

GIPSA Approves Test Kits to Detect Zearalenone

WASHINGTON, June 22, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has approved two test kits for the official testing of zearalenone in the national grain inspection system: the Charm Sciences Inc. ROSA® Zearalenone quantitative test kit and the R-Biopharm, Inc., Ridascreen® FAST SC Zearalenone (Quantitative) test kit.

Zearalenone is a toxin produced by a mold and can be present in corn and other grains. GIPSA's approval of these kits expands the choice of zearalenone test kits in the national grain inspection system.

GIPSA approved the official use of the Charm Sciences Inc. ROSA Zearalenone test kit, Product #LF-ZEARQ, to determine zearalenone levels in distillers dried grains with solubles, milled rice, sorghum, and wheat.

GIPSA approved the official use of the Ridascreen® FAST SC Zearalenone (Quantitative) test kit, Product #R5505, to determine zearalenone levels in corn.

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