

Program Notice

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NATIONAL WHEAT SAMPLE COLLECTION PLAN FOR THE PESTICIDE RESIDUE PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE

This program notice outlines procedures for collecting wheat samples to analyze for pesticide residues.

2. BACKGROUND

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) in cooperation with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), is collecting samples to evaluate specific State or regional concerns related to residual pesticides. From now through September 30, 2012, FGIS and official inspection agencies will collect and forward 330 wheat samples to the Technology and Science Division (TSD) of FGIS for pesticide residue analysis. TSD will analyze the samples and transmit the results to AMS for inclusion in the Pesticide Data Program (PDP).

The PDP provides the most scientific, comprehensive database available on actual residue levels found in the U.S. food supply and is used by the Environmental Protection Agency to assess dietary exposure to pesticide residues.

3. SAMPLE COLLECTION

The sample collection rate is based on average crop production totals by class and state, and based on export volume by Field Office. Field Offices and Official Agencies are asked to coordinate the study within their assigned area of responsibility to assure that the personnel providing inspection service in the area are collecting and forwarding samples according to the assignment table. **As in previous sample collections, support by field office managers and agency managers is essential for successful completion of this project.**

The PDP collection plan is based on official inspections (including official commercial inspection where official sampling procedures are followed) from domestic and export lots representing trucks, hopper cars, barges, and vessels. **Submitted samples are excluded from the survey.**

4. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

a. Sample Collection Period.

Through September 30, 2012.

b. Official Agency and Field Office Assignments.

The sample collection assignments are listed in attachments 1 and 2 to this program notice.

c. Sample Size.

Obtain a 500-1000 gram portion from each sample selected for the survey.

d. Sample Information.

With each sample mailed to TSD, include, at a minimum, the following information in the appropriate sections of the PDP Sample Transmittal Form (see attachment 3). Attach the form to the appropriate sample so that the sample can be identified correctly.

- (1) Inspection Location - Location of grain at time of inspection (elevator or service point name, city, State).
- (2) Inspection Point Code (SSP) - FGIS assigned code for the inspection point.
- (3) Field Office Location -field office sending the sample or supervising field office.
- (4) Agency - FGIS or official agency collecting the sample.
- (5) Carrier Identification – Truck, barge, railcar, container, or vessel identification (e.g., M/V Maersk Tennessee).

Note: Identify the Sublot when necessary.

- (6) Type – Type of carrier.
- (7) State of origin – List the State where the grain was grown. If unknown, list the State where the grain was officially sampled.

- (8) Date of inspection – Inspection certification date.
- (9) Quantity - Approximate quantity (bushels) of lot inspected.
- (10) Inspector's Name - The name of the inspector/grader as indicated on the inspection pan ticket/loading log.

e. Mailing Requirements.

Make sure the samples are secured in a polyethylene bag, and a completed PDP Sample Transmittal Form is attached.

When samples are ready to mail, please place a minimum of 2 samples in each UPS Pak that has been provided or use your own box (UPS shipping labels have also been provided). Secure the package(s) and attach the UPS shipping labels. If you need to schedule a UPS pickup, call UPS at 1-800-742-5877. Field offices/official agencies should make an effort to forward the PDP samples to TSD on a weekly basis throughout the collection period.

Double check the preprinted shipping labels to make sure there is reference to PDP and it has the correct street address:

10383 N. Ambassador Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64153-1394

f. Accounting Codes.

A separate accounting code is established for recovering costs associated with the PDP program. Field offices shall use this accounting code exclusively for time associated with PDP sample preparation. Contact Marsha Schwartz at (816) 891-0420 or Terri Liberty at (816) 891-0457 for question regarding the accounting code.

5. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions regarding the sample collection process to Rob Dorman, Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch at (816) 659-8411 and direct any technical questions to Jason Vanfossan, Trace Analysis Laboratory at (816) 891-0474.

/s/ Robert Lijewski

Robert Lijewski, Director
Field Management Division

Attachments

PDP Sample Transmittal Form

_____ Inspection Location	_____ Inspection Point Code
_____ Field Office Location	_____ Agency (FGIS or Official Agency)
_____ Carrier Identification	_____ Type (Barge, Truck, Hopper Car)
_____ State of Origin	_____ Date of Inspection
_____ Quantity (Approximate Bushels)	_____ Inspector's Name

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