



Partners In UK Nitrate Monitoring Project



NRM Laboratories, in collaboration with ADAS UK Ltd, have been selected by the Foods Standards Agency to conduct the next Nitrate Monitoring Programme for the UK. The European Commission requires Member States to monitor and report levels of nitrate in lettuce and spinach as part of Contaminants in Food regulations.

The objectives are to carry out the analysis of 200 samples from UK growers and a further 50 imported samples from wholesalers on an annual basis. ADAS will prepare a sampling plan for domestic lettuce and spinach from a suitable cross section of UK Growers, extending for up to 5 years, and will arrange for collection of the samples.

NRM was pleased to be asked by ADAS to work with them on this important piece of work for the Food Standards Agency and will be starting the testing programme early in 2009.

NRM's commercial customers have been informed about this and have expressed their pleasure at this endorsement of the NRM service by an organisation that is so influential in the Industry sector in which we operate. Graham Ward commented:

"I congratulate NRM on gaining this work. I, together with my NFU colleagues, have been working with the Nitrate Regulation for Salad Crops for many years. I hope by March we shall have a final settlement of the levels which will be accepted throughout Europe. During the long period of uncertainty both at Snaith Salads and at Stockbridge we have had exceptional service from NRM Laboratories as have many other growers".



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