

USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program
Testing for the Presence of Biotechnology Events in Corn and Soybeans
April 2006 Sample Distribution Results

Purpose of USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program

Through the USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program, USDA seeks to improve the overall performance of testing for biotechnology-derived grains and oil seeds. The USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program helps organizations identify areas of concern and take corrective actions to improve testing accuracy, capability and reliability.

Program Description

In this round of the USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program one set of samples was used for both qualitative and quantitative analyses. The samples were fortified with various combinations and concentrations of transgenic events, and participants had the choice of providing qualitative and/or quantitative results. Scoring of the participant's results was done by computing the "percentage of correctly reported transgenic events" in the samples.

Sample Composition

The corn samples contained various combinations and concentrations of the following transgenic events: T25, CBH351, MON810, GA21, E176, Bt11, NK603, Herculex, and MON863; or, no events (i.e., negative corn sample). The various transgenic concentration levels were produced on a percentage weight-weight basis (%w/w). A calculated amount of ground transgenic corn was mixed with a calculated amount of non-transgenic corn to produce concentrations from 0.1% to 5.0% of the event. The soybean samples were either non-transgenic soybeans, or fortified soybeans samples containing 0.1%, or 3.0% of the transgenic glyphosate-tolerant soybeans (RoundUp Ready®). Each participant received six corn samples and three soybean samples. Each sample contained approximately 20 grams of ground material.

Program Participants

Participants included organizations from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Each participant received a study description and a data report form by electronic mail, and included with the samples. Participants submitted results by electronic mail, FAX, or regular mail. No analytical methodologies were specified, and organizations used both DNA- and protein-based testing technologies. Fifty-six organizations participated in the April 2006 round of proficiency testing.

- Fifteen participants submitted **qualitative** results only,
- Six participants submitted **quantitative** results only, and
- Thirty-five participants submitted a combination of **qualitative** and **quantitative** results.

In this report, participating organizations are identified by a confidential "Participant Identification Number." Appendix I identifies those organizations who gave GIPSA permission to list them as participants in the USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program.

Data Summary Results

Data submitted by the participants are summarized in this report primarily in tables and figures. Participants reported their results on a qualitative basis, quantitative basis, or a combination of both qualitative and quantitative bases. Qualitative results were reported as the presence or absence of a particular event in each sample. Quantitative results were reported as the concentration of a particular event in the sample. Due to the complexity of the data, this report summarizes the data as follows:

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Table 1: Qualitative results for corn fortified with 35S for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

35S	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	N	P	P	P	P	P
1754	N	P	P	P	P	P
1761	N	P	P	P	P	P
1763	N	P	P	P	P	P
1769	N	P	P	P	P	P
1770	N	P	P	P	P	P
1773	N	P	P	P	P	P
1774	N	P	P	P	P	P
1781	N	P	P	P	P	P
1782	N	N	P	P	P	N
1785	N	P	P	P	P	P
1787	N	P	P	P	P	P
1854	P	P	P	P	P	P
1858	N	P	P	P	P	P
1859	N	P	P	P	P	P
1870	N	p	P	P	P	P
1875	N	P	P	P	P	P
1891	N	P	P	P	P	P
1892	N	P	P	P	P	P
2005	N	P	P	P	P	P
2006	N	P	P	P	P	P
2017	N	P	P	P	P	P
2031	N	P	P	P	P	P
2032	N	P	P	P	P	P
2039	N	P	P	P	P	P
2045	N	P	P	P	P	P
2050	N	P	P	P	P	P
2057	N	P	P	P	P	P
2075	N	P	P	P	P	P
2076	N	P	N	P	P	N
2112	N	P	P	P	P	P
2113	N	P	P	P	P	P
2118	N	P	P	P	P	P
2122	P	P	P	P	P	P
2126	N	P	P	P	P	P
2139	N	P	P	P	P	P
2559	N	P	P	P	P	P
2564	N	P	P	P	P	P
2678	N	P	P	P	P	P
2691	N	P	P	P	P	P
2692	N	P	P	P	P	P

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Number of Results	40	40	40	40	40	40
# Negative	38	1	1	0	0	2
# Positive	2	39	39	40	40	38
% Correct	95.0%	97.5%	97.5%	100.0%	100.0%	95.0%
% Incorrect	5.0%	2.5%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%

Table 2: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for 35S for all participants. Table 2 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	240
# Reported Incorrect	6
% Correct	97.5%
# of Provided Positives (P)	198
# of False Negatives	4
%False Negative	2.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	42
# of False Positives	2
%False Positive	4.5%

Table 3: Qualitative results for corn fortified with NOS for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

NOS	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	N	P	P	P	P	P
1754	N	P	P	P	P	P
1761	N	P	P	P	P	P
1763	N	P	P	P	P	P
1769	N	P	P	P	P	P
1770	N	P	P	P	P	P
1773	N	P	P	P	P	P
1774	N	P	P	P	P	P
1781	N	P	P	P	P	P
1782	N	N	P	P	P	N
1785	N	P	P	P	P	P
1854	P	P	P	P	P	P
1858	N	P	P	P	P	P
1859	N	P	P	P	P	P
1870	N	P	P	P	P	P
1875	N	P	P	P	P	P
1891	N	P	P	P	P	P
1892	N	P	P	P	P	P
2005	N	P	P	P	P	P
2006	N	P	P	P	P	P
2031	N	P	P	P	P	P
2032	N	P	P	P	P	P
2039	N	P	P	P	P	P
2050	N	P	P	P	P	P
2057	N	P	P	P	P	P
2098	N	P	P	P	P	P
2112	N	P	P	P	P	P
2113	N	P	P	P	P	P
2122	P	P	P	P	P	P
2126	N	P		P	P	P
2139	N	P	P	P	P	P
2559	N	P	P	P	P	P
2564	N	P	P	P	P	P
2565	N	N	N	N	P	P
2678	N	P	P	P	P	P
2691	N	P	P	P	P	P
2692	N	P	P	P	P	P

Number of Results	36	36	35	36	36	36
# Negative	34	2	1	1	0	1
# Positive	2	34	34	35	36	35
% Correct	94.4%	94.4%	97.1%	97.2%	100.0%	97.2%
% Incorrect	5.6%	5.6%	2.9%	2.8%	0.0%	2.8%

Table 4: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for NOS for all participants.

