

have been sampled regularly for determination of aflatoxin levels¹⁾.

The analytical method used is Thin-Layer Chromatography. In addition to toxin assays, foods were regularly cultured. The fungi that have been found are Aspergillus flavus and A. ochraceus (see below), but Fusarium spp. are nearly never found²⁾. Ochratoxin, produced by Aspergillus ochraceus, is another mycotoxin that appears to be fairly well studied³⁾ and occurs regularly in Thai food and feed. Veterinarians suspect that the estrogenic mycotoxin, zearalenone, produced by Fusarium spp. on corn, may occur⁴⁾. This is based on clinical observations only. No follow-up studies have been done.

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