

GIPSA APPROVES MYCOÜ AFLATOXIN TEST KIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, 2002 - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) today announced that Mycoü Aflatoxin Test Kit, manufactured by Strategic Diagnostics Inc, has been approved for official testing of aflatoxin in the national grain inspection system.

GIPSA approves the official use of the Mycoü Aflatoxin Test Kit to determine total aflatoxin levels in corn, corn meal, corn soy blend, sorghum, and popcorn.

Aflatoxins are a toxin produced by a mold and can be present in corn, sorghum, and other grains.

GIPSA's work on mycotoxin analyses continues to expand, said GIPSA acting administrator David R. Shipman. The market needs accurate information on mycotoxins, and approval of this test kit will be another way that GIPSA is harnessing new technology in the official inspection system to respond to market needs.

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