Table 4 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	215
# Reported Incorrect	7
% Correct	96.7%
# of Provided Positives (P)	176
# of False Negatives	3
%False Negative	1.7%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	39
# of False Positives	2
%False Positive	4.9%

Table 5: Qualitative results for corn fortified with T25 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

T25	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	1.0%	0.1%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
1773	N	P	P	P	N	N
1774	N	P	P	P	N	P
1781		P	P	P	N	N
1782	N	P	P	P	N	N
1785	N	P	P	P	N	N
1787	N	P	P	P	N	P
1851	N	P	P	P	N	P
1854	N	P	N	P	P	P
1859	N	P	P	P	N	N
1892	N	P	P	P	N	P
2005	N	P	P	P	N	P
2032	N	P	P	P	N	N
2039	N	P	P	P	N	P
2060	N	P	P	P	N	P
2075	N	P	P	P	N	P
2089	N	P	N	P	N	P
2112	N	P	N	P	N	N
2113	N	P	P	P	N	P
2565	N	N	N	N	N	N
2678	N	P	P	P	N	P

Number of Results	19	20	20	20	20	20
# Negative	19	1	4	1	19	8
# Positive	0	19	16	19	1	12
% Correct	100.0%	95.0%	80.0%	95.0%	95.0%	
% Incorrect	0.0%	5.0%	20.0%	5.0%	5.0%	

Table 6: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for T25 for all participants.
Table 6 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	99
# Reported Incorrect	7
% Correct	92.9%
# of Provided Positives (P)	55
# of False Negatives	6
%False Negative	9.8%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	44
# of False Positives	1
%False Positive	2.2%

Table 7: Qualitative results for corn fortified with CBH351 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

CBH351	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	5.0%	0.0%
1761	N	N	P	P	P	N
1769	N	N	P	P		
1770	N	N	P	P	P	N
1773	N	N	P	P	P	N
1774	N	N	P	P	P	N
1782	N	N	N	P	P	P
1785	N	N	P	P	P	N
1854	P	P	N	P	P	N
1859	N	N	P	P	P	N
1891		N	P	P	P	N
1892	N	N	P	P	P	N
2005	N	N	P	P	P	N
2032	N	N	P	P	P	N
2039	N	N	P	P	P	N
2044	N	N	P	P	P	N
2060	N	N	P	P	P	N
2075	N	N	P	P	P	N
2098	N	N	P	P	P	N
2112	N					
2113	N	N	P	P	P	N
2564	N	N	P	P	N	N
2565	N	P	P	P	P	N
2692	N	N	P	P	P	N

Number of Results	22	22	22	22	21	21
# Negative	21	20	2	0	1	20
# Positive	1	2	20	22	20	1
% Correct	95.5%	90.9%	90.9%	100.0%	95.2%	95.2%
% Incorrect	4.5%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%	4.8%	4.8%

Table 8: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for CBH351 for all participants. Table 8 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	130
# Reported Incorrect	7
% Correct	94.6%
# of Provided Positives (P)	66
# of False Negatives	3
%False Negative	4.3%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	64
# of False Positives	4
%False Positive	5.9%

Table 9: Qualitative results for corn fortified with MON810 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

MON810	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.5%	0.4%
1773	N	N	N	P	P	P
1774	N	N	N	P	P	P
1785	N	N	N	P	P	P
1851	N	N	N	P	P	P
1854	P	N	N	N	P	P
1859	N	N	N	N	P	P
2032	N	N	N	P	P	P
2039	N	N	N	P	P	P
2075	N	P	P	P	P	P
2089	N	N	N	P	P	P
2112	N	N	N	P	P	P
2113	N	N	N	P	P	P
2565	P	N	N	N	N	N
2569	N	N	N	P	P	P
2678	N	N	N	P	P	P
2692	N	P	P	P	P	P

Number of Results	16	16	16	16	16	16
# Negative	14	14	14	3	1	1
# Positive	2	2	2	13	15	15
% Correct	87.5%	87.5%	87.5%	81.3%	93.8%	93.8%
% Incorrect	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	18.8%	6.3%	6.3%

Table 10: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for MON810 for all participants. Table 10 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	96
# Reported Incorrect	11
% Correct	88.5%
# of Provided Positives (P)	49
# of False Negatives	5
%False Negative	9.3%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	47
# of False Positives	6
%False Positive	11.3%

Table 11: Qualitative results for corn fortified with GA21 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

GA21	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	1.5%
1773	N	N	P	N	P	P
1774	N	N	P	p	P	P
1785	N	N	P	N	P	P
1787	N	N	P	N	P	P
1851	N	N			P	P
1854	P	P	P	N	N	P
1859	N	N	P	N	P	P
1892	N	N	P	P	P	P
2005	N	N	P	N	P	P
2032	N	N	P	N	P	P
2039	N	N	P	N	P	P
2075	N	N	P	N	P	P
2089	N	N	P	N	P	P
2098	N	N	P	N	P	P
2112	N	N	P	N	P	P
2113	N	N	N	N	P	P
2565	P	P	N	N	N	P
2692	N	N	N	N	P	P

Number of Results	18	18	17	17	18	18
# Negative	16	16	3	15	2	0
# Positive	2	2	14	2	16	18
% Correct	88.9%	88.9%	82.4%	88.2%	88.9%	100.0%
% Incorrect	11.1%	11.1%	17.6%	11.8%	11.1%	0.0%

Table 12: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for GA21 for all participants.
Table 12 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	106
# Reported Incorrect	11
% Correct	89.6%
# of Provided Positives (P)	54
# of False Negatives	5
%False Negative	8.5%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	52
# of False Positives	6
%False Positive	10.3%

Table 13: Qualitative results for corn fortified with E176 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

E176	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.1%	0.8%
1773	N	N	N	P	P	P
1774	N	N	N	P	P	P
1785	N	N	N	P	P	P
1787	N	N	N	P	P	P
1851	N	N	N	P	P	P
1854	N	N	N	P	P	P
1858	N	N	N	P	P	P
1859	N	N	N	P	P	P
2032	N	N	N	P	P	P
2039	N	N	N	P	P	P
2075	N	N	N	P	P	P
2112	N	N	N	P	P	P
2113	N	N	N	P	P	P
2565	N	N	P	N	P	P
2678	N	N	N	P	P	P
2692	N	N	N	P	P	P

Number of Results	16	16	16	16	16	16
# Negative	16	16	15	1	0	0
# Positive	0	0	1	15	16	16
% Correct	100.0%	100.0%	93.8%	93.8%	100.0%	100.0%
% Incorrect	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 14: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for E176 for all participants.
Table 14 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	96
# Reported Incorrect	2
% Correct	97.9%
# of Provided Positives (P)	48
# of False Negatives	1
%False Negative	2.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	48
# of False Positives	1
%False Positive	2.0%

