

# mycotoxin contamination diagnosis

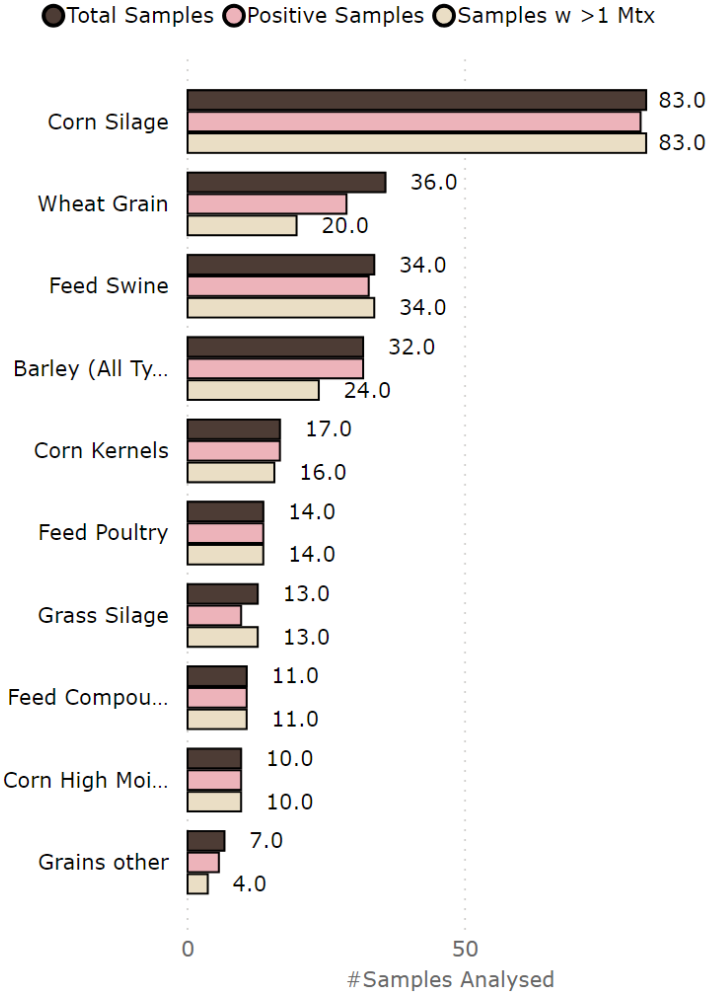
How do I know I have a mycotoxin problem?

January 2025

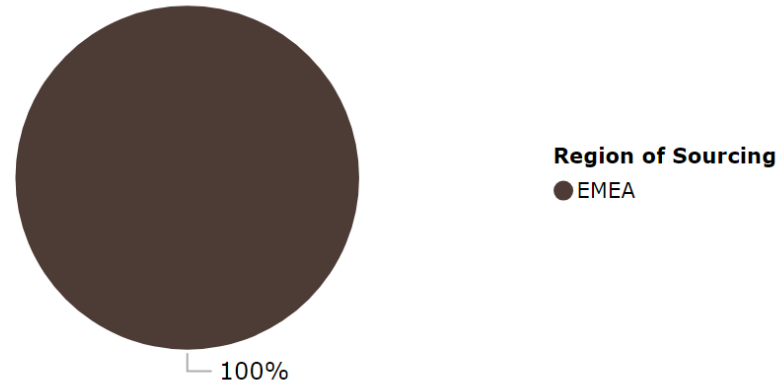
Mycotoxin Product Management EMEA

Date: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024 | 
 Region of Sourcing: All | 
 Subregion of Sourcing: All | 
 Country of Sourcing: Multiple selections | 
 Test Method: All | 
 Sample Type: All

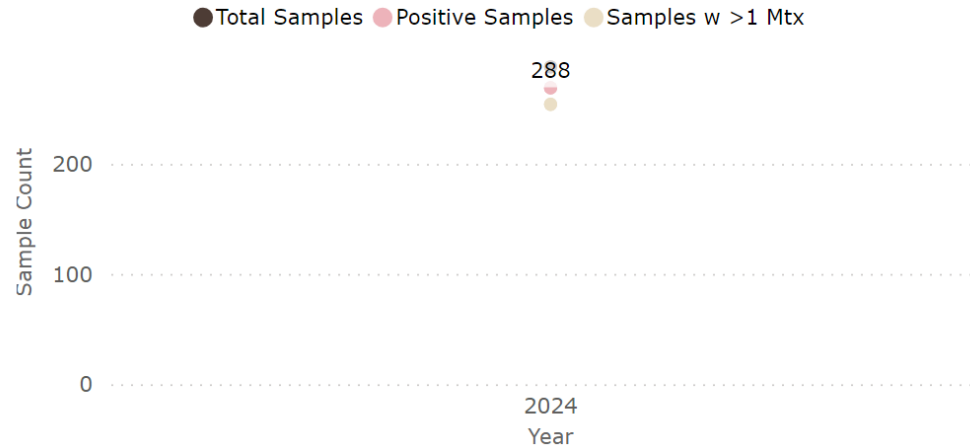
Top 10 Commodities Analysed



Sample Count by Region (Sourcing)



Evolution of Samples Tested



Commodities	Total Samples
Corn Silage	83
Wheat Grain	36
Feed Swine	34
Barley (All Types)	32
Corn Kernels	17
Feed Poultry	14
Grass Silage	13
Feed Compound Ruminant	11
Corn High Moisture	10
Grains other	7
Other Silage	5
Rye (All Types)	5
Straw (All Types)	5
Oat (All Types)	4
Triticale (All Types)	4
Beet Pulp	3
TMR/PMR (Total or Partial Mixed Ration Ruminant)	3
Hay (All Types)	1
Soya Full Fat	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>288</b>

Total Samples  
288

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# Overview of Contamination



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12/31/2024



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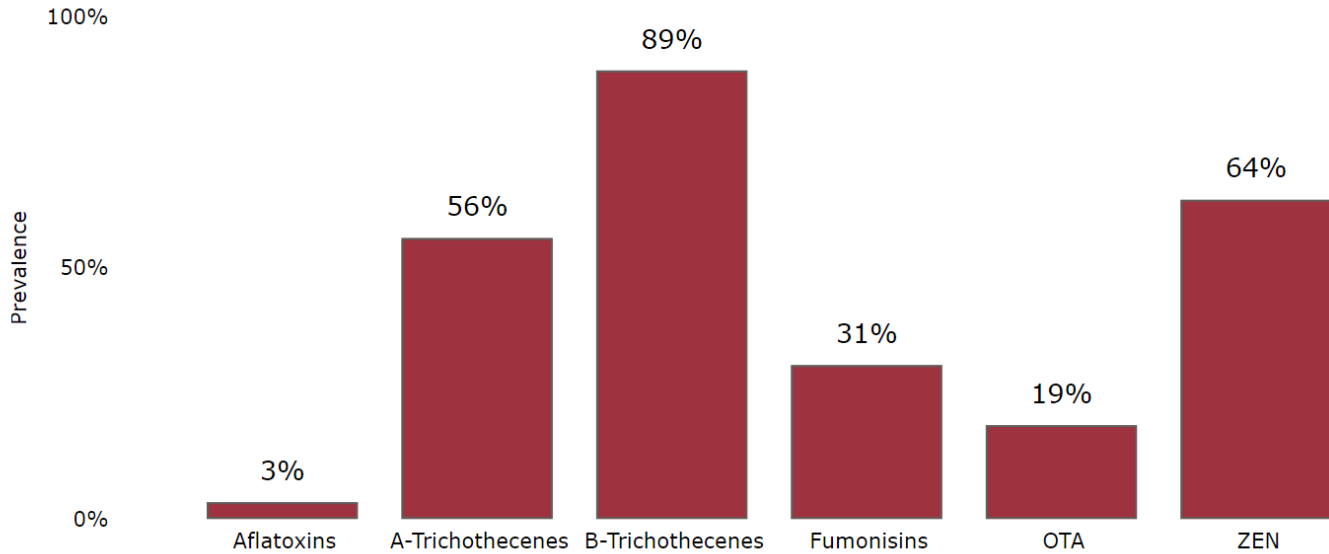


