

Study of Presence of Adulterants in Selected Food items using DART Manual

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Abstract—*Food safety is a major concern in the country. Due to lack of knowledge of the people, they are easily cheated by the adulterators, and it may cost them their health. There are various methods to check adulterants but those are not convenient to use by the common people. Hence, fssai (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) came up with the DART manual to enable the common people to check the food items at home. The present study had been done to study the presence of adulterants on selected cereals and pulses. All the items were the ones sold loose. It was found that maida was adulterated with boric acid. All the other items were found to be safe.*

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