Table 15: Qualitative results for corn fortified with Bt11 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

Bt11	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	1.5%	0.1%	3.0%
1773	N	P	P	P	P	P
1774	N	P	P	P	P	P
1785	N	P	P	P	P	P
1851	N	P	P	P	P	P
1854	P	N	N	P	N	P
1858	N	P	P	P	P	P
1859	N	P	P	P	P	P
1892	N	P	P	P	P	P
2005	N	P	N	P	P	P
2032	N	P	P	P	P	P
2039	N	P	P	P	P	P
2075	N	P	P	P	P	P
2089	N	N	P	P	N	P
2112	N	P	P	P	P	P
2113	N	P	N	P	P	P
2565	N	P	N	P	N	
2678	N	P	P	P	P	P
2692	N	P	P	P	P	P

Number of Results	18	18	18	18	18	17
# Negative	17	2	4	0	3	0
# Positive	1	16	14	18	15	17
% Correct	94.4%	88.9%	77.8%	100.0%	83.3%	100.0%
% Incorrect	5.6%	11.1%	22.2%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%

Table 16: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for Bt11 for all participants.
Table 16 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	107
# Reported Incorrect	10
% Correct	90.7%
# of Provided Positives (P)	81
# of False Negatives	9
%False Negative	10.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	26
# of False Positives	1
%False Positive	3.7%

Table 17: Qualitative results for corn fortified with NK603 for all participants (DNA-based assays).

NK603	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
1761	N	P	P	P	N	N
1773	N	P	P	P	N	N
1774	N	P	P	P	N	N
1785	N	P	P	P	N	N
1851	N	P	P	P	N	N
1854	N	P	P	P	N	N
1859	N	P	P	P	N	N
2005	N	P	P	P	N	N
2032	N	P	P	P	N	N
2039	N	P	P	P	N	N
2075	N	P	P	P	N	N
2089	N	P	P	P	N	N
2112	N	P	P	P	N	N
2113	N	P	P	P	N	N
2565	N	N	N	N	N	N
2569	N	P	P	P	N	N
2692	N	P	P	P	N	N

Number of Results	17	17	17	17	17	17
# Negative	17	1	1	1	17	17
# Positive	0	16	16	16	0	0
% Correct	100.0%	94.1%	94.1%	94.1%	100.0%	100.0%
% Incorrect	0.0%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 18: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for NK603 for all participants. Table 18 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	102
# Reported Incorrect	3
% Correct	97.1%
# of Provided Positives (P)	48
# of False Negatives	3
%False Negative	5.9%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	54
# of False Positives	0
%False Positive	0.0%

Table 19: Qualitative results for corn fortified with Herculex for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

Herculex	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
1773	N	P	P	N	N	P
1774	N	P	P	N	N	P
1785	N	P	P	N	N	P
1851	N	N	P	N	N	P
1859	N	P	P	N	N	P
2005	N	P	P	N	N	P
2032	N	P	P	N	N	P
2039	N	P	P	N	N	P
2044	N	N	P	N	N	P
2089	N	P	P	N	N	P
2098	N	P	P	N	N	P
2112	N	P	P	N	N	P
2113	N	N	N	P	N	P
2565	N	N	N	N	N	N

N	14	14	14	14	14	14
# Neg	14	4	2	13	14	1
# Pos	0	10	12	1	0	13
% Correct	100.0%	71.4%	85.7%	92.9%	100.0%	92.9%
% Incorrect	0.0%	28.6%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	7.1%

Table 20: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for Herculex for all participants. Table 20 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	84
# Reported Incorrect	8
% Correct	90.5%
# of Provided Positives (P)	36
# of False Negatives	7
%False Negative	16.3%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	48
# of False Positives	1
%False Positive	2.0%

Table 21: Qualitative results for corn fortified with MON863 for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

MON863	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
1773	N	P	P	N	N	P
1774	N	P	P	N	N	P
1785	N	P	P	N	N	P
1851	N	P	P	N	N	P
1854	P	P	P	N	N	P
1859	N	P	P	N	N	P
2005	N	P	P	N	N	P
2032	N	P	P	N	N	P
2039	N	P	P	N	N	P
2075	N	P	P	N	N	P
2089	N	P	P	N	N	P
2112	N					
2113	N	P	P	N	N	P
2565	N	P	N	N	N	P
2569	N	P	P	N	N	P

N	15	14	14	14	14	14
# Neg	14	0	1	14	14	0
# Pos	1	14	13	0	0	14
% Correct	93.3%	100.0%	92.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
% Incorrect	6.7%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 22: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for MON863 for all participants. Table 22 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	85
# Reported Incorrect	2
% Correct	97.6%
# of Provided Positives (P)	42
# of False Negatives	1
%False Negative	2.3%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	43
# of False Positives	1
%False Positive	2.3%

Table 23: Qualitative results for soybeans fortified with CP4 EPSPS for all participants (DNA-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

CP4 EPSPS	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
	0.00	0.10	3.00
1774			P
			P
			P
1782	N	P	
	N		
1785	N		P
			P
1787	N		P
	N		
1854	N	P	P
1858		P	
	N	P	
1859	N	P	P
2017	N		
	N		
	N		
2031		P	
2076	N		
	N		P
2113	N	P	P
2122	N	P	
		P	
2676	N	P	P

Number of Results	13	9	6
# Negative	13	0	0
# Positive	0	9	6
% Correct	100%	100%	100%

Table 24: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for CP4 EPSPS for all participants. Table 24 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	28
# Reported Incorrect	0
% Correct	100.0%
# of Provided Positives (P)	15
# of False Negatives	0
%False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	13
# of False Positives	0
%False Positive	0.0%

Table 25: Percentage of correct results in Qualitative reports for each transgenic event for all participants. N = number of results submitted. Table 2 includes information for the provided positive (+) and negative (-) results and the corresponding % false positive and % false negative results for each event. [(incorrectly reported result /Number (+) or (-) x 100]

Event	35S	NOS	T25	CBH351	MON810	GA21	E176	Bt11	NK603	Herculex	MON863	RUR
N	240	215	99	130	96	106	96	107	102	84	85	28
Reported Incorrect	6	7	7	7	11	11	2	10	3	8	2	0
% Correct	97.5%	96.7%	92.9%	94.6%	88.5%	89.6%	97.9%	90.7%	97.1%	90.5%	97.6%	100.0%
Provided (+)	198	176	55	66	49	54	48	81	48	36	42	15
False Negatives	4	3	6	3	5	5	1	9	3	7	1	0
%False Negative	2.0%	1.7%	9.8%	4.3%	9.3%	8.5%	2.0%	10.0%	5.9%	16.3%	2.3%	0.0%
Provided (-)	42	39	44	64	47	52	48	26	54	48	43	13
False Positives	2	2	1	4	6	6	1	1	0	1	1	0
%False Positive	4.5%	4.9%	2.2%	5.9%	11.3%	10.3%	2.0%	3.7%	0.0%	2.0%	2.3%	0.0%