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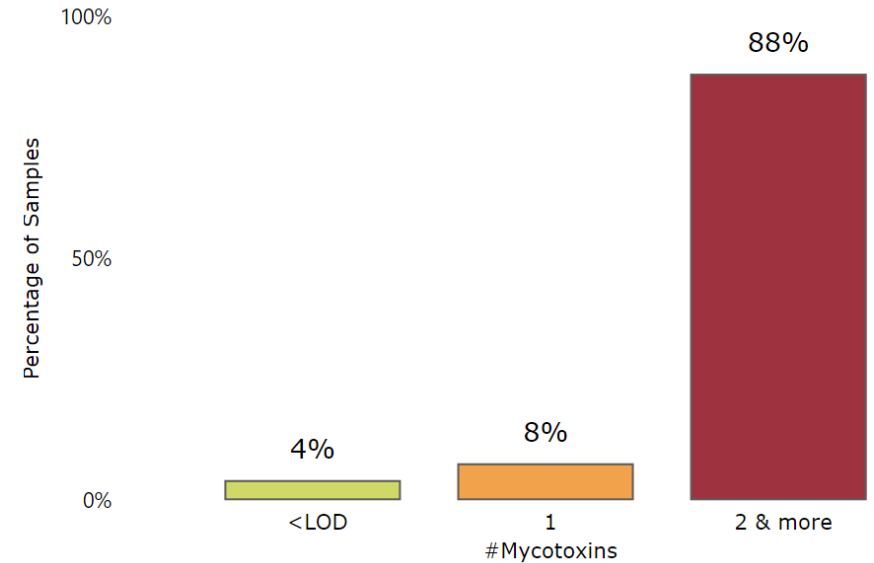


	Aflatoxins	A-Trichothecenes	B-Trichothecenes	Fumonisin	OTA	ZEN
Total Samples	209	288	288	209	209	288
Prevalence	3%	56%	89%	31%	19%	64%
% Above Risk Threshold	2%	38%	64%	0%	2%	25%
Average of Positives (ppb)	2	137	1,695	74	5	138
Median of Positives (ppb)	2	80	286	60	2	22
Maximum (ppb)	6	3,976	34,103	555	28	1,673

Mycotoxin Group Prevalence



Mycotoxin Co-contamination ⓘ



Total Samples  
83

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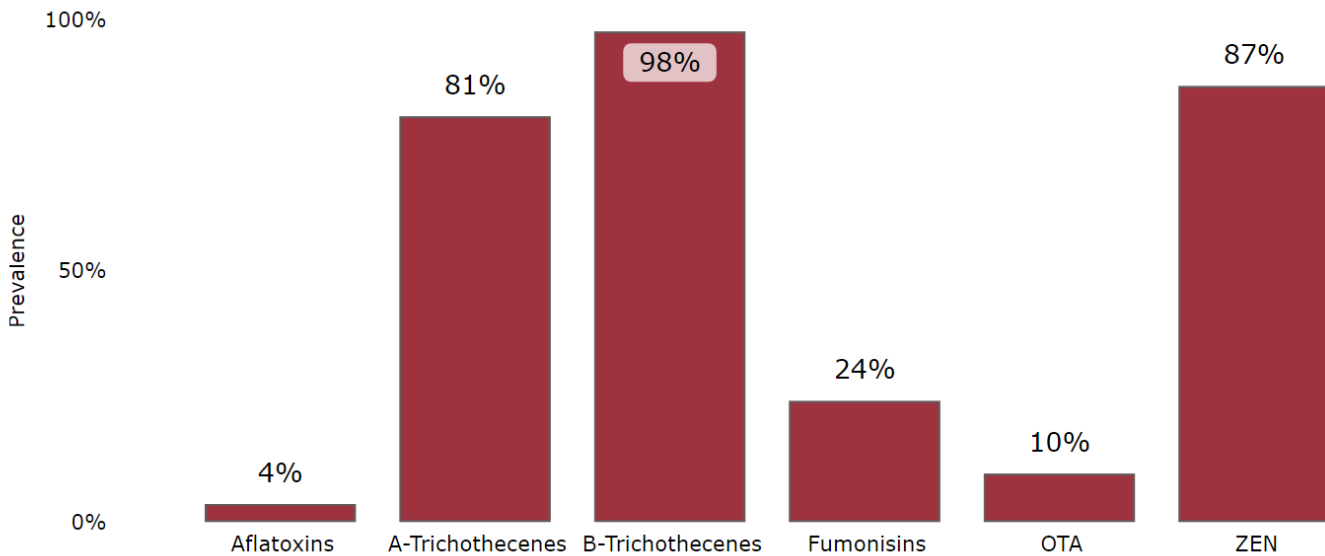
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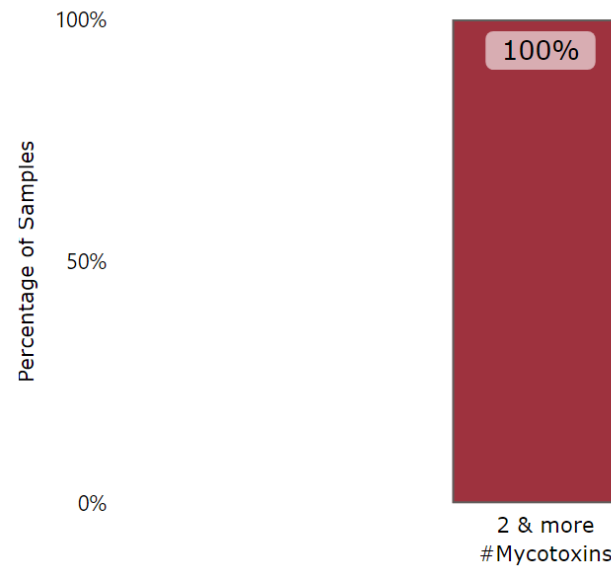
Corn Silage

	Aflatoxins	A-Trichothecenes	B-Trichothecenes	Fumonisin	OTA	ZEN
Total Samples	83	83	83	83	83	83
Prevalence	4%	81%	98%	24%	10%	87%
% Above Risk Threshold	2%	65%	94%	1%	2%	59%
Average of Positives (ppb)	2	180	3,825	105	5	272
Median of Positives (ppb)	2	112	1,155	90	3	105
Maximum (ppb)	2	1,084	34,103	555	15	1,673

Mycotoxin Group Prevalence



Mycotoxin Co-contamination ⓘ



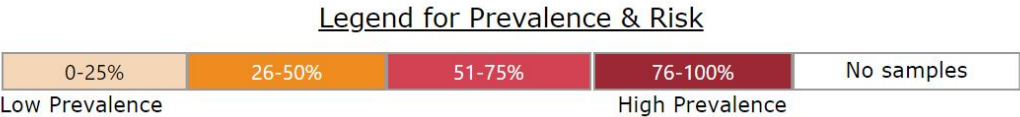
Total Samples  
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# Contamination Map

Date: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024  
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 Country of Sourcing: Multiple selections  
 Mycotoxin: B-Trichothecenes  
 Test Method: All  
 Sample Type: Corn Silage



Most Sensitive Risk Threshold for: B-Trichothecenes  
**150**



Mycotoxin Group	Mycotoxin	Total Samples	Prevalence	Samples above Risk Threshold	Average of Positives (ppb)	Median of Positives (ppb)
B-Trichothecenes	Deoxynivalenol	83	96%	90%	2,641	966
	Nivalenol	83	47%	34%	389	316
	Deoxynivalenol-3-Glucoside	83	45%	27%	493	206
	15-Acetyldeoxynivalenol	83	34%	18%	241	153
	3-Acetyldeoxynivalenol	83	5%	5%	14,539	11,633
	Fusarenon X	83	1%	1%	210	210
<b>Average Values for Mycotoxin Group</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>1,155</b>

