

Table 11. Milk iodine concentration in retail milk samples available in grocery stores across the Northeast¹

Item	No. samples	Milk iodine, $\mu\text{g/L}$			SEM ³
		Minimum	Maximum	Mean ²	
Labeling					
Conventional	202	114	923	425	26.0
Organic	97	130	1,016	410	27.4
Season ⁴					
Summer	142	114	916	356	26.5
Spring	157	130	1,016	479	26.0
Processing					
Pasteurized	211	114	923	415	26.9
UHT ⁵	88	130	1,016	420	26.9
<i>P</i> -values ⁶					
Labeling (L)	0.45				
Season (S)	<0.001				
Processing (P)	0.81				
Interactions					
L \times S	<0.001				
L \times P	0.21				
S \times P	0.26				
L \times S \times P	0.26				

¹Samples were purchased in grocery stores located in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington D.C.

²Least square means.

³SEM = standard error of the least square means.

⁴Summer = June of 2017; Spring = end of March and beginning of April of 2018.

⁵UHT = ultra-high temperature.

⁶Significance was declared at $P \leq 0.05$.

Table 12. Milk iodine concentration in retail milk samples from processing plants located in New England¹

Item	No. samples	Milk iodine, $\mu\text{g/L}$			
		Minimum	Maximum	Mean ²	SEM ³
Labeling					
Conventional	102	128	622	389	46.5
Organic	28	101	581	378	47.5
Season ⁴					
Summer	34	128	509	330	48.1
Fall	37	101	490	320	47.5
Winter	27	248	622	440	48.7
Spring	32	160	619	445	48.4
<i>P</i> -values ⁵					
Labeling (L)	0.66				
Season (S)	<0.001				
L \times S interaction	0.03				

¹Samples were purchased in grocery stores located in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; processing plant codes stamped on milk containers were used to select milk samples processed in New England.

²Least square means.

³SEM = standard error of the least square means.

⁴Winter = January of 2020; Spring = end of March and beginning of April of 2018; Summer = June of 2017; Fall = October of 2017.

⁵Significance was declared at $P \leq 0.05$.

Table 13. Milk iodine concentration in retail milk samples from processing plants located in New England and outside New England states¹

Item	No. samples	Milk iodine, $\mu\text{g/L}$			
		Minimum	Maximum	Mean ²	SEM ³
Labeling					
Conventional	137	128	875	380	15.4
Organic	92	101	882	386	17.7
Season ⁴					
Summer	43	128	509	317 ^b	25.2
Fall	76	101	775	309 ^b	16.8
Winter	67	202	882	464 ^a	20.7
Spring	43	160	829	442 ^a	23.1
Origin ⁵					
New England	131	101	622	362 ^b	15.6
Non-New England	98	132	882	405 ^a	17.0
<i>P</i> -values ⁶					
Labeling (L)	0.78				
Season (S)	<0.001				
Origin (O)	0.04				
Interactions					
L \times S	0.09				
L \times O	0.16				
S \times O	0.56				
L \times S \times O	0.54				

¹Milk was purchased in grocery stores located in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

²Least square means.

³SEM = standard error of the least square means.

⁴Winter = January of 2020; Spring = end of March and beginning of April of 2018; Summer = June of 2017; Fall = October of 2017.

⁵Processing plant codes stamped on milk containers were used to select milk samples processed in New England and non-New England states.

⁶Significance was declared at $P \leq 0.05$.