Figure 1. Group average of percentage correct for Qualitative reports on each event combined with the total number of results reported using DNA-based testing. Events labeled as 35S through MON863 were assayed in corn samples. The soybean samples contained the glyphosate tolerant event (RoundUp Ready/RUR) producing the CP4 EPSPS protein. Numbers embedded in the histogram represent the total number of reported results for that event. Data are shown on a composite basis (i.e., all participants results combined)

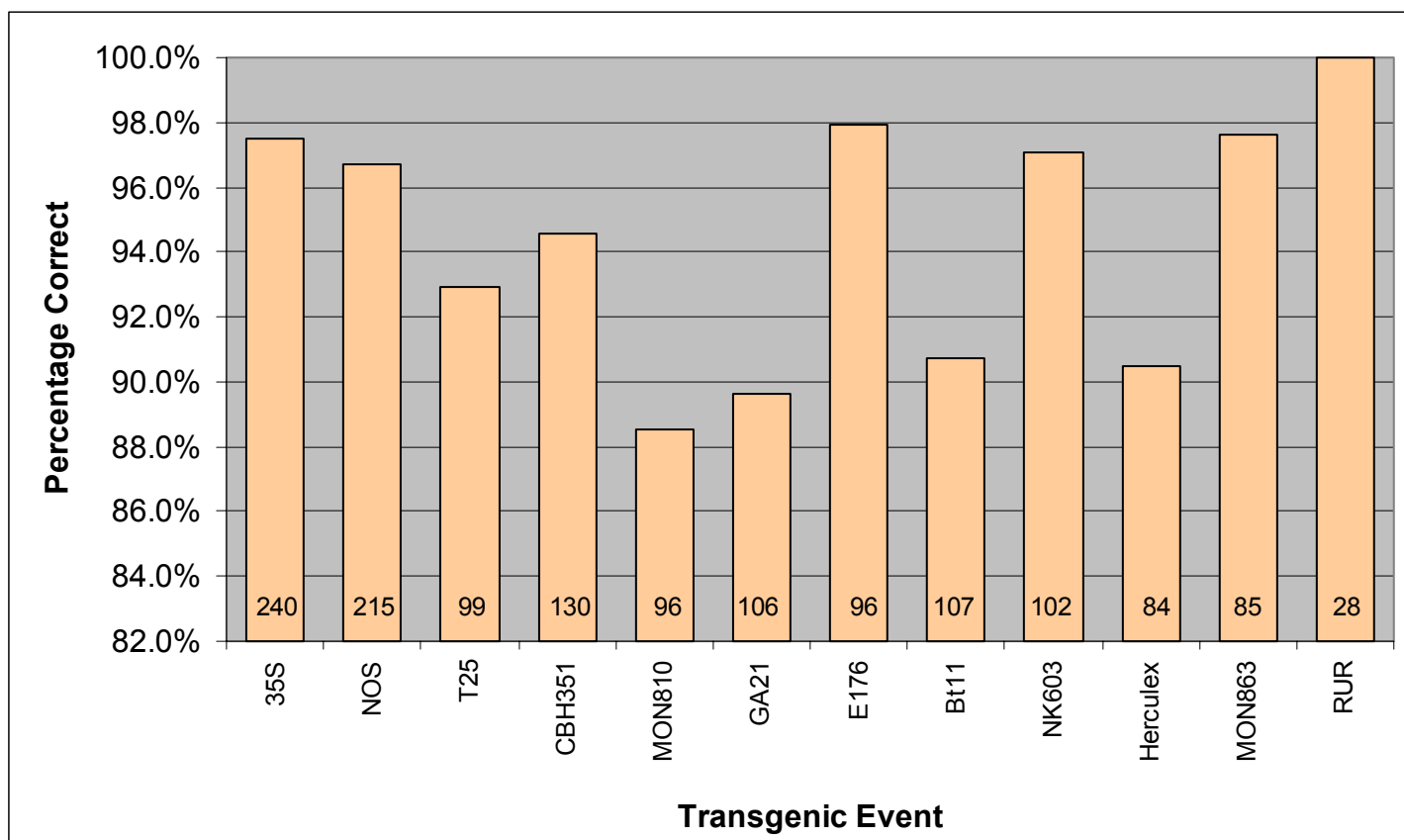


Table 26: Qualitative results for corn fortified with T25 - Lateral Flow Strip (LFS) Testing (Protein-based testing). (N=negative, P=positive)

T25	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0	1.0	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0
1782	N	P	P	P	P	N
Number of Results	1	1	1	1	1	1
# Negative	1	0	0	0	0	1
# Positive	0	1	1	1	1	0
% Correct	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%

Table 27: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for T25 for all participants. (LFS) Table 27 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	6
Reported Incorrect	1
% Correct	83.3%
# of Provided Positive (P) Results	4
# of False Negatives	0
% False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N) Results	2
# of False Positives	1
% False Positive	33.3%

Table 28: Qualitative results for corn fortified with CBH351 - Lateral Flow Strip (LFS) Testing (Protein-based testing). (N=negative, P=positive)

CBH351	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	5.0	0.0
1782	N	N	P	P	P	N
1851	N	N	N/A	P	P	N
Number of Results	2	2	1	2	2	2
# Negative	2	2	0	0	0	0
# Positive	0	0	1	2	2	2
% Correct	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

N/A = Fortification level less than Minimum Detectable Level (MDL).

Table 29: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for CBH351 for all participants. (LFS)

Total # of Reported Results	11
Reported Incorrect	0
% Correct	100.0%
# of Provided Positives (P)	5
# of False Negatives	0
% False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	6
# of False Positives	0
% False Positive	0.0%

Table 30: Qualitative results for corn fortified with NK603 - Lateral Flow Strip (LFS) Testing (Protein-based testing). (N=negative, P=positive)

NK603	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0
1782	N	P	P	P	N	N
1851	N	P	P	P	N	N

Number of Results	2	2	2	2	2	2
# Negative	2	0	0	0	2	2
# Positive	0	2	2	2	0	0
% Correct	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 31: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for NK603 for all participants. (LFS) Table 31 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	12
Reported Incorrect	0
% Correct	100.0%
# of Provided Positives (P)	6
# of False Negatives	0
% False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	6
# of False Positives	0
% False Positive	0.0%

Table 32: Qualitative results for corn fortified with Herculex - Lateral Flow Strip (LFS) Testing (Protein-based testing). (N=negative, P=positive)

Herculex	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.0
1851	N	N/A	P	N	N	P

Number of Results	1		1	1	1	1
# Negative	1		1	0	1	1
# Positive	0		0	1	0	0
% Correct	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

N/A = Fortification level less than Minimum Detectable Level (MDL).

