food and allied commodities including food safety parameters under SPS measures.
4. Development of method of analysis of commodities under APGM act.
5. Collection of data on food safety parameters and quality parameters for harmonization of standards for international acceptance.
6. To organize training in chemical and microbiological analysis and for food safety parameters.
7. Become a centre of excellence where research and technological development will be performed of a high standard, in terms of measurable scientific output (including training) and/or technological innovation.

II. LABORATORIES OVERVIEW

The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) is responsible for enforcement of Agricultural Produce (Grading & Marking) Act 1937. Under the provision of this Act, grading and certification of agricultural commodities are undertaken in the context of grade standards based on different quality of a produce. These grade standards are popularly known as Agmark standard. For Agmark certification of agricultural commodities notified under APGM Act, Grading and Marking Rules for these commodities have been notified.

To ensure purity and quality of a produce under Agmark, DMI has a network of 11 Regional Agmark Laboratories (RALs) spread all over the country with Central Agmark Laboratory, Nagpur as an apex laboratory.

III. CENTRAL AGMARK LABORATORY

Activities

- (i) To carry out Research and Developmental Activities in the domain of Standardization of Agricultural Produce and Food.
- (ii) To work as an apex laboratory for analysis of challenged samples
- (iii) To keep a check through proficiency testing on analysis by RALs
- (iv) To evolve/standardize methods of analysis/tests for quality assurance of agricultural and food products.
- (v) Formulation of quality specifications for new commodities based on scientific data, for bringing under the purview of Agmark.
- (vi) Revision of specification of various produce under Agmark periodically.
- (vii) Training to the personnel engaged in the analysis and grading of different produce.
- (viii) To create awareness with regard to quality, food safety and standardization of various agricultural and food products.

- (ix) To guide on establishment of grading laboratories at various levels.
- (x) Harmonization of Agmark standards of food and agricultural produce based on scientific data with that of Codex and FSSAI.
- (xi) In service training and Refresher course for chemists of RALs and CAL.
- (xii) Publication of research paper.

IV. REGIONAL AGMARK LABORATORIES

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Activities of RALs

- i) Analysis of food and agricultural produce under Agmark certification scheme.
- ii) Technical advice to State Government and other approved grading laboratories, training to grading chemists in analysis.
- iii) Associate with Central Agmark Laboratory, in collaborative studies/research/standardization work of various agricultural and food products for collection of scientific data of different quality and safety factors.
- iv) Awareness/training in analysis/grading of food and agricultural produce.

V. NABL ACCREDITATION

S.No.	Name of Lab.	Commodity
1	CAL, Nagpur	Veg.oils, Spices & Foodgrains and Allied commodities
2	RAL,Chennai	Veg.oils, Spices & Foodgrains and Allied commodities
3	RAL,Jaipur	Ground Spices
4	RAL,Kanpur	Besan, Atta, Suji & Maida
5	RAL,Kochi	Honey, Spices & Foodgrains and Allied commodities
6	RAL,Kolkata	Ground Spices
7	RAL,Mumbai	Veg.oils
8	RAL,New Delhi	Ghee & Butter