

GIPSA VERIFIES Traitü RUR NK603 CORN GRAIN TEST KIT TO DETECT ROUNDUP READY? CORN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13, 2002--The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration announced today that it has verified that the Strategic Diagnostics Inc., Traitü RUR NK603 Corn Grain test kit (Part No. 7000011) detects the presence of one Roundup Ready corn kernel in 800 kernels in 5 minutes.

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's recently expanded Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman said that GIPSA's evaluation of this test 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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