



The significance of proteolytic psychrotrophs as a cause of milk flocculation / protein instability

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University of the Free State

Quarter 1 2016 (January 2016 till March 2016)

Project goals

Objective 1 - To do a literature review of psychrotrophic counts and types in refrigerated milk, the potential sources of contamination and the seasonal effect on the prevalence of the bacterial contaminants: January 2016 – May 2016, but also adding new information as it becomes available (until 2018)

Achievements

A draft of the literature was already received and edited by the project leader. The students are working on the suggestions.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Objective 2 - Evaluation of accelerated quantitative methods for the detection of psychrotrophic bacteria in milk. Goal: To compare conventional methods for detection of psychrotrophic bacteria with accelerated methods. Milk samples will also be subjected to incubation at 7 °C until the milk flocculates and the prevalent bacterial types isolated from Pseudomonas selective agar at that point will be identified: March 2016 - September 2016

Achievements

The media and chemicals for the methods have been sourced and bought and three trial runs have been completed.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Objective 3 - To determine the correlation of microbial quality counts of raw milk with accelerated psychrotrophic tests. Goal: To compare the total bacteria counts, coliform counts and psychrotrophic counts of bulk raw

milk and the Psychro-Fast test. The most prevalent psychrotrophic bacterial types when the milk flocculates will also be determined: March - September 2016

Achievements

The statistical analysis will only be performed at the end of September when all the data has been received.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	Statement 1.docx
Unnecessary spending during period	No

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Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes
Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes