

GIPSA APPROVES DON ACCUTOX TEST KIT

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Nov. 6, 1998) -- USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has announced that the DON ACCUTOX test kit (DON Q1-3, version 98.2) manufactured by Romer Labs, Inc., has been approved for official testing of vomitoxin (also known as deoxynivalenol (DON)) in the national grain inspection system.

GIPSA authorizes the use of the DON ACCUTOX method to determine quantitative vomitoxin levels (in parts per million (ppm)) in barley, corn, malted barley, oats, wheat, wheat flour, and wheat midds. The limit of detection for the test kit is less than or equal to 0.5 ppm deoxynivalenol for each of the commodities.

Approval of this test kit gives GIPSA's Federal Grain Inspection Service field operations greater flexibility in performing vomitoxin analyses for its customers. Technical information, contact Don Kendall at 816-891-0463; or by email at dkendall@tsd.fgiskc.gov.

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