

GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Aflatoxin In Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (November 15, 2004) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified that the EnviroLogix, Inc. QuickStix (TM) Kit for Aflatoxin in Bulk Grain, #AS 101 BG Qualitative Lateral Flow Strip Kit detects the presence of aflatoxin at a threshold of 20 parts per billion in corn 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>.

For technical information on test kit performance evaluation, contact Tim Norden, GIPSA Technical Services Division, 816-891-0470, or by e-mail at Tim.D.Norden@usda.gov.

GIPSA Release #43-04
Dana_Stewart 202-720-5091
Dana.B.Stewart@usda.gov