PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

In food quality testing, the emphasis is not on pathogenicity but rather on spoilage. Both yeast and mold cause various degrees of deterioration and decomposition of foods. Products containing yeast and mold cells do not usually cause human illness, but high levels of these organisms can cause products to look, smell or taste bad. This not only diminishes the appeal of the product and brand, but can also result in substantial economic losses to producer, processor and consumer. Current screening procedures are culture-based, which require a laborious plating method and at least five days to results.

**Benefits**

- **Speed** – Results in two days for enriched samples; same day results for direct testing
- **Accuracy** – Automated DNA-based analysis instead of subjective plate counts
- **Exceptional sensitivity** – Reliably detects as low as 10 cfu/g in enriched samples
- **Ease of use** – Tableted reagents reduce operator error
- **Closed-cap system** avoids amplicon contamination in the lab
- **LIMS-compatible electronic data** for easy storage, sharing and retrieval

**Features**

- Results in 3.5 hours processing
- Can be customized to your lab’s action level for different food products

**Designed for efficient workflow and reliable results**

- Use the pooled sample protocol for low action levels (10-50 cfu/g)
- Use the non-pooled sample protocol for a wide range of action levels (25-1000 cfu/g)
- MPN alternative protocol may be used when plate count confirmation delays are unacceptable for product release decisions
- Direct testing protocol without enrichment may be used for action levels >500 cfu/g

**Certifications**

- **AOAC Research Institute** Performance Tested Method™ #010902

This test kit’s performance was reviewed by AOAC Research Institute and was found to perform to the manufacturer’s specifications.
Sample preparation

Transfer homogenized samples to disruptor tubes and incubate 44 hours according to protocol used.
Step-by-step directions are detailed in the BAX® System User Guide, included with purchase.

Enrich samples.

BAX® system protocol

8:00 Create rack file and warm up cycler.
8:05 Mix protease with lysis buffer and transfer 200 µL of lysis reagent to cluster tubes.
8:10 Transfer 20-µL samples to cluster tubes.

8:20 Heat cluster tubes for 20 minutes at 37°C, then 10 minutes at 95°C.
8:50 Cool cluster tubes for 5 minutes in cooling block, then transfer 50 µL to PCR tubes in cooling block.

9:00 Place sealed PCR tubes in cycler and run program.

12:30 Review results.