Table 33: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for Herculex for all participants. (LFS) Table 33 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	5
Reported Incorrect	0
% Correct	100%
# of Provided Positives (P)	2
# of False Negatives	0
% False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	3
# of False Positives	0
% False Positive	0.0%

Table 34: Qualitative results for corn fortified with MON863 - Lateral Flow Strip (LFS) Testing (Protein-based testing). (N=negative, P=positive)

Mon863	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.5
1851	N	P	P	N	N	P
Number of Results	1	1	1	1	1	1
# Negative	1	0	0	1	1	0
# Positive	0	1	1	0	0	1
% Correct	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 35: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for MON863 for all participants. (LFS) Table 35 also includes % False Positive and % False Negative for this event.

Total # of Reported Results	6
Reported Incorrect	0
% Correct	100.0%
# of Provided Positives (P)	3
# of False Negatives	0
% False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	3
# of False Positives	0
% False Positive	0.0%

Table 36: Qualitative results for corn fortified with Cry1Ab protien - Lateral Flow Strip (LFS) Testing (Protein-based testing) (N=negative, P=positive)

Cry1Ab	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
Participant #	0.0	P	P	P	P	P
1782	N	N	N	P	P	P
1851	N	P	P	P	P	P
Number of Results	2	2	2	2	2	2
# Negative	2	1	1	0	0	0
# Positive	0	1	21	2	2	2

Cry1Ab contains Bt11 (high-expressing in kernels, MON810 (medium-expressing in kernels), and Event 176 (low-expressing in kernels).

Sample 1: contained no Bt11, no MON810, and no Event 176;
 Sample 2: contained 0.1% Bt11, no MON810, and no Event 176;
 Sample 3: contained 0.1% Bt11, no MON810, and no Event 176;
 Sample 4: contained 1.5% Bt11, 0.1% MON810, and 3.0% Event 176;
 Sample 5: contained 0.1% Bt11, 1.5% MON810, and 0.1% Event 176;
 Sample 6: contained 3.0 Bt11, 0.4% MON810, and 0.8% Event 176.

Table 37: Qualitative results for soybeans fortified with CP4 EPSPS for all participants (Lateral Flow Strip and Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) (Protein-based assays). (N=negative, P=positive)

CP4 EPSPS	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
	0.00	0.10	3.00
1782 LFS	N	P	
	N		
1787 LFS	N		P
	N		
1843 Plate	N	P	
	N		
1851 LFS	N	P	
	N		
1858 LFS	N	P	
		P	

Number of Results	9	5	1
# Negative	9	0	0
# Positive	0	5	1
% Correct	100%	100%	100%

Table 38: Percentage of correct results in qualitative reports for CP4 EPSPS for all participants.

Total # of Reported Results	15
# Reported Incorrect	0
% Correct	100.0%
# of Provided Positives (P)	6
# of False Negatives	0
%False Negative	0.0%
# of Provided Negatives (N)	9
# of False Positives	0
%False Positive	0.0%

Table 39: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with T25 using DNA-based Assays

Event: T25						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 1.0 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 1.5 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	1.6	0.9	0.2	0.4	2.2	1.3
1761	1.8	1.2	0.7	2.2	1.7	0.4
1769	0.58	-0.6	0.05	-0.2	0.60	-1.7
1770	1.4	0.6	0.8	2.5	1.3	-0.4
1771	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.4	1.0	-1.0
1780	1.18	0.3	0.13	0.1	1.17	-0.6
1863	1.73	1.1	1.00	3.3	1.95	0.9
1870	1.4	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.9	0.8
1875	0.91	-0.1	0.27	0.6	1.20	-0.6
1891	0.6	-0.6	<0.1		0.6	-1.7
2006	1.3	0.4	0.5	1.4	1.3	-0.4
2050	1.0	0.0	0.6	1.8	1.0	-1.0
2057	0.68	-0.5	0.10	0.0	1.05	-0.9
2098	1.04	0.1	0.38	1.0	1.18	-0.6
2129	*3.59	3.7	0.23	0.5	2.17	1.3
2564	0.96	-0.1	0.16	0.2	1.50	0.0
2675	1.55	0.8	0.28	0.7	2.16	1.3

Table 40: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with MON 863 using DNA-based Assays

Event: MON863						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.5 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.4 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 1.5 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.3	-0.5	0.2	-0.5	0.9	-0.2
1769	0.43	-0.2	0.29	-0.3	1.28	-0.1
1770	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.7	2.1	0.2
1780	0.78	0.8	0.56	0.4	2.02	0.2
1781	0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	1.2	-0.1
1870	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.7	0.1
1875	0.34	-0.4	0.49	0.2	1.17	-0.1
1891	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.4	0.0
1893	0.2	-0.8	0.1	-0.7	0.5	-0.3
2050	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.5	0.0
2057	0.37	-0.4	0.40	0.0	2.46	0.3
2060	*1.7	3.3	*2.0	3.6	*13.3	4.0
2098	0.97	1.3	0.86	1.0	3.00	0.5
2126	0.4	-0.3	0.6	0.5	1.9	0.1
2129						
2564	0.28	-0.6	0.34	-0.1	2.50	0.3
2675	0.69	0.5	0.66	0.6	2.30	0.3

(Note: z-scores outside the satisfactory range, i.e. $z > 2$, are shown in **bold**.)

* This result was determined to be an outlier and will not be included in the statistical analysis of the data.

