

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. BACKGROUND

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) is collecting samples to evaluate concerns related to pesticide residues. From now through January 31, 2019, FGIS and official inspection agencies will collect and forward 120 export soybean samples to the Technology and Science Division (TSD) of FGIS for pesticide residue analysis.

3. SAMPLE COLLECTION

The sample collection rates for the interior locations (Table 1) are based on average crop production totals by state and can be collected at any point up until the deadline. 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.

Field offices and official agencies 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.

4. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

a. Sample Collection Period.

Through January 31, 2019.

b. Official Agency and Field Office Assignments.

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

c. Sample Size.

Obtain a 500-1000 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) Inspection 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@ams.usda.gov or 816-866-2228. 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 attached in this program notice 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.

5. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions regarding the sample collection process the Policies, Procedures, and Market Analysis Branch at (202) 720-0228 and direct any technical questions to the Pesticide Residue Analysis Team Leader for the Trace Analysis Laboratory at (816) 891-0404.

Attachments

Table 1. Soybean Samples From Official States And Agencies	
Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection	2
North Dakota Grain Inspection - Ohio	1
Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing	4
Hastings Grain Inspection	1
Kankakee Grain Inspection	3
Kansas Grain Inspection	1
Michigan Grain Inspection	1
Midsouth Grain Inspection	2
Missouri Dept of Agriculture	1
North Dakota Grain Inspection	1
Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service	1
State Grain Inspection	2
Total	20

Table 2. Soybean Samples From Export FGIS Service Points					
	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>
Portland	1	0	0	0	1
Toledo	1	2	1	1	5
League City	1	0	0	0	1
Olympia	9	7	5	5	26
New Orleans	19	19	14	15	67
Total					100

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

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