

**MICROBIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF
BACTERIA ASSOCIATED WITH RAW BUFFALO MILK USING
CONVENTIONAL PLATING METHOD AND 3M PETRIFILM**



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ABSTRACT

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Raw buffalo milk from a dairy cooperative in Nueva Ecija was evaluated through its physico- chemical properties and microbial load using conventional plating method and 3M Petrifilm. Organoleptic tests were done alongside with the seven platform tests namely, alcohol precipitation, lactometer, temperature, pH, total titratable acidity, sediment test, and clot on boiling tests.

The microbial load of raw buffalo milk for both methods are in an acceptable range which satisfies the given standard value. Presence of coliform, were also detected and *E. coli* was not observed. Four bacterial isolates were characterized morphologically and culturally

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