

GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Cry9C In Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (April 7, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified that the Strategic Diagnostics, Inc. Trait (TM) Bt9 Corn Grain Test Kit Qualitative Lateral Flow Strip Kit, Part #7000012, detects the presence of one kernel of Cry9C corn in 800 kernels in 5 minutes (test strip development time).

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

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman 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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