



## Performance Enhancing Drug Testing in Poultry Feathers

TVMDL, in partnership with the Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Poultry Science Program, will soon offer increased testing to detect performance enhancing drugs, including Ractopamine, in poultry.

In addition to TVMDL's testing capabilities for poultry feces, the lab will now offer testing for feathers from poultry exhibited at livestock shows and fairs. The **Poultry Livestock Show (LCMS) - Feather** test is \$80 and is performed in College Station with results in 5-10 days.

This test is validated to detect drug residues for an extended period following withdrawal in samples collected from live poultry. Testing in both feces and feathers will be available to all livestock shows and county fairs beginning January 1, 2019.

TVMDL's Analytical Chemistry Section is one of the foremost drug testing labs in the United States and currently counts almost 100 livestock shows and county fairs from across the country as its clients.

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