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Scheme for Food.**

## Press release

### QS feed monitoring-report proves neat work

2 Mio. analysis data evaluated

**Economic operators in the QS-scheme put quality assurance measures in the feed sector consistently into action. This is shown by the current overall evaluation of feed samples and individual analyses. The second issue of the feed monitoring-report released by QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH provides a detailed insight into the QS-feed monitoring. 2 Mio. Analysis data provide the basis for the report.**

Less than 1 percent of the feed samples tested for undesirable substances showed exceedances of maximum values, action thresholds or guidance values. *„The results of the monitoring report are proof for the neat work of the scheme participants in the feed and agricultural sector. They show that the comprehensive integration of monitoring along the value chain works well“*, states Dr. Hermann-Josef Nienhoff, managing director of QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH.

In the QS scheme, every company that produces or trades feed is obliged to participate in the feed monitoring. This applies to 3.700 feed producers and feed mongers as well as to 50.000 agricultural businesses which produce or mix feed. The feed sector invests 5 Mio. € annually in feed analyses which are laid down in 42 individual control plans of the QS scheme. The control plans are specifically targeted at hazards of individual products and manufacturing processes. All samples and analysis results are entered into the QS data base. Critical values and exceedances are displayed immediately and measures for quality assurance are coordinated and implemented.

The monitoring report contains a removable poster with important results of the QS feed monitoring as well as up-to-date numbers and facts about contaminants in feed. A multitude of interesting background information on feed analytics complete the report. The new issue can be found and downloaded in the media catalogue on the QS website.

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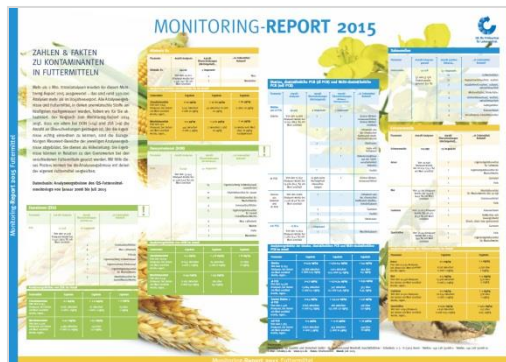
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*About QS. Quality scheme for food.*

*QS provides for food safety since 2001 – from farm to shop. 95 percent of German pork and poultry meat and 70 percent of German beef originate from QS-certified companies today. About 79.200 livestock owners participate in the QS scheme. The common goal: consistent self-assessment as well as comprehensive process assurance and traceability. Furthermore, there are 14.000 producers of fresh fruit, vegetables and potatoes. Within the QS scheme they produce safe food following well-defined criteria supported by all upstream and downstream economic stages. Consumers recognize safe food from the QS scheme by the blue and white certification mark. QS-certified food is offered in 23.500 food retail stores which participate in the QS scheme like all preceding stages.*

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