

Romer Labs Check Sample Survey (CSS)

Deoxynivalenol and Zearalenone and Ochratoxin A in Wheat

(CSSMY028-M25161DZO)

February – May 2025

Dear valued customer,

thank you very much for your participation in the current Check Sample Survey for Deoxynivalenol (DON), Zearalenone (ZON) and Ochratoxin A (OTA) in wheat (CSSMY028-M25161DZO).

Kindly find enclosed the testing material (approximately 60 g of sample) and consider that it may contain higher amounts of mycotoxins. The sample is packed safely in a foil sachet, which has to be stored at 2-8 °C. Due to moisture sensitivity of the material, please make sure, that the foil sachet is properly closed after usage.

For analyses of the testing material, you may use any method of your choice, following the instructions from below.

Instructions:

- 1) Treat the testing material as if it was a sample for routine analysis.
- 2) Determine the level of DON and/or ZON and/or OTA and state the obtained results in ppb [$\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$], as received or corrected for recovery. **Please consider that only one result per participant can be accepted.**
- 3) Please submit your results and method details online via
<https://engage.romerlabs.com/check-sample-survey-2025-don/zon/ota>
latest until May 2nd, 2025 (submission deadline for results)
- 4) After successful result submission, you will receive a confirmation via email. For result evaluation a unique ID code will be assigned to your provided data set to provide confidentiality. **This code will be sent individually to the participants together with the final report via email.**

Approximately three weeks after the submission deadline for results a statistical report on the performance of participating laboratories **will be sent to your e-mail address used during online submission, together with a unique laboratory ID code.** This report will be confidential and will reveal only the code number assigned to your laboratory. It will NOT list the identities of participants.

Timeline of the survey (CSSMY028-M25161DZO):

- Material available for ordering: February 2025 (*item number 10002324*)
- Submission deadline for results: May 2nd, 2025
- Distribution of reports to participants: End of May 2025

For further information regarding the CSS please follow the above-mentioned link.

If you have any questions or requests, please contact us immediately.