

## **GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Yieldgard Rootworm® Corn**

WASHINGTON, DC (July 31, 2003) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified that the Strategic Diagnostics, Inc. Trait3™ Cry3Bb Corn Grain Test Kit #7000041 Qualitative Lateral Flow Strip Kit detects the presence of one kernel of YieldGard Rootworm® corn in 800 kernels in 5 minutes (test strip development time).

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

GIPSA administrator Donna Reifschneider said that GIPSA'S evaluation of this test will help the U.S. grain market 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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