

FETA Version 2.53

Thank you for downloading and installing FETA!

The support site for this software is at:

<https://epic-norfolk.org.uk/index.php/for-researchers/feta-download/>

This site contains the **documentation**, which may contain more up-to-date edits than that included in this distribution.

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1) First steps

Once FETA has been installed on your Windows system by running the installer, you will need to run the **configuration tool**.

A shortcut has been placed on your desktop (Desktop -> Configure FETA) to make this process easy. There is also a copy of the shortcut in the 'All Programs -> EPIC' section on the Windows button menu for your convenience. The FETA configuration tool only needs to be run once, but no harm is done if it is run multiple times.

After configuration has been performed, you only need to run the FETA program.

Please make sure you read the documentation on preparing your input file:

<https://epic-norfolk.org.uk/index.php/for-researchers/ffq/>

It contains essential information on the preparation of input CSV files for use with FETA. If your input file contains errors, your output will also contain errors.

Attend to error messages and correct your diary input files to get the best data out of FETA.

2) Running FETA

Most people will find that the first option ('wide format') is the most useful. Other options do not provide the level of error checking on the input file that the Wizard provides for 'wide format' output. You are only advised of missing ticks in your input file in this processing option, and the nutrient identifiers are only translated to human readable text in this option.

The remaining options (long format, by ffq line, by food item) are for advanced users and programmers since they produce very large output files. Please run your data through on the first option initially and correct the highlighted errors in the input file before proceeding to other options.

3) Test data

We have included a small test data set (sample_input.csv) together with a shortcut on the desktop. Please run this data set to check your installation. It will give some input errors to show you what some of the possibilities are. However, it will run through to the end and produce an output file and appropriate log files. Check the documentation for details.

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5) Credits

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6) Open Source Distribution

Depending on which installer you downloaded, you will have received the full source code for the FETA system. The files are in the Source tree off the Windows installation location you chose during the install.

The FETA codebase is maintained by the EPIC-Norfolk informatics group. David Parry-Smith implemented the graphical user interface. The FETA calculation program was implemented by the Jamal Natour.

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