

Residue Testing Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Residue Type (Pesticide Residues Heavy Metals, Veterinary Drug Residues, Mycotoxins, Dioxins & PCBs, Allergens & Hormones, and Other Residue Types), Testing Mode, Technology, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Residue Testing Market is accounted for \$4.02 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$7.64 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 9.6% during the forecast period. Residue testing refers to the analytical examination of food, feed, and agricultural items to identify chemical residues like pesticides, veterinary medicines, and other contaminants. This method safeguards public health by ensuring products meet established safety standards and regulatory limits. It also preserves food integrity, promotes international trade compliance, and reduces risks of exposure to hazardous chemicals. Through monitoring residue levels, it plays a vital role in sustaining consumer confidence and supply chain transparency.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Pesticide Residue Monitoring Program Report for Fiscal Year 2022, the FDA collected and analyzed a total of 2,800 food samples, which includes 731 domestic food samples from 41 states and 2,069 imported food samples from 81 countries.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Stricter food safety regulations

The tightening of global food safety standards is significantly propelling the demand for residue testing solutions. Regulatory bodies are mandating rigorous screening for contaminants such as pesticides, heavy metals, and veterinary drugs in food products. This push for compliance is compelling manufacturers to adopt advanced testing technologies to avoid recalls and penalties. Enhanced traceability requirements are also encouraging investment in robust residue detection systems. As governments prioritize public health and export quality, residue testing is becoming integral to food production workflows. The growing emphasis on transparency and consumer trust further amplifies market momentum.

Restraint:

Lack of standardization

The absence of harmonized testing protocols across regions poses a challenge to the growth. Variability in permissible residue limits and testing methodologies complicates international trade and regulatory compliance. Laboratories often struggle to align with diverse standards, leading to inconsistent results and delayed certifications. This fragmentation increases operational complexity for global food producers and exporters. Efforts to unify testing frameworks are underway, but progress remains slow and uneven. Until standardization improves, market scalability and interoperability will remain constrained.

Opportunity:

Rapid testing solutions

The rising demand for faster and more reliable residue detection is opening doors for rapid testing technologies. Innovations in biosensors, portable analyzers, and real-time detection kits are transforming food safety workflows. These solutions enable on-site screening, reducing turnaround times and minimizing product hold-ups. Industries are increasingly adopting rapid methods to meet tight production schedules and regulatory deadlines. The ability to detect multiple contaminants simultaneously is also driving adoption. As technology advances, rapid testing is poised to become a cornerstone of modern residue monitoring.

Threat:

Intense competition

Companies are racing to develop more accurate, cost-effective, and user-friendly solutions to gain market share. Price wars and aggressive marketing strategies are putting pressure on margins, especially for smaller vendors. Differentiation through technology and service offerings is becoming critical for survival. Additionally, frequent product launches and patent disputes are intensifying rivalry. This competitive landscape demands continuous innovation and strategic positioning to maintain relevance.

Covid-19 Impact

The pandemic initially disrupted the residue testing market due to supply chain breakdowns and reduced food production activity. Lockdowns delayed laboratory operations and hindered field testing schedules across several regions. However, heightened awareness around food hygiene and safety led to a rebound in demand. Essential sectors such as packaged foods and pharmaceuticals maintained testing protocols, cushioning the downturn. The crisis also accelerated digital transformation and remote monitoring in testing workflows.

The pesticide residues segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The pesticide residues segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, driven by growing concerns over chemical contamination in fruits, vegetables, and grains. Regulatory scrutiny around pesticide levels has intensified, prompting widespread adoption of targeted testing methods. Advanced chromatographic and spectrometric techniques are being deployed to ensure compliance and consumer safety. Agricultural exporters are particularly focused on meeting residue limits set by importing countries. As awareness and enforcement rise, pesticide residue testing will remain the largest and most critical segment.

The food manufacturers segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the food manufacturers segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, due to the need for consistent quality control and regulatory compliance is driving investment in residue testing solutions. With increasing consumer demand for clean-label products, manufacturers are prioritizing contaminant screening across supply chains. Automation and integration of testing systems into production

lines are becoming more common. The segment is also benefiting from stricter audits and certifications required for retail and export. As food safety becomes a competitive differentiator, manufacturers are scaling up testing capabilities rapidly.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share due to rapid urbanization and expanding food production are fueling demand for safety and quality assurance tools. Countries like China, India, and Japan are investing heavily in testing infrastructure to meet domestic and export standards. Government initiatives promoting food safety and public health are further accelerating adoption. The region's cost-effective manufacturing and growing middle-class consumption are also contributing to market expansion.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, owing to strict regulatory oversight and rising consumer expectations around food safety. Advanced analytical tools like GC-MS and LC-MS/MS are increasingly adopted for their accuracy in detecting trace contaminants. Trends such as IoT-enabled lab automation and real-time data monitoring are reshaping testing workflows. Notable developments include expanded service portfolios by firms like Bureau Veritas and strategic acquisitions such as ALS's purchase of Truesdail Laboratories. These shifts are driving innovation and strengthening regional testing capabilities.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players profiled in the Residue Testing Market include SGS SA, Sciex, Eurofins Scientific SE, PerkinElmer Inc., Intertek Group plc, Neogen Corporation, Bureau Veritas SA, Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc., ALS Limited, Waters Corporation, Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Romer Labs Division Holding GmbH, Agilent Technologies Inc., Merck KGaA, and Shimadzu Corporation.

Key Developments:

In October 2024, Bureau Veritas's divestment of its food testing business to Mérieux NutriSciences for EUR 360 million exemplifies portfolio optimization strategies as companies focus on core competencies. Eurofins demonstrated resilient growth with 7.1% organic expansion in 2023 and continued investment in laboratory capacity, while

SGS expanded North American food testing capabilities through facility upgrades targeting the multi-billion dollar nutraceutical market.

Residue Types Covered:

Pesticide Residues

Heavy Metals

Veterinary Drug Residues

Mycotoxins

Dioxins & PCBs

Allergens & Hormones

Other Residue Types

Testing Modes Covered:

Laboratory-Based Testing

Rapid Testing Kits

Third-Party Verification Services

Technologies Covered:

HPLC-Based Testing

ELISA & Immunoassays

LC-MS/MS-Based Testing

Portable/On-site Testing Kits

GC-MS-Based Testing

Biosensors & NGS Platforms

Applications Covered:

Food & Beverage

Agricultural Crops

Animal Feed & Pet Food

Water & Environmental Samples

Pharmaceuticals & Nutraceuticals

Other Applications

End Users Covered:

Food Manufacturers

Retailers & Distributors

Agricultural Producers

Regulatory Agencies

Testing Laboratories

Other End Users

Regions Covered:

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

South Korea

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

What our report offers:

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
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