

GIPSA VERIFIES PERFORMANCE OF TESTS TO DETECT ROUNDUP READY SOYBEANS AND CORN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28, 2002--The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration announced today that it has verified that the EnviroLogix Inc., Roundup Ready QuickStix™ Kit for Soybean Grain (Part No. AS010BG) detects the presence of one Roundup Ready Soybean kernel in 1,000 kernels; and the Neogen Corporation's Agri-Screen CP4 Strip Test (Part No. 8005f) detects the presence of one Roundup Ready soybean in 1000 soybeans and one Roundup Ready corn kernel (NK603) in 800 kernels.

These are the first rapid tests evaluated under GIPSA's recently expanded Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman said that GIPSA's evaluation of these tests will help the grain markets make more informed decisions about the grain being bought and sold.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA's Biotechnology web page at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/biotech/biotech.htm>.

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