

Alfalfa Certified Reference Material

Product No: AR2018**Lot No: 240410**

Material and Use

AR2018 is a Certified Reference Material (CRM) traceable to the listed primary reference standards. All reference materials should be verified as fit for purpose prior to use. The intended use of this CRM is for the verification and calibration of combustion (or other appropriate) analyzers for the determination of carbon, nitrogen, and sulfur. Each bottle contains 30 g of reference material as a fine powder. Typical sample size for analytical testing is dependent upon the test method and instrumentation used. This product should be kept sealed tight and stored under normal laboratory conditions. Certified values are valid for 5 years from the initial date of certification.

Analyte	Value	(+/-)	Method(s)	n	k
% Carbon	43.43	0.60	Combustion/TC	10	2.3
% Nitrogen	2.75	0.45	Combustion/TC	10	2.3
% Sulfur	0.20	0.03	Combustion/TC	10	2.3

Note: (+/-) indicates expanded uncertainty.

Traceability

The reported values are traceable to the following primary reference standards:

NIST 143d, EMAL B2273-385322

Methods and References

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories

ISO 17034:2016 – General requirements for the competence of reference material producers

ISO 33401:2024 – Reference materials – Contents of certificates, labels, and accompanying documentation

ISO Guide 30:2015 – Terms and definitions used in connection with reference materials

ISO Guide 35:2017 – Reference materials – General and statistical principles for certification

Calculation of Reported Values

Analytical values are accredited under Alpha Resources, LLC ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 17034 accreditation issued by ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). Please refer to certificates and scopes of accreditation AT-1200 and AR-1920. Sampling and calculation of reported values for each analyte are performed in compliance with guidance found in ISO 17034, ISO 33401, and ISO Guide 35. Material homogeneity, uncertainty of primary reference standards, characterization uncertainty from contributing laboratories, and other factors are considered in the assessment of overall measurement uncertainty. Analysis of variance is used in the calculation of uncertainty between contributing labs and between samples. Expanded uncertainty is calculated by application of a coverage factor to the combined uncertainty value.

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