# Baltics Country

# Mycotoxin Ranking

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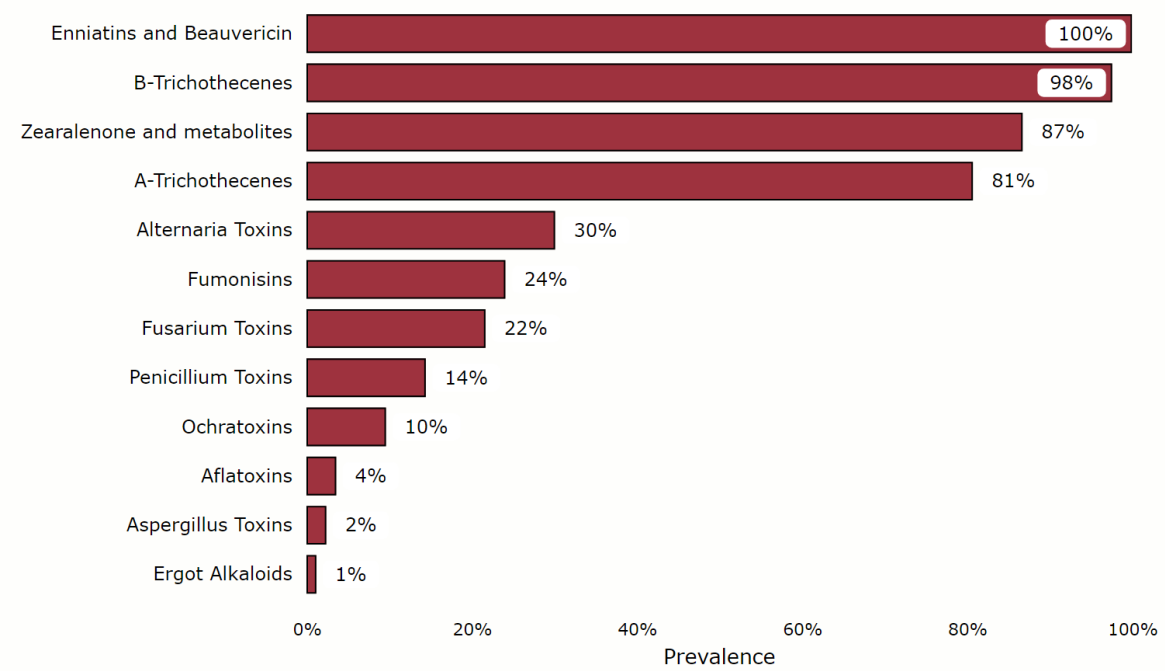


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Species Threshold: All | Threshold Selection: **Moderate** | Medium | High

Selected Threshold Values						
Aflatoxins	A-Trichothecenes	B-Trichothecenes	Ergot Alkaloids	Fumonisin	Ochratoxins	Zearalenone and metabolites
2.00	50.00	150.00	30.00	500.00	10.00	50.00

Mycotoxin Group Ranking



Mycotoxin Ranking

Mycotoxin	Prevalence	Average Positive	Median Positive	Samples	Samples Above Risk Threshold
Enniatin B	100%	80	53	83	
Deoxynivalenol	96%	2,641	966	83	90%
Enniatin B1	95%	29	16	83	
Beauvericin	93%	74	52	83	
Zearalenone	87%	272	105	83	59%
HT-2 Toxin	81%	164	93	83	60%
Enniatin A1	73%	13	7	83	
Nivalenol	47%	389	316	83	34%
Deoxynivalenol-3-Glucoside	45%	493	206	83	27%
15-Acetyldeoxynivalenol	34%	241	153	83	18%
Alternariol	30%	20	15	83	
Enniatin A	27%	21	20	83	
Fumonisin B1	24%	55	34	83	0%
Moniliformin	22%	40	20	83	
15-Acetoxyascirpenol	16%	50	50	83	16%
Fumonisin B2	16%	64	60	83	0%
T-2 Toxin	14%	32	25	83	1%
Mycophenolic Acid	11%	123	50	83	
Ochratoxin A	10%	5	3	83	2%

Total Samples  
17

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# Overview of Contamination



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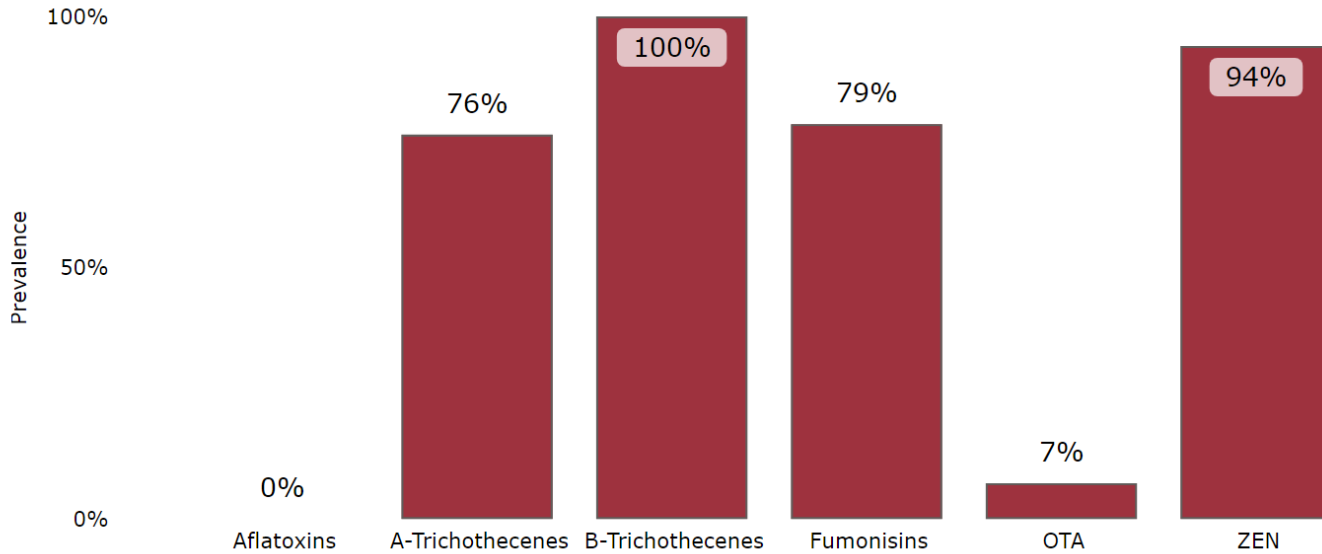
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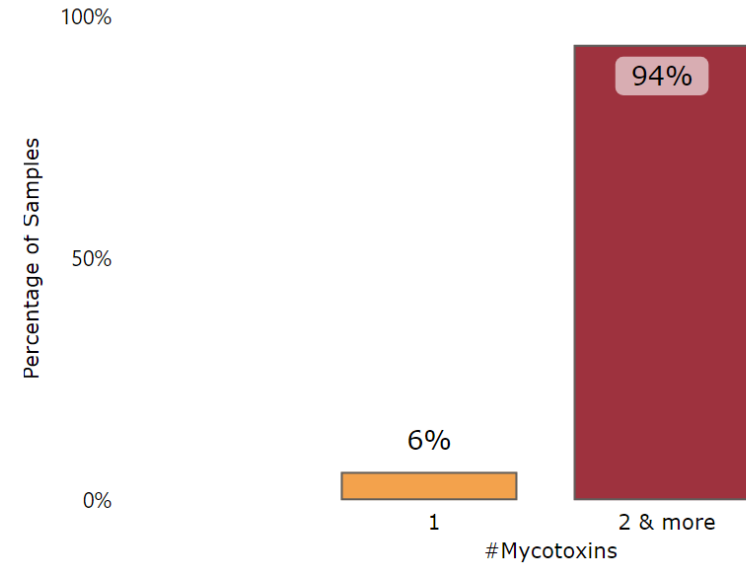
Corn Kernels

	Aflatoxins	A-Trichothecenes	B-Trichothecenes	Fumonisin	OTA	ZEN
Total Samples	14	17	17	14	14	17
Prevalence	0%	76%	100%	79%	7%	94%
% Above Risk Threshold	0%	53%	88%	0%	0%	35%
Average of Positives (ppb)		377	1,586	61	2	161
Median of Positives (ppb)		80	353	60	2	29
Maximum (ppb)		3,976	6,494	106	2	1,426