Table 41: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with E176 using DNA-based Assays

Event: E176						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.8 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 3.0 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	0.0	0.2	-1.1	0.2	-2.8
1761	0.1	0.0	0.7	-0.2	2.1	-0.9
1769	0.04	-1.1	0.51	-0.6	1.50	-1.5
1770	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.4	2.0	-1.0
1771	0.1	0.0	1.7	1.7	3.9	0.9
1780	0.08	-0.4	0.90	0.2	2.22	-0.8
1781	0.1	0.0	0.7	-0.2	1.8	-1.2
1863	0.11	0.2	0.63	-0.3	1.41	-1.6
1870	0.05	-1.0	0.6	-0.4	2.1	-0.9
1875	0.07	-0.6	0.64	-0.3	2.04	-1.0
1891	<0.1		0.5	-0.6	1.7	-1.3
1892	0.1	0.0	0.6	-0.4	1.9	-1.1
1893	<0.1		0.3	-1.0	1.5	-1.5
2005	0.095	-0.1	0.30	-1.0	1.20	-1.8
2006	0.14	0.8	0.8	0.0	3.2	0.2
2017	0.00	-1.9	0.00	-1.5	3.07	0.1
2044	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.1	-2.9
2050	0.05	-1.0	1.2	0.8	3.0	0.0
2057	*0.26	3.0	1.48	1.3	2.80	-0.2
2060	0.0	-1.9	0.8	0.0	0.9	-2.1
2098	0.07	-0.6	0.83	0.1	2.62	-0.4
2129	0.10	0.0	0.14	-1.3	0.64	-2.4
2564	0.06	-0.8	2.30	2.9	3.10	0.1
2675	0.06	-0.8	1.07	0.5	2.60	-0.4
2691	0.15	1.0	1.5	1.3	3.60	0.6

Table 42: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with CBH351 using DNA-based Assays

Event: CBH351						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.5 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 3.0 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.4	3.7	-0.9
1781	0.0	-0.8	0.2	-1.1	2.6	-1.7
1870	0.14	0.3	0.6	0.4	5.0	0.0
1875	0.073	-0.2	0.40	-0.4	4.99	0.0
1893	<0.1		0.3	-0.8	1.10	-2.8
2006	0.08	-0.2	0.0	-1.9	4.0	-0.7
2050	*0.43	2.6	0.62	0.5	2.5	-1.8
2057	0.12	0.2	0.79	1.1	2.08	-2.1
2129	0.10	0.0	0.10	-1.5	1.30	-2.6
2675	0.004	-0.8	0.06	-1.7	2.05	-2.1

(Note: z-scores outside the satisfactory range, i.e. $z > 2$, are shown in **bold**.)

* This result was determined to be an outlier and will not be included in the statistical analysis of the data.

Table 43: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with Herculex using DNA-based Assays

Event: Herculex						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.4 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 1.0 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	0.0	0.1	-1.6	0.1	-1.8
1769	0.03	-1.7	0.12	-1.5	0.22	-1.6
1770	0.1	0.0	0.6	1.0	0.5	-1.0
1780	0.10	0.0	0.48	0.4	0.76	-0.5
1781	<0.1		0.1	-1.6	0.3	-1.4
1847	0.007	-2.2	0.10	-1.6	0.08	-1.9
1870	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.5	-1.0
1875	0.04	-1.4	0.15	-1.3	0.60	-0.8
1891	<0.1		0.2	-1.0	0.3	-1.4
1893	<0.1		0.2	-1.0	0.5	-1.0
2006	0.04	-1.4	0.2	-1.0	0.5	-1.0
2050	0.15	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.27	-1.5
2057	0.09	-0.2	0.57	0.9	*1.67	1.4
2060	0.1	0.0	0.6	1.0	*1.8	1.6
2129	0.10	0.0	0.10	-1.6	0.24	-1.5
2564		-1.9	0.07	-1.7	0.11	-1.8
2675		-1.4	0.38	-0.1	0.45	-1.1

Table 44: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with NK603 using DNA-based Assays

Event: NK603						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.4 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.5 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.5 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	-1.1	0.3	-0.6	0.3	-0.8
1769	0.35	-0.2	0.27	-0.7	0.24	-1.0
1770	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.4	-0.4
1780	0.58	0.7	0.64	0.4	0.45	-0.2
1781	0.2	-0.7	0.3	-0.6	0.2	-1.2
1847	0.57	0.6	0.35	-0.5	0.43	-0.3
1870	0.3	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.3	-0.8
1875	0.24	-0.6	0.30	-0.6	0.30	-0.8
1891	0.35	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
1893	0.1	-1.1	0.2	-0.9	0.1	-1.5
2006	0.9	1.8	*1.5	3.1	*1.2	2.7
2017	0.75	1.3	0.56	0.2	0.35	-0.6
2050	0.23	-0.6	0.16	-1.1	0.20	-1.2
2057	0.51	0.4	0.54	0.1	0.40	-0.4
2060	0.1	-1.1	0.3	-0.6	0.4	-0.4
2098	0.37	-0.1	0.51	0.0	0.34	-0.6
2126	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	-0.4
2129	0.10	-1.1	0.10	-1.2	0.10	-1.5
2564	0.44	0.1	0.44	-0.2	0.40	-0.4
2675	1.09	2.5	*1.06	1.7	*0.94	1.7

(Note: z-scores outside the satisfactory range, i.e. $z > 2$, are shown in **bold**.)

* This result was determined to be an outlier and will not be included in the statistical analysis of the data.

Table 45: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with Bt11 using DNA-based Assays

Event: Bt11										
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 1.5 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 3.0 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.2	-0.5	2.5	-0.2
1761	0.0	-1.0	0.3	2.3	0.3	2.3	1.2	-0.5	3.5	0.2
1769	0.07	-0.3	0.08	-0.2	0.08	-0.2	0.90	-0.9	2.10	-0.4
1770	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.2	1.0	-0.8	3.3	0.1
1771	0.2	1.0	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.2	1.5	0.0	4.6	0.6
1780	0.13	0.3	0.12	0.2	0.12	0.2	1.58	0.1	4.43	0.6
1781	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.2	1.1	*14.1	4.4
1863	0.14	0.4	0.17	0.8	0.17	0.8	1.84	0.5	3.06	0.0
1870	0.1	0.0	0.05	-0.6	0.05	-0.6	1.0	-0.8	3.6	0.2
1875	0.07	-0.3	0.08	-0.2	0.08	-0.2	0.90	-0.9	2.23	-0.3
1891	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.3	-0.3	3.3	0.1
1893	<0.1		<0.1		<0.1		0.6	-1.4	1.1	-0.8
2006	0.0	-1.0	0.12	0.2	0.12	0.2	2.8	2.0	2.9	0.0
2017	0.30	2.0	0.33	2.7	0.33	2.7	1.69	0.3	4.28	0.5
2044	0.4	3.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	-2.2	6	1.2
2050	0.04	-0.6	0.16	0.7	0.16	0.7	2.5	1.6	3.8	0.3
2057	0.14	0.4	0.08	-0.2	0.08	-0.2	1.65	0.2	5.10	0.8
2060	0.0	-1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	-0.9	3.4	0.2
2098	0.09	-0.1	0.11	0.1	0.11	0.1	0.94	-0.9	3.16	0.1
2129	0.10	0.0	0.10	0.0	0.10	0.0	1.19	-0.5	2.32	-0.3
2564	0.24	1.4	0.35	2.9	0.35	2.9	1.53	0.0	3.90	0.4
2675	0.02	-0.8	0.03	-0.8	0.03	-0.8	0.37	-1.8	1.63	-0.5
2691	0.12	0.2	0.17	0.8	0.17	0.8	1.30	-0.3	3.4	0.2

