



Peer-Reviewed FDA Study: Olive Oil Adulteration 'Rare' in U.S.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tested the authenticity of olive oil, and the peer-reviewed findings were published in the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*.¹

88 Extra virgin olive oil samples taken off the shelves of Washington, D.C.-area retail outlets

NO confirmed adulteration in any of the samples

Conclusion: Occurrence rate of adulteration for the market samples analyzed was "**low**"

The FDA's findings mirror the results of the NAOOA's robust monitoring efforts:

- Sampled an average of 200 olive oils annually for 20 years
- Samples come directly from retail shelves
- Tested in independent labs certified by the International Olive Council

The cumulative results of the NAOOA's testing support the finding that **98% of olive oil sold in U.S. retail outlets is authentic.**

¹ Srigley, C.T., Oles, C.J., Kia, A.R.F. et al. J Am Oil Chem Soc (2016) 93: 171. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11746-015-2759-4>