Mycotoxin Group Prevalence



Mycotoxin Co-contamination ⓘ

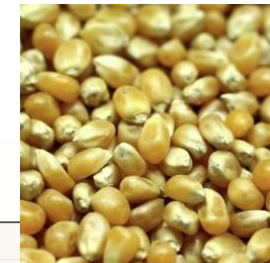




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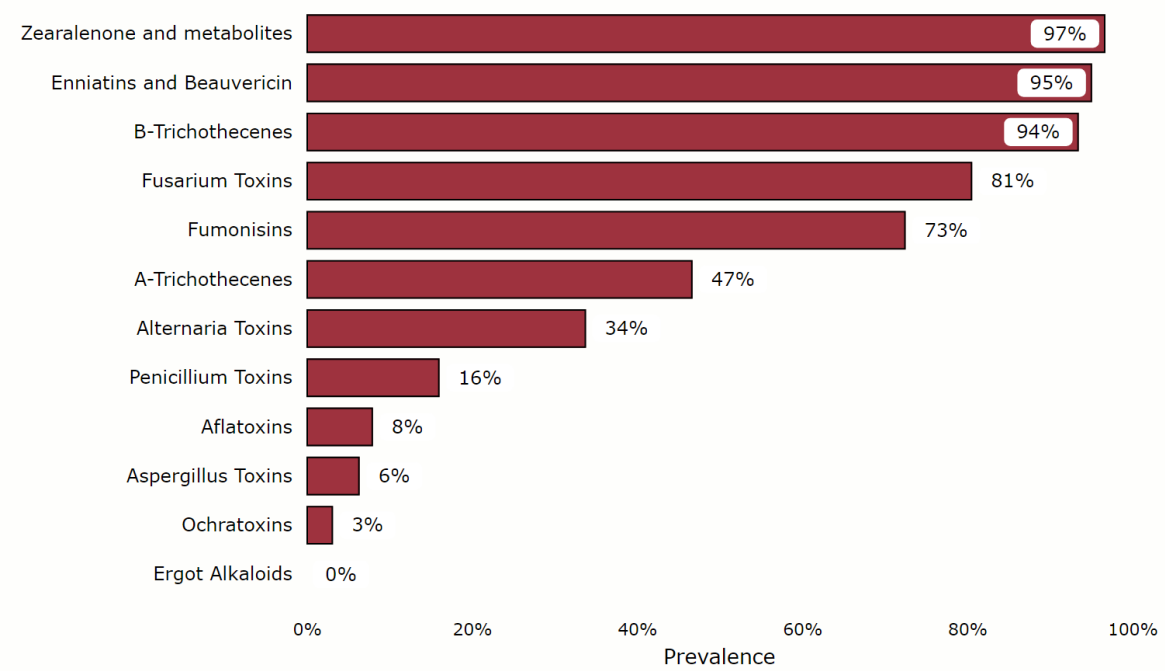


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Species Threshold: All | Threshold Selection: Moderate Medium High

Selected Threshold Values						
Aflatoxins	A-Trichothecenes	B-Trichothecenes	Ergot Alkaloids	Fumonisin	Ochratoxins	Zearalenone and metabolites
4.00	100.00	200.00	300.00	1,000.00	100.00	100.00

Mycotoxin Group Ranking



Mycotoxin Ranking

Mycotoxin	Prevalence	Average Positive	Median Positive	Samples	Samples Above Risk Threshold
Zearalenone	97%	162	94	62	45%
Beauvericin	92%	59	35	62	
Deoxynivalenol	92%	1,283	786	62	77%
Enniatin B	89%	16	7	62	
Moniliformin	81%	110	78	62	
Enniatin B1	76%	7	3	62	
Deoxynivalenol-3-Glucoside	74%	252	211	62	40%
Fumonisin B1	68%	92	66	62	0%
Fumonisin B2	65%	46	30	62	0%
15-Acetyldeoxynivalenol	53%	270	249	62	29%
Enniatin A1	40%	5	3	62	
T-2 Toxin	35%	45	30	62	3%
Alternariol	34%	11	10	62	
Fumonisin B3	29%	33	30	62	0%
3-Acetyldeoxynivalenol	24%	138	100	62	3%
HT-2 Toxin	24%	76	50	62	2%
Mycophenolic Acid	16%	58	50	62	
Nivalenol	11%	107	62	62	2%
Aflatoxin B1	8%	7	7	62	5%



# Is my herd at risk? How we diagnose if cows have mycotoxin problem

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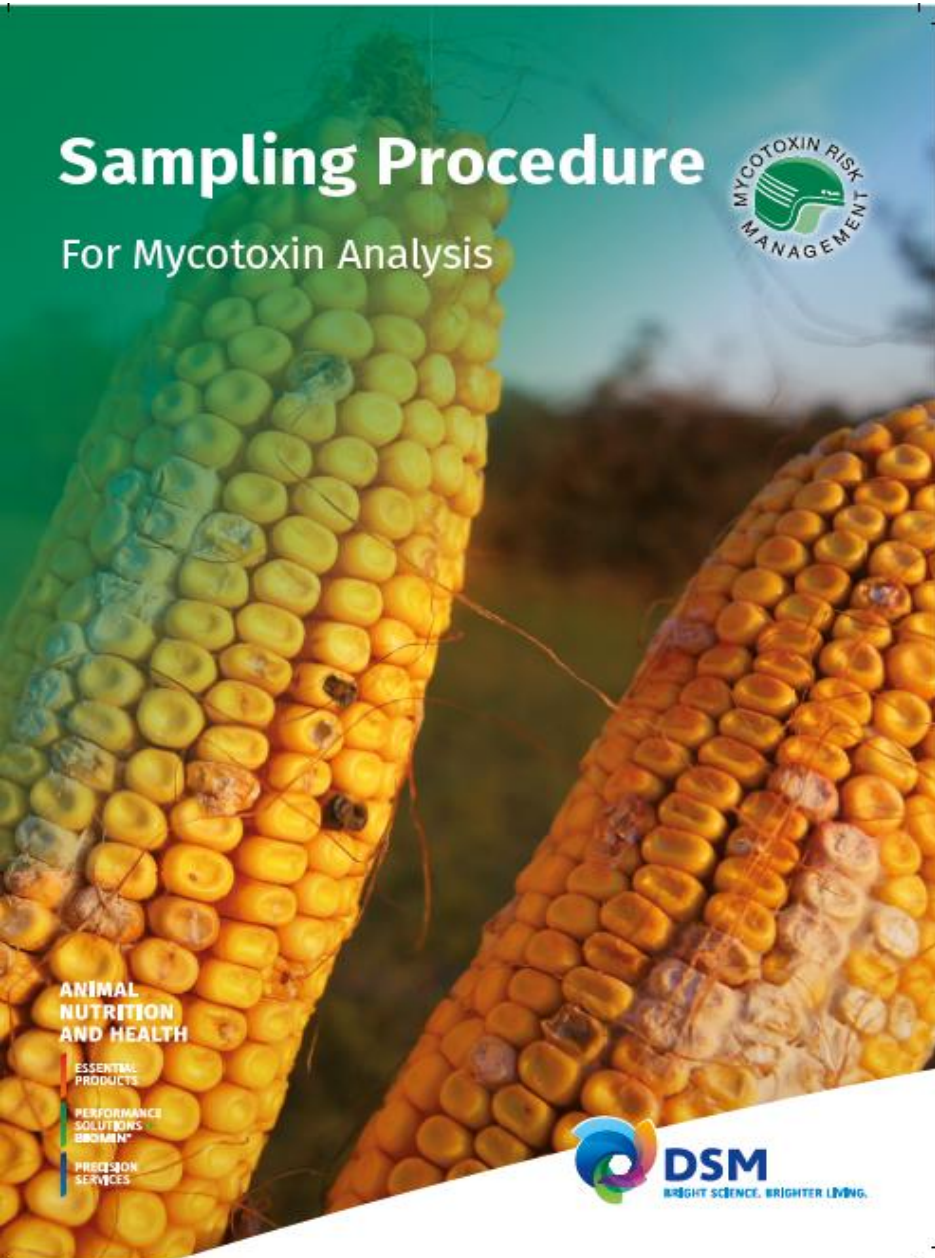


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# Sampling Procedure

## For Mycotoxin Analysis

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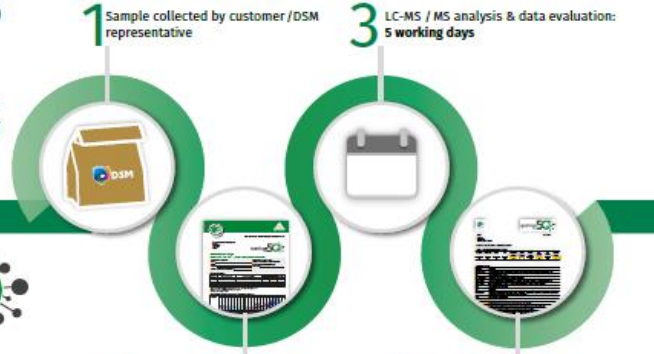
Depending on the type of product that will be sampled, a minimum number of incremental samples should be collected in order to obtain a representative sample for analysis. See below the basic steps for a successful sampling procedure:



- Collect an adequate number of incremental samples (100 g) according to lot weight.
- Mix incremental samples thoroughly to form the aggregate sample (no less than 1 kg)
- Prepare the laboratory sample: Collect scoops from different points in the aggregate (e.g. five 200 g samples for an aggregate of 1 kg)
- Place into an adequate container, label samples properly and store accordingly
- Send samples to laboratory for analysis

### Spectrum Top® 50 Workflow


Spectrum Top 50® is fast and offers the most complete view of mycotoxin contamination of your feed.