Table 46: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with GA21 using DNA-based Assays

Event: GA21						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.5 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 1.5 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.5	1.3	-0.2
1761	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.9	2.2	0.8
1763	0.15	0.9	0.56	0.3	1.98	0.6
1769	0.10	0.0	0.36	-0.7	1.22	-0.3
1770	0.1	0.0	0.2	-1.4	1.1	-0.5
1771	0.2	1.8	0.6	0.5	2.8	1.5
1780	0.11	0.2	0.40	-0.5	1.54	0.0
1781	<0.1		0.2	-1.4	0.3	-1.4
1870	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.5	1.2	-0.3
1875	0.00	-1.8	0.23	-1.3	1.56	0.1
1891	<0.1		0.3	-0.9	1.1	-0.5
1893	<0.1		<0.1		0.2	-1.5
2006	0.2	1.8	0.6	0.5	3.6	2.4
2044	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.8	1.5
2050	0.17	1.2	1.0	2.3	2.0	0.6
2057	0.11	0.2	0.58	0.4	2.11	0.7
2060	0.0	-1.8	0.2	-1.4	1.6	0.1
2126	<0.1		0.1	-1.9	0.5	-1.2
2129	0.15	0.9	0.30	-0.9	0.94	-0.7
2564	0.13	0.5	0.20	-1.4	1.85	0.4

(Note: z-scores outside the satisfactory range, i.e. $z > 2$, are shown in **bold**.)

* This result was determined to be an outlier and will not be included in the statistical analysis of the data.

Table 47: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Corn Fortified with MON810 using DNA-based Assays

Event: MON810						
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 0.4 (w/w%)		Fortified @ 1.5 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.1	0.0			0.8	-0.9
1761	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.3	-0.3
1763	0.0	-0.3	0.22	-1.1	0.74	-1.0
1769	0.03	-0.2	0.18	-1.4	0.70	-1.0
1770	0.1	0.0	0.6	1.3	0.8	-0.9
1771	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.6	1.5	0.0
1780	0.10	0.0	0.43	0.2	1.50	0.0
1781	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.6	0.0	-1.9
1847	0.05	-0.2	0.15	-1.6	0.83	-0.9
1863	0.04	-0.2	0.56	1.0	P	
1870	0.03	-0.2	0.1	-1.9	0.6	-1.1
1875	0.02	-0.3	0.12	-1.8	0.42	-1.4
1891	<0.1		0.2	-1.3	0.8	-0.9
1892	0.1	0.0	0.2	-1.3	0.7	-1.0
1893	<0.1		0.1	-1.9	0.40	-1.4
2005	0.06	-0.1	0.29	-0.7	0.43	-1.4
2006	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-1.3	0.8	-0.9
2017	0.05	-0.2	0.37	-0.2	0.49	-1.3
2031	0.05	-0.2	0.2	-1.3	1.0	-0.6
2044	0.8	2.3	0.2	-1.3	0.8	-0.9
2050	0.02	-0.3	0.17	-1.5	1.2	-0.4
2057	0.02	-0.3	0.60	1.3	*4.46	3.8
2060	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-1.3	0.8	-0.9
2098	0.56	1.5	0.40	0.0	0.85	-0.8
2126	1.2	3.7	>5		>5	
2129	0.10	0.0	0.49	0.6	1.54	0.1
2564	0.56	1.5	0.34	-0.4	0.70	-1.0
2675	0.71	2.0	0.43	0.2	1.02	-0.6
2691	0.11	0.0	0.29	-0.7	1.0	-0.6

Table 48: Quantitative results for soybeans fortified with CP4 EPSPS for all participants using Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) (Protein-based assays).

Event: RUR		
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)	Fortified @3.0 (w/w%)
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	Reported Result (w/w%)
1754	0.10	1.2
1782	0.05	

(Note: z-scores outside the satisfactory range, i.e. $z > 2$, are shown in **bold**.)

* This result was determined to be an outlier and will not be included in the statistical analysis of the data.

Table 49: Quantitative Results and z-Scores for Soybeans Fortified with RUR using DNA-based Assays

Event: RUR				
Fortification Level (w/w%)	Fortified @ 0.1 (w/w%)		Fortified @3.0 (w/w%)	
Participant Number	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score	Reported Result (w/w%)	z-Score
1754	0.10	0.00	1.90	-1.57
1761	0.10	0.00		
1763	0.15	0.63	2.17	-1.18
1769	0.16	0.76		
	0.11	0.13		
1770	0.20	1.27	4.10	1.57
1771	0.16	0.76	3.00	0.00
1773			2.00	-1.42
			2.20	-1.14
1780	0.11	0.13	1.80	-1.71
1781	0.40	3.81	3.60	0.85
1758	0.09	-0.13		
	0.12	0.25		
1862	0.20	1.27	3.00	0.00
	0.10	0.00		
1863	0.28	2.28	2.06	-1.34
1870	0.20	1.27	2.00	-1.42
1875	0.09	-0.13	1.85	-1.64
1891	0.10	0.00	2.30	-1.00
			2.30	-1.00
1892	0.20	1.27	2.20	-1.14
1893	0.20	1.27	2.00	-1.42
2005	0.13	0.38	2.20	-1.14
2006	0.09	-0.13	2.50	-0.71
2032	0.30	2.54	3.20	0.28
2039	0.17	0.89	2.80	-0.28
2044	0.30	2.54	3.70	1.00
2050	0.08	-0.25	1.00	-2.85
			2.00	-1.42
2057	0.11	0.13	1.37	-2.32
2060			2.50	-0.71
			1.60	-1.99
2075	0.18	1.02		
2098			2.81	-0.27
			2.89	-0.16
2112	0.10	0.00		
2118	0.09	-0.13	1.82	-1.68
2129			2.40	-0.85
			3.17	0.24
			2.47	-0.75
2559	0.10	0.00	2.50	-0.71
2564			2.30	-1.00
			2.60	-0.57
			2.60	-0.57
2565			1.90	-1.57
2675	0.22	1.52	4.84	2.62
2691	0.35	3.17	2.80	-0.28
2692	0.11	0.13	2.29	-1.01

(Note: z-scores outside the satisfactory range, i.e. $z > 2$, are shown in **bold**.)

