

Key findings in New York state herbal supplements probe

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Some key findings in an [investigation by the New York state Attorney General's Office](#) into the store brand herbal supplements sold by four major retailers: GNC, Target, Walmart and Walgreens:

GNC

- 120 DNA tests run on 24 bottles of the [herbal products](#) purchased
- DNA matched label identification 22% of the time.
- Among contaminants identified: asparagus, rice, primrose, alfalfa/clover, spruce.

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TARGET

- 90 DNA tests run on 18 bottles
- DNA matched label identification 41% of the time.
- Among contaminants identified: allium, French bean, asparagus, pea, wild carrot, saw palmetto.

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WALGREENS

- 90 DNA test run on 18 bottles
- DNA matched label representation 18% of the time.
- Among contaminants identified: rice, wheat, palm, daisy and dracaena (houseplant).

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WALMART

- 90 DNA test run on 18 bottles
- DNA matched label representation 4% of the time.
- Among contaminants identified: pine, wheat/grass, rice mustard, citrus.

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Source: New York state Attorney General's Office

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