

Table 3 Monthly proximate composition of Vitafeed® stored under airtight and open conditions.

	November		December		January		February		March		April	
	Air Tight	Open	Air Tight	Open	Air Tight	Open	Air Tight	Open	Air Tight	Open	Air Tight	Open
Moisture	11.04±0.02	11.02±0.02	11.02±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	11.19±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.10±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.42±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.19±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.65±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.33±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	11.73±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	11.30±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	12.01±0.01 <sup>a</sup>
Ash	5.86±0.02	5.82±0.03	5.86±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	6.00±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	5.81±0.02 <sup>b</sup>	6.11±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	5.82±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	6.33±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	5.87±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	6.46±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	5.85±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	6.68±0.00 <sup>a</sup>
Lipid	12.02±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.75±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.92±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.72±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.93±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.56±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.87±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.47±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.85±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	11.23±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.83±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	10.92±0.01 <sup>b</sup>
Protein	48.14±0.03	48.10±0.01	48.04±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	48.15±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	48.16±0.02 <sup>b</sup>	47.42±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	46.41±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	43.12±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	45.61±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	39.43±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	44.87±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	37.98±0.01 <sup>b</sup>
NFE	30.31±0.02 <sup>b</sup>	30.75±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	30.53±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	30.40±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	30.44±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	31.28±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	32.35±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	35.23±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	33.16±0.02 <sup>b</sup>	39.36±0.00 <sup>a</sup>	33.96±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	40.39±0.01 <sup>a</sup>
Fibre	3.67±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	3.57±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	3.65±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	3.73±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	3.67±0.00	3.62±0.01	3.55±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	3.87±0.01 <sup>a</sup>	3.51±0.01	3.51±0.00	3.50±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	4.04±0.01 <sup>a</sup>

Note: Mean in the same row within the same month with different superscript differ significantly (P<0.05)