Table 50: Descriptive statistics for participant’s reported quantifications relative to GIPSA fortification levels using DNA-based assays. N = total number of quantitative results reported; Reported Mean = average of all reported quantitations; Standard Deviation of all reported quantitations; %Relative Standard Deviation = [standard deviation/mean value x 100%] for the reported means; %R.E. = percentage relative error between the fortified and reported levels [reported value – fortification value / fortification value x 100]. Outliers were determined and eliminated from final results.

Event	N - Results	Fortification (%w/w)	Reported Mean (%w/w)	Standard Deviation	% Relative Standard Deviation	% Relative Error	Range of Reported Results
T25	16	0.1	0.38	0.28	73%	281%	0.05-1.00
T25	16	1.0	1.19	0.39	33%	19%	0.58-3.59
T25	17	1.5	1.41	0.52	37%	-6%	0.60-2.2
CBH351	8	0.1	0.08	0.05	66%	-23%	0.0-0.43
CBH351	10	0.5	0.35	0.26	76%	-31%	0.0-0.79
CBH351	10	5.0	2.93	1.42	48%	-41%	1.10-5.0
MON810	27	0.1	0.19	0.30	156%	93%	0.0-1.2
MON810	26	0.4	0.31	0.16	51%	-23%	0.1->5
MON810	27	1.5	0.84	0.36	43%	-44%	0.0-4.46
GA21	16	0.1	0.11	0.06	50%	14%	0.00-0.2
GA21	19	0.5	0.39	0.21	54%	-22%	<0.1-1.0
GA21	20	1.5	1.60	0.86	54%	6%	0.2-3.6
E176	23	0.1	0.09	0.05	59%	12%	0.00-3.9
E176	25	0.8	0.81	0.52	64%	-2%	0.00-2.30
E176	25	3.0	2.05	1.00	49%	32%	0.1-3.9
Bt11	66	0.1	0.12	0.09	80%	18%	0.0-0.5
Bt11	23	1.5	1.31	0.63	48%	-12%	0.1-2.8
Bt11	22	3.0	3.35	1.14	34%	12%	1.1-14.1
NK603	20	0.4	0.41	0.27	66%	4%	0.1-1.09
NK603	36	0.5	0.36	0.15	41%	-28%	0.1-1.5
Herculex	14	0.1	0.07	0.04	58%	-27%	0.007-0.15
Herculex	17	0.4	0.27	0.19	70%	-31%	0.07-0.6
Herculex	15	1.0	0.36	0.20	55%	364%	0.08-1.67
MON863	15	0.4	0.47	0.23	48%	18%	0.1-2.0
MON863	15	0.5	0.52	0.23	44%	3%	0.2-1.7
MON863	15	1.5	1.73	0.68	39%	15%	0.5-13.3
RUR	33	0.1	0.16	0.08	51%	64%	0.08-0.4
RUR	40	3.0	2.47	0.73	30%	-18%	1.0-4.84

Summary of Findings

Qualitative Sample Analysis

PCR: As evidenced by the “percentage correct scores” in Table 25 and Figure 1, participants were able to correctly identify most of the transgenic events in the corn test samples with greater than 88% accuracy through the use of conventional PCR. The best performance was observed for the detection of CP4EPSPS event while Herculex had the highest percentage of false negatives (16.3%) and MON810 had the highest percentage of false positives (11.3%).

Protein: Detecting the presence or absence of the protein product of the various transgenes was done through the use of either lateral flow strips (LFS) or enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA) (Tables 26 through 38). Detection by lateral flow strips displayed good overall accuracy. In most cases, a correct determination was made on six of the six corn test samples (note that most of the performance scores were 100% correct). In the three soybean test samples all participants were able to detect the gene product of the RoundUp Ready insert with 100% accuracy.

Quantitative Sample Analysis

Since the discovery of the polymerase chain reaction in 1985, analytical methods for the detection of nucleic acids have advanced rapidly. Real-time PCR continues to be the method of choice for the analyses of transgenic events in grains. The USDA/GIPSA proficiency program is designed to allow participating laboratories the ability to assess their individual methods for the detection and quantification of transgenic events and to compare the values of their measurements with peer laboratories. The analysis of proficiency test samples also enables laboratories to develop and validate new methods, and participation in a proficiency program is mandatory for ISO17025 certification. Overall, the performance of the participants testing for transgenic events in corn and soy was very good. GIPSA collected data for the October 2005 distribution and performed statistical analysis including a mean, standard deviation, % coefficient of variation, range, % relative error, and z-scores. Outliers were identified and not used for calculation of z-scores. Laboratories with z-scores above +2 or below -2 are advised to carefully review their procedures. Participants are encouraged to seek confidential advice from the GIPSA staff to assist with this review. There was a characteristic inverse relationship between precision (% RSD) of reported quantifications and event fortification level for most of the fortified samples. Reported quantifications were highly variable at the lowest fortification level (0.1%) while being less variable at higher fortification levels.

For the assessment of residue analytical methods in crops, food, feed and environmental samples, it is recommended that an analytical method have a % RSD below 20%. It should be noted however, that the % RSD for all transgenic events in this study was greater than 20%, and this high level of inter-laboratory variability is consistent with observations from previous studies. The lack of internationally recognized reference material for all events, genetics, matrix effects and lack of standardized methods may be contributing factors to this observed variability. Monitoring and improving the performance of laboratories that use PCR for the detection of transgenic events in grains will improve marketing and reliability of this commodity. The USDA/GIPSA proficiency testing program should be a complement to other quality assurance tools used by laboratories as they monitor their performance and improve their analytical capabilities.

Note: It is important to understand that there are no internationally recognized standard reference materials for all transgenic events. The transgenic seed or grain used to prepare these samples was made available to GIPSA by the Life Science Organizations. Care was taken to ensure the transgenic material was either essentially 100% positive for the event, or adjusted accordingly. The fortified samples were prepared using a process that has been verified to produce homogenous mixes, and representative samples were analyzed to ensure proper fortification and homogeneity.

To obtain additional information on the USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program, contact Mrs. Ganga Murthy, USDA/GIPSA Proficiency Program Manager, at US 816-891-0469, or by e-mail at Ganga.Murthy@usda.gov.

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