



AAFCO
Association of American Feed Control Officials

AAFCO Updates

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AAFCO Beginnings

- AAFCO had its beginnings in 1909
- Started as a meeting of feed manufacturers, distributors & retailers
- In 1910 regulators began working on Proposed Uniform Concentrated Feeding Stuffs Law
- From these beginnings, the AAFCO Model Bill was created.

AAFCO Feed Regulation Philosophy

- Consumer protection
- Safeguarding the health of humans and animals
- Provide a level playing field for orderly commerce

AAFCO Virtual Assistant (AVA)

- Is available for all purchasers of the electronic OP

What was the first distillers grain approval?

The screenshot displays the AAFCO Virtual Agent interface. At the top left is the AAFCO logo (Association of American Feed Control Officials). A central orange button labeled "Home" is visible. On the right, there are icons for help (a question mark with a red "1" notification) and a user profile. The interface is divided into three main sections: "CONVERSATIONS", "DOCUMENTS", and "VIRTUAL AGENT".

CONVERSATIONS

- Search conversations...
- Start New Conversation
- Today (1)
- Yesterday (1)
- Last week (2)
- Last month (4)

DOCUMENTS

VIRTUAL AGENT

Publication.

Earliest Approvals (Pre-1950s)

The first distillers products to receive AAFCO approval were molasses-based. **Molasses Distillers Dried Solubles** was published in 1943 and amended in 1944, making it the earliest distillers ingredient on record. **Molasses Distillers Condensed Solubles** followed in 1946, and **Potato Distillers Dried Residue** was published in 1947. [1]

Grain-Based Distillers Products (1960s–1970s)

The core grain distillers ingredients — including **Distillers Dried Solubles**, **Distillers Dried Grains**, and **Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS)** — were all proposed in 1963 and published in 1964. These definitions cover barley, corn (maize), rye, sorghum, wheat, and cereal grain mixtures, with the requirement that the predominating grain be declared as the first word in the name. **Condensed Distillers Solubles** was proposed in 1969 and published in 1970. [1][2]

Later Additions and Amendments

Distillers Wet Grains was proposed in 1981, published in 1982, and later amended in 2007. The most recent addition is **Deoiled Corn Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles, Solvent Extracted**, which was proposed in 2015 and published in 2017 (rev. 1). This ingredient requires a label guarantee for minimum crude protein and maximum sulfur. [2]

In summary, the first distillers grain approval in AAFCO history was **Molasses Distillers Dried Solubles**, published in **1943**. The first grain-specific distillers grain definition (i.e., grain fermentation-based) was published in **1964**. [1]

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SWARM ENGINEERING



AAFCO Strategic Plan Goals

- **Improve Organizational Infrastructure and Operations**

- Evaluate processes for operational efficiencies and infrastructure
- Identify and develop organizational training for AAFCO leaders
- Identify/Pursue financial opportunities for sustainability

- **Enhance Member Support and Education Resources**

- Develop training opportunities for regulators

- **Advance Human and Animal Health and Safety**

- Increase participation in Animal Feed Safety Systems (AFRPS)
- Advance and support implementation of integrated laboratory technology, methods, quality systems, and collaboration in Animal Feed Safety Systems

- **Foster External Stakeholder Relationships**

- Identify, evaluate and foster stakeholder relationships that influence AAFCO

AAFCO AI Label Review

- Currently have ODI (Online Database of Ingredients)
 - Ability to upload and review labels
- Requests for proposals accepted for AI label review tool
- Reviewing candidates
- Regulators and firms can upload labels for compliance

Lab Proficiency Testing Program

- Received applications for new PTP director and team is currently reviewing for interviews.

Harmonization Efforts

- Work group on standardizing state fee schedules
- Working with states for standardized interpretations
- Bulk tote study with University of Iowa
- Working to update the AAFCO AV's

Scientific Review of Ingredients Submissions

- Has been supported by industry trade groups
- There have been a lot of discussions from interested firms
- Many consultations and are eagerly awaiting the first submission

AAFCO Outreach

- Provided a Pet Food Label Modernization workshop at AAFCO Annual meeting
- Animal Health Conference Kansas State-Olathe
- SRIS & Investigator Workshop at AAFCO Midyear meeting
- International Production & Processing Expo booth in Atlanta
- Represented at Mexican Association of Specialists in Animal Nutrition conference.
- Pet Food Forum in Kansas City
- Graduate student poster contest to be presented at Annual meeting.

New AAFCO Positions

- Label Reviewers for Label Review Service
 - Labels will be reviewed and have “Reviewed by AAFCO” seal
- Associate Director

Upcoming AAFCO Events

- Feed Administrator's Seminar April 20-24 Westbrook, CT
- AFRPS Virtual Meeting May 12-14-Virtual
- Advanced Inspector Training June 8-12 Charleston, SC
- 2026 AAFCO Annual Meeting August 26-28 San Diego, CA
- Basic Inspector Training September 21-25 Clemson, SC

Questions?