

AACC International Check Sample Committee Announces Analytical Accuracy Awardees for 2008

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The AACC International Check Sample Committee is proud to announce the winners of AACC International's 2008 Analytical Accuracy Awards, based on 2008 check sample results. This is the eleventh such set of awards to be made since the AACC International Check Sample Committee approved the program. Winners will receive certificates suitable for posting and will also be listed in the AACC International Annual Meeting program book.

All subscribers to the various AACC International check sample series that include a proficiency testing option are eligible, whether or not they have elected the option, provided they have met the requirements for submission of results for the year involved. For each series, the award is made to the laboratory submitting the most accurate analyses. The statistical procedures used to select awardees are the same as those used to evaluate proficiency for other purposes. Awards are based primarily on the required analyses in each series. Analyses that are optional for proficiency test purposes are included if they improve the score to encourage subscribers to include the results of optional analyses in their reports.

Series included in the 2008 awards are those shown in the list of awardees. Other AACC International check sample series for which the proficiency testing option is not now available may be added later as the number of subscribers and coefficient of variation of results warrant.

Formal entry for award competition is not necessary—all check sample subscribers to a given series are automatically eligible and entered provided they have submitted the required results on all samples for the award year. However, the same considerations apply to the Analytical Accuracy Awards as to other achievement awards. Because there can be only one winner in any category and consideration is limited to those who have subscribed for the full year and submitted all required results, the results speak only to the performance of the awardee's analyst or laboratory and not to that of many others who might be equally qualified.

Check sample subscribers or others who would like more information about the AACC International Check Sample and Proficiency Testing Service are invited to visit: www.aaccnet.org/checksample.

Series A—Hard Wheat Flour, Monthly
Bay State Milling Co., Mooresville, NC, U.S.A.

Series B—Hard Wheat Flour, Bimonthly
Permolex Ltd., Red Deer, AB, Canada

Series C—Soft Wheat Flour
Nisshin Flour Mfg., Tokyo, Japan

Series D—Feed Analyses
FFM Berhad, Port Klang Selangor, Malaysia

Series DF—Dietary Fiber
Midwest Lab, Omaha, NE, U.S.A.

Series HL and HS—Farinograph
McKee Foods Corp., Collegedale, TN, U.S.A.

Series I—Amylograph
Bay State Milling Co., Mooresville, NC, U.S.A.

Series J—Mixograph
South African Grain Laboratory, Pretoria, South Africa

Series K—Fat and Fatty Acids
General Mills Inc., Minneapolis, MN, U.S.A.

**Series MBA—Microbiological Analyses
(Including Pathogens)**
Covance Laboratories, Madison, WI, U.S.A.

Series MBB—Microbiological Analyses
Nutri-Pea Limited, Portage La Prairie, MB, Canada

Series SA—HPLC Sugar Analysis
Customs & Border Protection, Chicago, IL, U.S.A.

Series VMP—Vitamin Analyses
Silliker Canada Co., Markham, ON, Canada

Series VMP—Mineral Analyses
Covance Laboratories, Madison, WI, U.S.A.

Series VMP—Proximate and Vitamin Analyses
Silliker Canada Co., Markham, ON, Canada

Series VMP—Proximate and Mineral Analyses
General Mills Inc., Minneapolis, MN, U.S.A.

**Series VMP—Vitamins, Minerals, and Proximate
Analyses**
General Mills Inc., Minneapolis, MN, U.S.A.

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