

## **GIPSA Verifies Performance of Test Kit to Detect Aflatoxin in Corn**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 2006 - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced that it has verified the EnviroLogix, Inc. QuickStix™ Kit for Aflatoxin in Bulk Grain, #AS 101 BG Qualitative Lateral Flow Strip Kit. The kit detects the presence of aflatoxin at a threshold of 20 parts per billion in corn in 5 minutes (test strip development time) using either a 70 percent methanol or 50 percent ethanol extraction solvent.

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

GIPSA administrator James E. Link said that GIPSA's evaluation of this test will help the U.S. grain market make more informed decisions about 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://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/tech-servsup/metheqp/testkits.pdf>. For technical information on test kit performance evaluation, contact Lynn Polston, GIPSA Technical Services Division, 816-891-0444, or by e-mail at [Lynn.A.Polston@usda.gov](mailto:Lynn.A.Polston@usda.gov).

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