

## **GIPSA Approves Veratox 5/5 DON Test Kit**

Washington, DC (April 10, 2001)-The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today approved the Veratox 5/5 DON Test Kit, manufactured by Neogen Corporation, for official testing of deoxynivalenol in the national grain inspection system.

Deoxynivalenol, or DON, is a toxin produced by a mold and can be present in wheat, barley, corn, and other grains. GIPSA authorizes the use of the Veratox 5/5 DON test kit to determine deoxynivalenol in wheat, barley, malted barley, oats, and corn.

According to GIPSA acting administrator David R. Shipman, approval of this test kit expands the choice of DON test kits available to the national inspection system.

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