

GIPSA Verifies Performance of Test Kit to Detect Aflatoxin in Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (April 18, 2007) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified Diachemix, LLC, Aflatoxin FPA Test, Product# 61545, qualitative fluorescence polarization test kit, which detects the presence of total aflatoxins at a threshold of 20 parts per billion (ppb) in corn in 2 minutes (total incubation time).

GIPSA verified the test kit as part of its Test Kit Evaluation Program, which verifies the performance of commercial test kits in order to ensure that reliable, rapid tests are commercially available.

GIPSA administrator James Link 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 web page at <http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/reference-library/directives/9181-2.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.

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