

GIPSA VERIFIES PERFORMANCE OF TEST KIT TO DETECT AFLATOXIN IN CORN

WASHINGTON, DC (January 23, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified Charm Sciences, Inc., ROSA® Aflatoxin P/N Test, Product# LF-AFPN, qualitative lateral flow strip kit, which detects the presence of aflatoxin at a threshold of 20 parts per billion in corn in 3 minutes (test strip development time).

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

GIPSA deputy 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 Performance Verified Test Kits page at

<http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/GIPSA/webapp?area=home&subject=grpi&topic=iws-rtk>.

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