- 1 Sample collected by customer / DSM representative
- 2 Sample sent to Romer Labs in Tulln / US / Singapore with order form
- 3 LC-MS / MS analysis & data evaluation: 5 working days
- 4 Interpreted reports are sent to DSM representative or customer

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# Mycotoxin Risk Management

**Risk**  
Evaluate the risk

**Mycotoxin**  
Mycotoxin Analysis

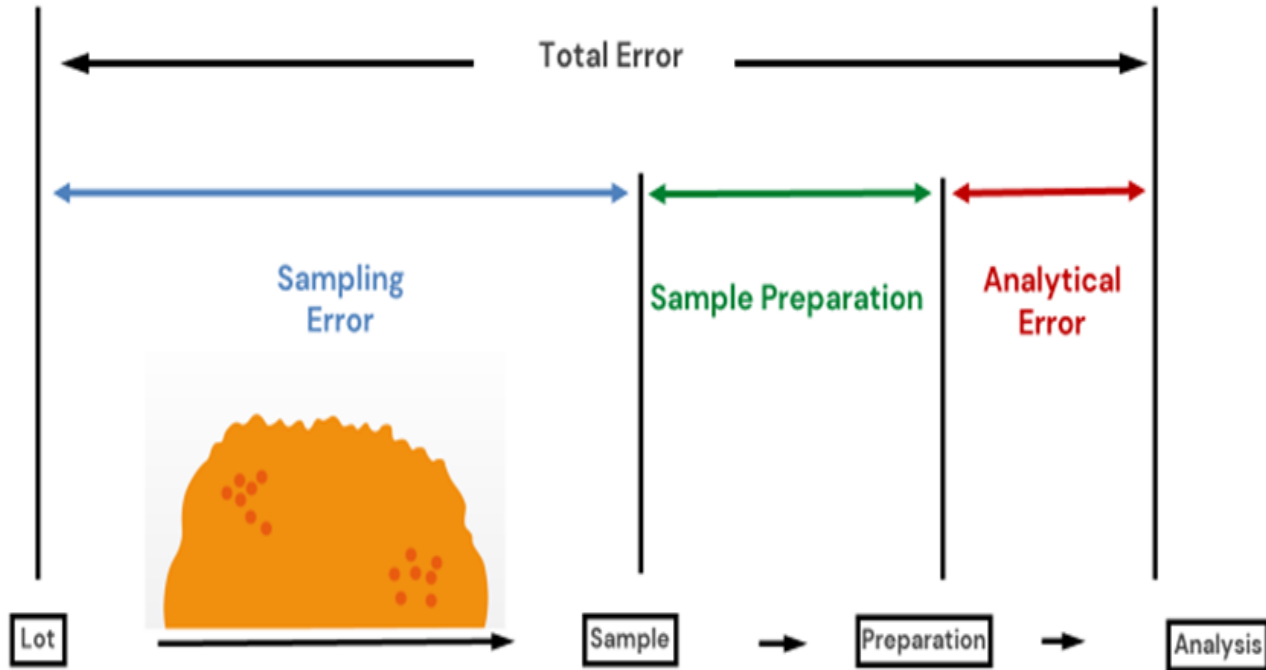
**Management**  
Deactivation of the mtx



