

**GIPSA APPROVES ROSA® TEST KIT
to DETECT AFLATOXIN FOR COMMODITIES IN ADDITION TO CORN**

WASHINGTON, DC (January 4, 2006) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced that Charm Sciences, Inc.'s ROSA® Aflatoxin (Quantitative) test kit, Product #LF-AFQ-100 quantitative lateral flow strip kit has been expanded to include additional commodities for official testing of aflatoxin in the national grain inspection system.

GIPSA has approved the official use of the ROSA® Aflatoxin (Quantitative) test kit to determine total aflatoxin levels in corn, corn flour, corn germ meal, corn gluten meal, corn meal, corn screenings, corn soy blend, cracked corn, distillers dried grains, flaking corn grits, milled rice, popcorn, rough rice, sorghum, soybeans, wheat.

Aflatoxins are a toxin produced by a mold and can be present in corn, sorghum, and other grains. Approval to test additional commodities using this kit expands the choice of aflatoxin test kits available to the national inspection system.

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