# Meat Industry Microbiological Manual

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The focus of the AgResearch MIRINZ electronic edition is on methods that are suitable for the small laboratories typically found in the New Zealand meat industry. Suitable methods are those that are rapid and convenient, but at the same time accurate and cost effective, and considered appropriate for microbiological testing of one or more of the following sample-types: meat and allied foods, potable water or the waste-waters produced during food processing.

The Microbiological Methods manual includes tests for organisms (or their products) that indicate microbiological contamination and/or satisfactory hygienic control of processes and for specific identification of spoilage organisms or pathogens.

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