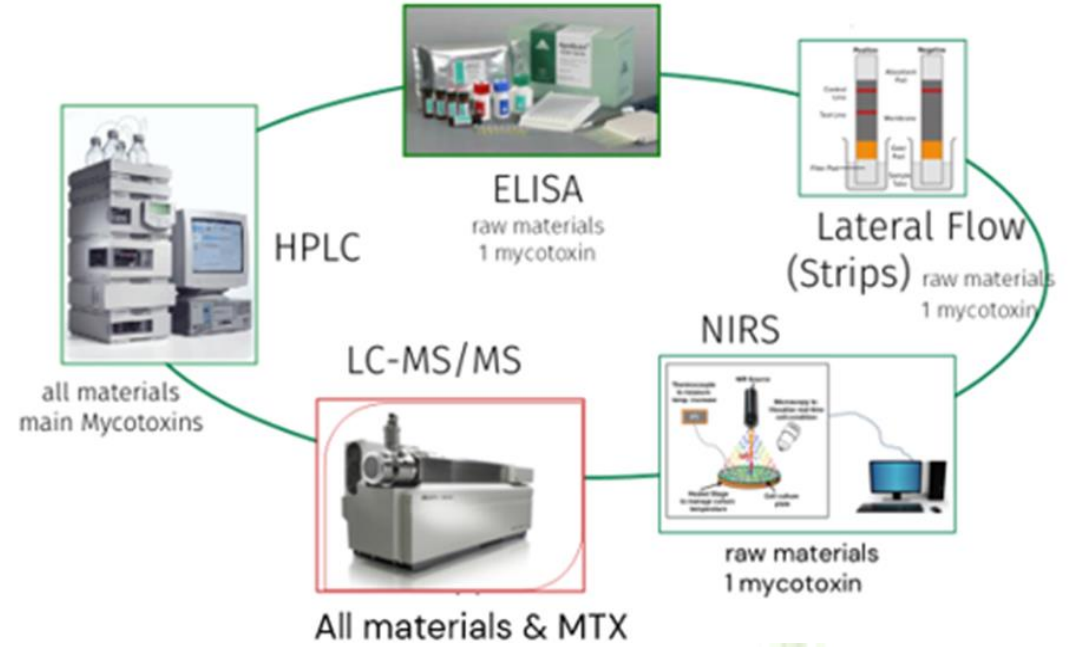
# Testing methods

## Sampling guidelines

### Mycotoxin Testing Error



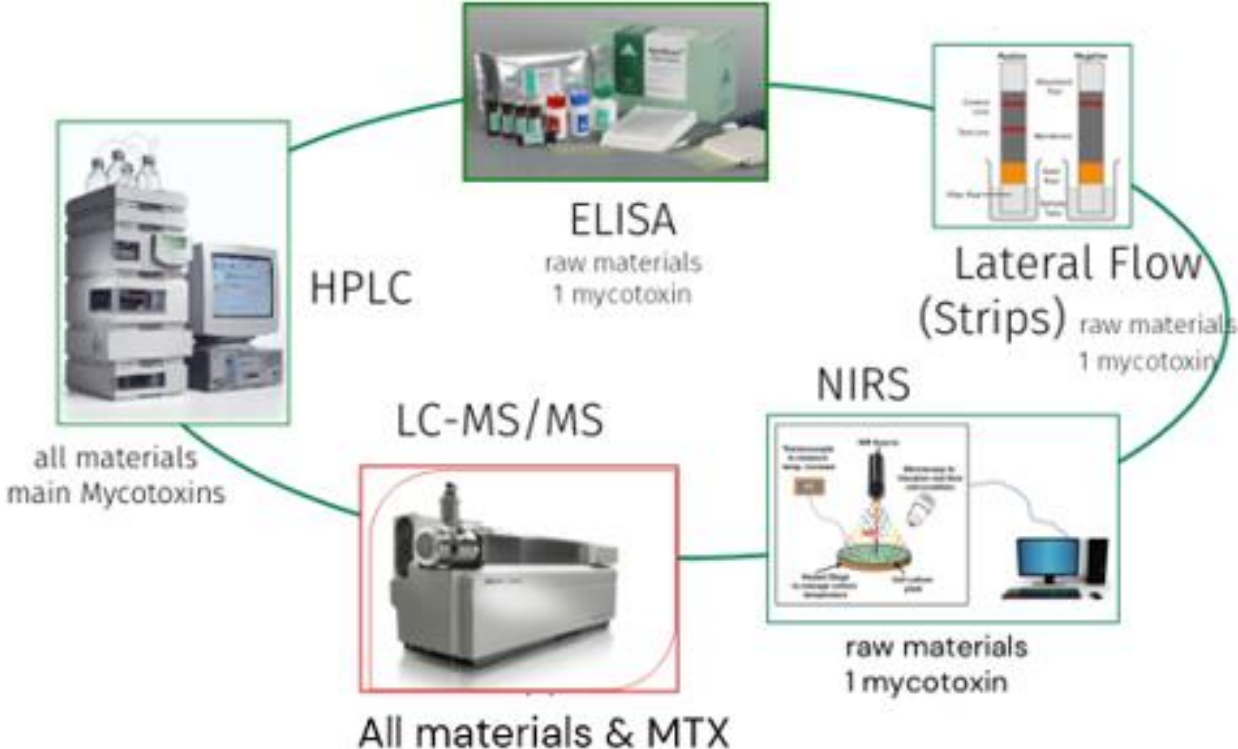
### Selecting proper testing method





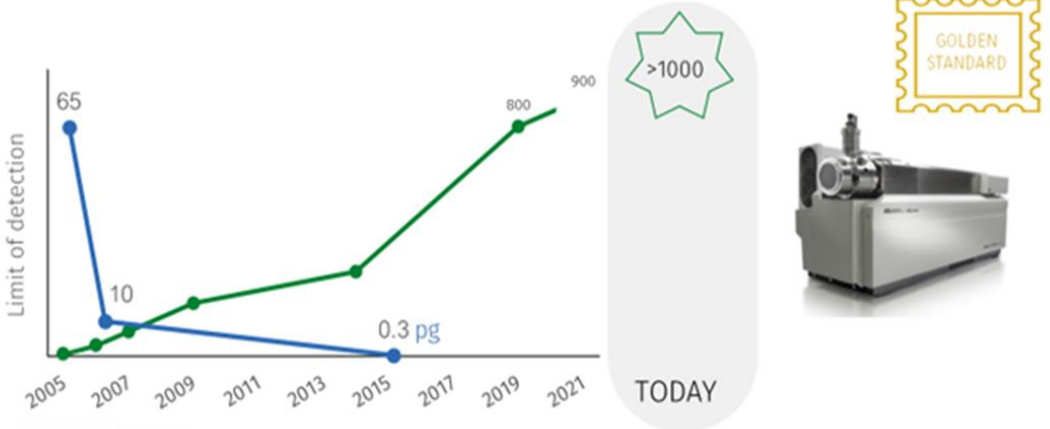
# The most comprehensive method *test errors & test limitations*

## Selecting proper testing method



## Mycotoxin analyses LC-MS/MS

Simultaneous detection of multiple toxins in multiple matrices



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# The most comprehensive method

## test errors & test limitations

### Mycotoxin analyses LC-MS/MS

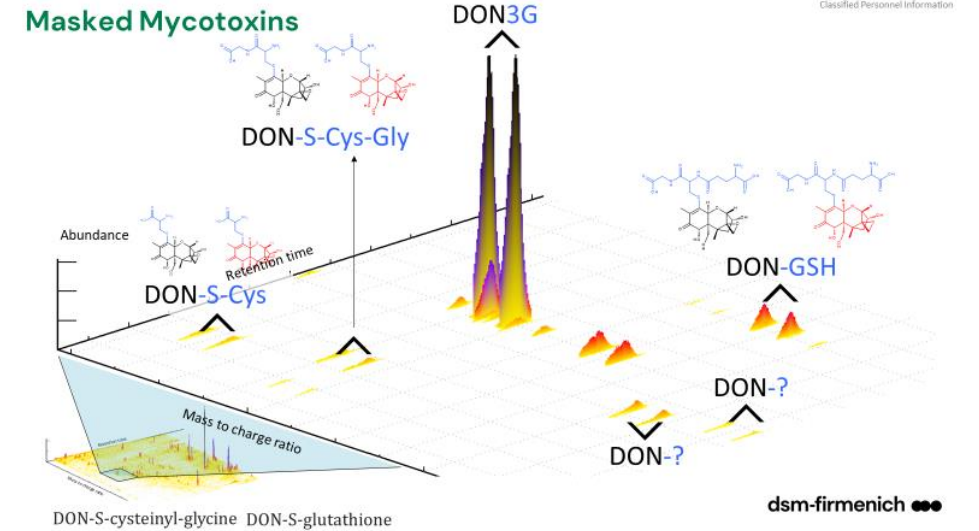
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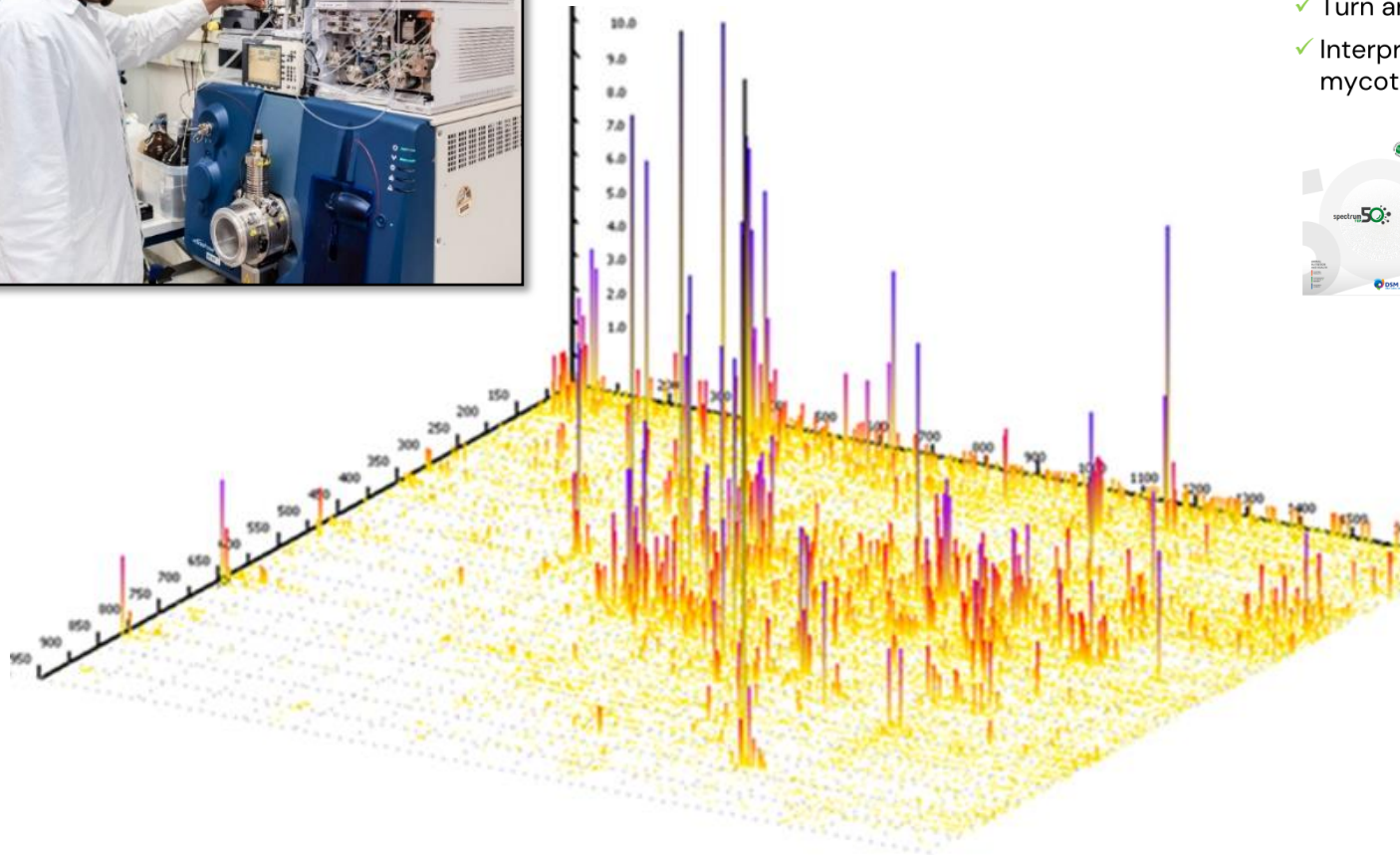


