

# Program Notice

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**NATIONAL EXPORT SOYBEAN SAMPLE COLLECTION PLAN**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

This notice outlines procedures for collecting export soybean samples to analyze for pesticide residues.

## **2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

This program notice supersedes FGIS PN-22-01, National Export Soybean Sample Collection Plan, dated November 04, 2021.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

The Agriculture Marketing Service, Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) is collecting samples to evaluate concerns related to pesticide residues. From now through April 30, 2023, FGIS and the State of Virginia's Department of Agriculture will collect and forward a total of 140 export soybean samples to the Technology and Science Division (TSD) of FGIS for pesticide residue analysis.

## **4. SAMPLE COLLECTION**

The sample collection rates for the interior locations (Table 1) are based only from the State of Virginia's Department of Agriculture. The samples are to be obtained only from Perdue's Chesapeake container loading location. The sample collection rates for the export locations (Table 2) are based on export volume by field office and should be collected based on the monthly assignments. The field offices may need to adjust their sample collection assignments in an effort to collect the desired number of samples throughout the collection time period. If the desired numbers of samples for the month have been collected ahead of schedule, discontinue collecting samples until the start of the next month. If the required number of samples is not collected in any given month, additional samples should be collected the following month beyond the number required for the current month.

The Field offices and State of Virginia's Department of Agriculture are asked to coordinate the study within their assigned area of responsibility to ensure that the personnel providing inspection service in the area are collecting and forwarding samples according to the assignment table. As in previous sample collections, support by field office managers and agency managers is essential for successful completion of this project.

The collection plan is based on official inspections from export lots representing trucks, hopper cars, barges, containers, and vessels. Submitted samples are excluded from the survey.

## 5. **CONSENTED GRAIN COMPANIES**

Samples should only be sent in from grain companies that have completed U.S. Soybean Export Council consent form. There are currently five companies that have done so: CHS Inc, Cargill Inc, Zen-Noh Grain Corporation, The Andersons Inc., and Perdue Agribusiness LLC.

## 6. **SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

### a. Sample Collection Period.

Through April 30, 2023.

### b. Official Agency and Field Office Assignments.

The sample collection assignments are listed in Attachment 1 of this notice.

### c. Sample Size.

Obtain a 1000 gram portion from each sample selected for the survey.

### d. Sample Information.

With each sample mailed to Pesticides Analysis Services (Export Soybean Sample Collection) at TSD, include, at a minimum, the following information in the appropriate sections of the Sample Transmittal Form (see Attachment 2). Attach the form to the appropriate sample so that the sample can be identified correctly.

- (1) Inspection Location - Location of grain at time of inspection (elevator or service point name, city, State).
- (2) Specified Service Point Code (SSP) - FGIS assigned code for the inspection point.
- (3) Field Office Location - Field office sending the sample or supervising field office.
- (4) Agency - FGIS or official agency collecting the sample.
- (5) Carrier Identification - Truck, barge, railcar, container, or vessel identification (e.g., 038CHI1511660, BNSF 486709, M/V Maersk Tennessee,) and subplot number (if applicable).
- (6) Type - Type of carrier.
- (7) State of origin - List the State where the grain was grown. If unknown, list the State where the grain was officially sampled, followed by "(sampled)".
- (8) Date of inspection - Inspection certification date.

(9) Quantity - Approximate quantity (bushels) of lot inspected.

(10) Inspector's Name - The name of the inspector/grader as indicated on the inspection pan ticket/loading log.

e. Mailing Requirements.

If care packages or preprinted labels are needed please contact Tim Brewer at [Timothy.M.Brewer@usda.gov](mailto:Timothy.M.Brewer@usda.gov) or (816) 702-3812. If care packages are provided then the care packages sent by TSD must be used. Ensure the samples are secured in a polyethylene bag, and a completed Sample Transmittal Form is attached. Verify that the mailing information on the preprinted label is correct. The Transmittal Form is attached in this program notice and should be completed and included with the submitted sample. Samples should be shipped using UPS ground to the address below.

Pesticides Analysis Service (Export Soybean Sample Collection)  
Technology and Science Division  
10383 N. Ambassador Dr. Kansas City, MO 64153-1394

When samples are ready to mail, please place a minimum of two samples in each UPS Pak that has been provided, when applicable, or use your own box (UPS shipping labels have also been provided). Secure the package(s) and attach the UPS shipping labels. If you need to schedule a UPS pickup, call UPS at 1-800-742-5877. Field offices/official agencies should make an effort to forward the export soybean samples to TSD on a weekly basis throughout the collection period.

## 7. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions regarding the sample collection process to [AMS - FGIS Policies Procedures and Market Analysis Branch](#) and direct any technical questions to the Pesticide Residue Analysis Team Leader for the Trace Analysis Laboratory at (816) 702-3812.

Attachments

<b>Table 1. Soybean Samples from Official States</b>	
Virginia Department of Agriculture	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

**Note:** The samples listed in Table 1 are to be obtained from Perdue's Chesapeake, VA container loading facility. The samples may be collected at any point between now and April 30, 2023.

<b>Table 2. Soybean Samples from Export FGIS Service Points</b>				
	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>
Portland	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Toledo	2	2	1	<b>5</b>
League City	3	2	0	<b>5</b>
Olympia	13	12	11	<b>36</b>
New Orleans	30	29	26	<b>85</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>133</b>

Sample Transmittal Form for National Export Soybean Sample Collection Plan	
Inspection Location	Specified Service Point Code
Field Office Location	Agency (FGIS or Official Agency)
Carrier Identification	Type (Barge, Truck, Hopper Car, Container, Motor Vessel)
State of Origin	Date of Inspection
Quantity (Approximate Bushels)	Inspector's Name

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