

GIPSA Verifies Performance of Test Kit to Detect Cry3Bb in Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (November 6, 2006) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration has evaluated the EnviroLogix, Inc. QuickStix? Kit for YieldGard® Rootworm Corn Bulk Grain Test, Product #AS 015 BG, and verified this qualitative lateral flow strip kit can detect the presence of one kernel of Cry3Bb corn in 200 kernels in 5 minutes.

The Cry3Bb proteins are found in genetically engineered corn designed to control corn rootworms.

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 test kit verification web site 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, at Lynn.A.Polston@usda.gov.

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