### Emerging mycotoxins



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# The most comprehensive method test errors & test limitations



## Spectrum Top® 50

- ✓ Method was developed by Romer Labs
- ✓ Analysis is done locally: Romer Labs Austria/ Singapore
- ✓ **More than 50 different mycotoxins and metabolites**
  - ✓ frequently occurring mycotoxins
  - ✓ masked mycotoxins
  - ✓ emerging mycotoxins
- ✓ Turn around time: 10 working days upon sample receipt in Romer Labs SG
- ✓ Interpreted report with risk assessment (species-specific) and concise information about mycotoxins analyzed

**spectrum 50**  
 Multi - Mycotoxin Analysis AT-36443  
 Client: AFB2017, 1816  
 Address: Celmerky / Istanbul / Turkey  
 Sample: Rotmispflanze  
 DSM contact person(s): Altug Ertem@dsom-firmenich.com  
 Date: 09 August 2024

**Summary Table - Mycotoxin analysis results of samples (in µg/kg) and interpretation for the species indicated**

Sample ID	Customer Sample ID	Sample Type	Species	AFB1 results	ZEN + Meta results (µg/kg)	Trichothecene results (µg/kg)	Fusarium results	Ochratoxins results	Other Mycotoxins
A1-30443-1	1816na Part C	corn (whole)	Bumiputari/Quary	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
A1-30443-2	1816na Part C	corn (whole)	Bumiputari/Quary	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
A1-30443-3	1816na Part C	corn (whole)	Bumiputari/Quary	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

**Explanation Table - Color coding for risk and Limit of Quantification/Detection**

Risk	Explanation
High	Medium risk for species type for major mycotoxins
Medium	High for species type for major mycotoxins
Low	Below the median of positive values for all previously tested samples
Not detected	For values detected below the Limit of Quantification (LOQ) is displayed



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### Evaluation of Matrix Effects and Extraction Efficiencies of LC-MS/MS Methods as the Essential Part for Proper Validation of Multiclass Contaminants in Complex Feed

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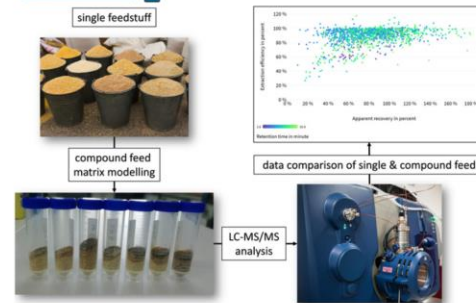
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# Mycotoxins analysis report

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Client: Vetmark UAB  
 Address: Nemuno g. 4, Virbaliskiu kauno raj, LT-53458  
 Species: Ruminant/Dairy  
 DSM contact person(s): zarietta.chodorowska@dsm.com  
 Date: 30 May 2024

## Spectrum Top<sup>®</sup>50: Multi – Mycotoxin Analysis AT-35764

The following tables give an overview on the positively identified mycotoxins and the respective concentrations (ppb = µg/kg). In case of all kinds of silages, TMR and wet corn, these samples are dried overnight prior to analysis and results are based on the dry weight of the sample.

Summary Table – Mycotoxin analysis results of samples (in µg/kg) and interpretation for the species indicated

Sample ID	Customer Sample ID	Sample Type	Species	Afla toxins	ZEN + Meta bolides	B-Tricho thecenes (µg/kg)	A-Tricho thecenes (µg T-2)	Fumon isins	Ochra toxins	Ergot Alkaloids
AT-35764-1	2, Grass silage, ...	Grass Silage	Ruminant/Dairy	nd	25	0.29	nd	nd	nd	nd
AT-35764-2	3, Corn silage, N...	Corn silage	Ruminant/Dairy	nd	19	3076	216	10	nd	nd

Explanation Table – Color coding for risk and Limit of Quantification/Detection

Feature	Explanation
Light Green	Moderate risk for species type for major mycotoxins
Yellow	Medium risk for species type for major mycotoxins
Red	High risk for species type for major mycotoxins
Light Grey	Below the median of positive values for all previously tested samples
Dark Grey	Above the median of positive values for all previously tested samples
White	In top 10% of the positive values for all previously tested samples
Light Blue	For values detected below the Limit of Quantification (LOQ), LOQ/2 is displayed
Dark Blue	For values detected below the Limit of Detection (LOD)



Name: Biomin DE  
 Origin: LATVIA  
 Sample Type: Corn cob mix  
 Species: Cattle - Dairy cow  
 Sample ID: AT3-9766-1  
 Description: 1  
 Date: 10/1/2024

## Spectrum 380<sup>®</sup> Multi-Mycotoxin Analysis

### Interpreted Report

Results are categorized according to risk management levels. In case of high moisture content, samples are dried prior to analysis and results are based on the original weight of the sample. Co-contamination levels are listed below.

#### Main Mycotoxins:

Toxins	No. of toxins per group	Amount (ppb = µg/kg)	Risk Assessment	Range (ppb = µg/kg)		
				Low	Medium	High
A-Trichothecenes	1	21.87	Low	<100	100 - 400	>400
B-Trichothecenes	3	4060.57	High	<500	500 - 1000	>1000
Zearalenone-metabolites	1	196.54	Medium	<100	100 - 200	>200
Aflatoxin B1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ergot Alkaloids	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fumonisin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ochratoxin A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aflatoxins	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### Other mycotoxins and metabolites:

Toxin	No. of toxins per group	Amount (ppb = µg/kg)
Alternaria Toxins	6	286.14
Aspergillus Toxins	2	2.63
Enniatins and Beauvericin	3	67.38
Fusarium metabolites	11	7833.76
Penicillium Toxins	1	4.74
Other metabolites	2	5417.88
Other trichothecenes	-	-



## Sample ID: AT-37234-2

Description: 2 Barley, Anu Alt 00  
 Matrix: barley  
 Status: unground, not cooled  
 Weight: 653 g  
 Packaging: plastic bag

Test procedure and results  
 Test performance date: 25.09.2024

Parameter	Value ± MU	Unit	LoD	Method	Item ID
moisture content	9.52	%		AT-Measure	
Deoxynivalenol	279 ± 84	µg/kg	15	AT-SOP31	30000030
Nivalenol	<LOD	µg/kg	20	AT-SOP31	30000030
T-2 Toxin	37.6 ± 11	µg/kg	10	AT-SOP31	30000030
Zearalenone	<LOQ	µg/kg	3	AT-SOP31	30000030

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# Symptoms in animals





# Effects of Mycotoxins

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**ZEN, Ergots**

- Irregular heats
- Low conception rates
- Ovarian cysts
- Embryonic Loss
- Abortions
- Low testicular development
- Low sperm production

**T-2, DON, AFB<sub>1</sub>**

- Gastroenteritis
- Intestinal hemorrhages
- Impaired rumen function
- Diarrhea
- Ketosis

**Ergots**

- Impaired thermoregulation
- Convulsions

**DON – Deoxynivalenol**  
**ZEN – Zearalenone**  
**AFB<sub>1</sub> – Aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>**  
**T-2 – T-2 Toxin**  
**Ergots - Ergot Alkaloids**  
**Endotoxins**

**DON, Ergots, Endotoxins**

- Laminitis (lameness)

**AFB<sub>1</sub>, T-2, DON**

- Milk contamination
- Decreased milk production
- Mastitis

**T-2, DON, Ergots**

- Decreased feed intake
- Decreased feed efficiency

For further information about mycotoxins please visit [www.mycotoxins.info](http://www.mycotoxins.info)

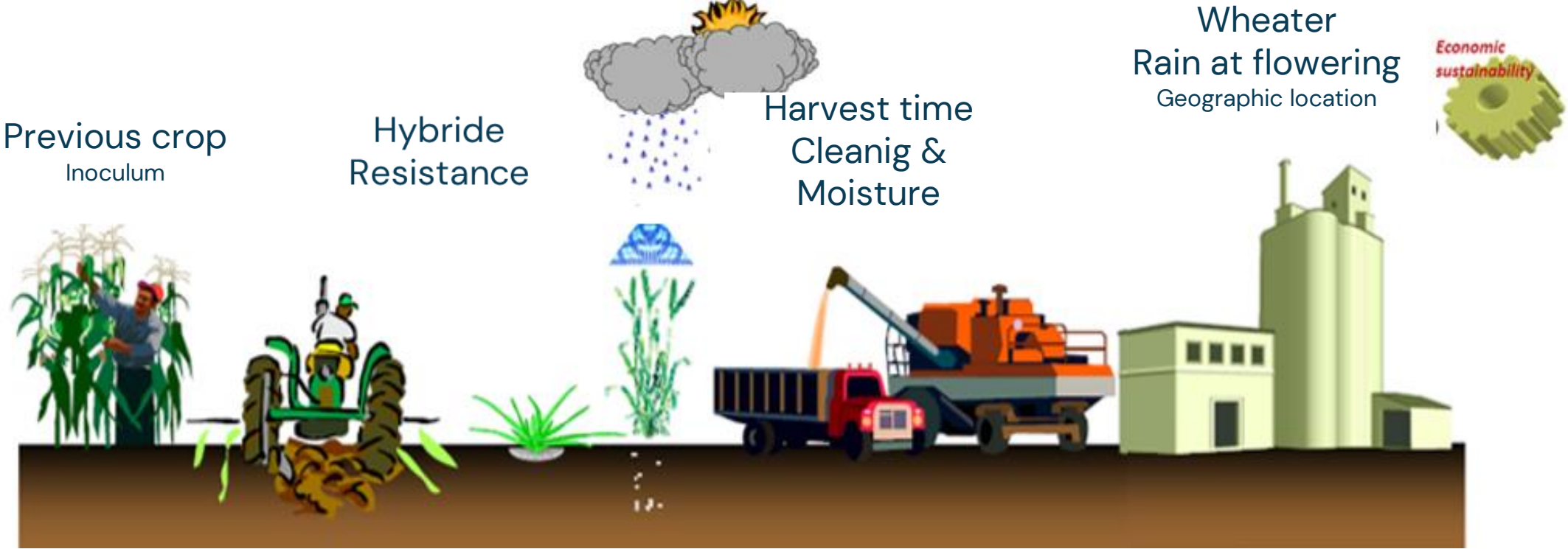
# Are Mycotoxins detoxified by the ruminal microbes?

Mycotoxin	Degradation in the Rumen	Bypass to the Intestine
<b>Aflatoxin</b>	0 – 42 % More toxic Aflatoxicol <i>(Engel and Hagemester, 1978)</i>	58 – 100 %
<b>Zearalenone</b>	50% $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -Zearalenol <i>(Gruber-Dorninger et al., 2021)</i>	50 % metabolites more estrogenic
<b>Trichothecenes</b>	15 % – 99 % DOM-1 <i>(Cote et al., 1986; Kiessling et al., 1984, Debevere, 2020)</i>	1 – 85 %
<b>Ochratoxin A</b>	90-100% <i>(Mobashar et al, 2010)</i>	0-10%
<b>Fumonisin</b>	No degradation <i>(EFSA, 2018)</i>	Unknown, no reported oral bioavailability
<b>Enniantin B</b>	1-25% <i>(Debevere et al, 2020)</i>	75%-99%

# Mycotoxins are coming from the field and improper storage

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Initially 40% of material is rejected at the farm level



Soil  
Inoculum  
Agro Techn.  
Tilling

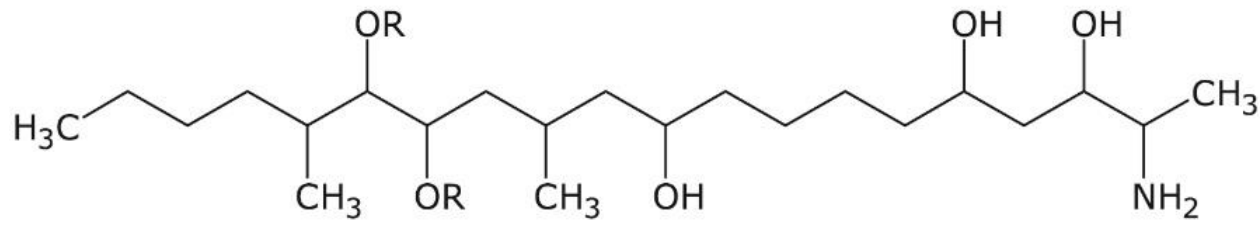
Fungicide  
Protection  
Triazoles

Storage  
Adequate storage condition  
Tem. C, H2O, cleanest

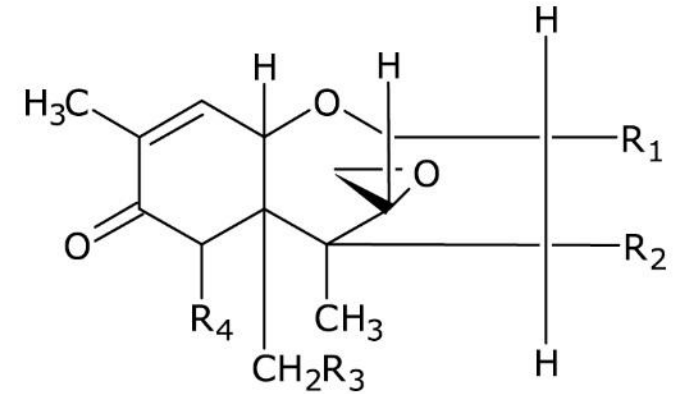
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Jöhr (2010) presented at STDF/LNV/World Bank Workshop, Den Haag

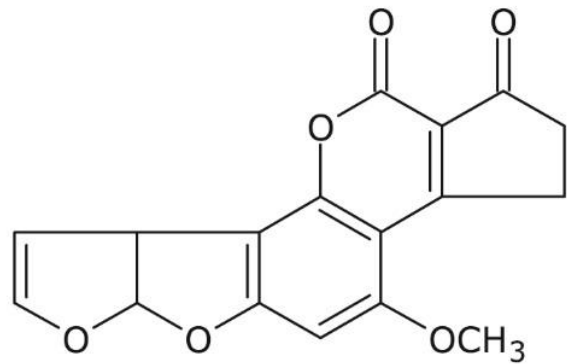
# Mycotoxins require different deactivating strategies!



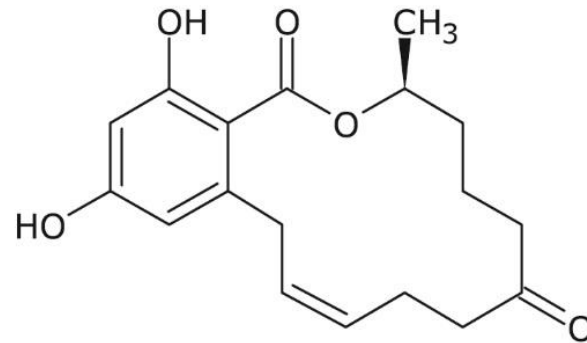
Fumonisin



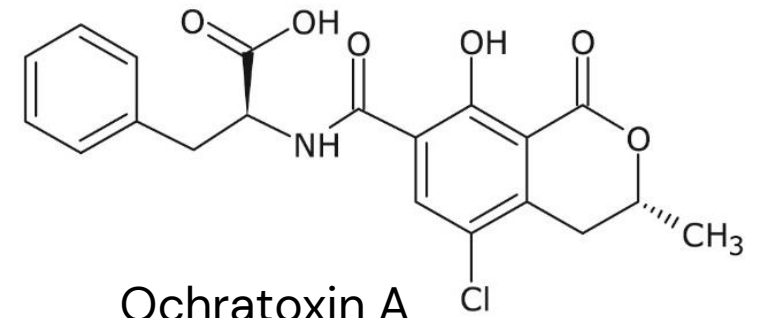
Trichothecenes



Aflatoxins



Zearalenone



Ochratoxin A



## Adsorption

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... for the elimination of toxins



## Biotransformation

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... for the elimination of toxicity



## Bioprotection

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... for the elimination of toxic effects





## Adsorption

... for the elimination of toxins

*Afla, Ergots,  
OTA,  
Endotoxins*



## Biotransformation

... for the elimination of toxicity

*ZEN,  
Trichothecenes,  
FUM*



## Bioprotection

... for the elimination of toxic effects

*Liver protection  
and immune  
support*

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