



**WAGENINGEN EVALUATING PROGRAMS
FOR ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES**

Certificate of Analysis



International Plant-Analytical Exchange

REFERENCE MATERIAL

IPE sample 820



General Information

In this report an overview is given of analytical data for this sample collected in our proficiency testing program. The consensus values are calculated using a robust statistical model. With this NDA model mean and standard deviation are calculated using all reported data when at least 8 results are left after removal of reported 'lower than' (<) and 0 (= zero) values. No outliers are removed.

This report is divided into three sections: Consensus Values, Indicative Values and Values for Information. The division is made on the reliability of the data. Consensus Values are based on at least 16 results while the coefficient of variation is smaller than 25 %. Indicative Values are based on at least 8 and less than 16 results or a coefficient of variation between 25 % and 50 %. Other values, based on more than 2 and less than 8 results or a coefficient of variation higher than 50 %, are given for information only.

In the sections with Consensus Values and Indicative Values the following parameters are given: mean, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, number of results, median and MAD (Median of Absolute Deviation) and the uncertainty in the consensus values. The confidence limits (at 95 % probability) are calculated for these determinands.

In the section with Information Values the following parameters are given: median, MAD and number of results. For determinands which have at least 5 results reported as smaller than (<) the median of these 'smaller than results' is calculated. In some cases this median of '<' values is much smaller than median and mean of the indicative values. This may be caused by a too optimistic (too low) value for the detection limit reported by a (small) majority of participating laboratories who report '<' -values.

All values, expressed on a weight basis (kg or %), are reported in oven dry (105 °C) material. Moisture is reported in the material as received.

Sample information

WEPAL reference materials are from natural sources only. There is no spiking, mixing or other alterations of the samples. For sample preparation the IPE samples are dried at 70 °C and milled to pass a 0.5 mm sieve.

This IPE sample 820 of Endive / Cichorium endiva from Netherlands is prepared for the WEPAL proficiency programs. The sample is used in 1 period (or round). The results on which the values in this report are based were taken from the period given in the following table.

Year	Round	Number
1993	6	2



Consensus Values IPE 820



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
B	mg/kg	23.0	2.61	11.3	61	23.0	1.90	0.42	22.4	-	23.7
Ca	g/kg	7.59	0.417	5.5	113	7.62	0.281	0.049	7.51	-	7.66
Cd	µg/kg	1400	196	14.0	24	1380	139	50	1314	-	1479
Cl (as Cl)	g/kg	4.62	0.204	4.4	26	4.63	0.142	0.050	4.54	-	4.70
Cu	mg/kg	7.40	0.866	11.7	108	7.43	0.570	0.104	7.23	-	7.56
Fe	mg/kg	136	16.6	12.2	102	136	11.5	2.1	132.9	-	139.4
K	g/kg	51.3	3.30	6.4	122	51.6	2.29	0.37	50.7	-	51.9
Mg	g/kg	1.37	0.105	7.7	115	1.39	0.073	0.012	1.35	-	1.39
Mn	mg/kg	52.9	4.24	8.0	112	52.9	2.85	0.50	52.1	-	53.7
N - Kjeldahl (as N)	g/kg	28.5	2.08	7.3	92	28.3	1.46	0.27	28.1	-	28.9
N - NO3 (as N)	mg/kg	7060	413	5.9	17	6960	294	125	6851	-	7274
Na	mg/kg	2860	303	10.6	79	2850	207	43	2794	-	2930
P (as P)	g/kg	2.50	0.155	6.2	120	2.50	0.107	0.018	2.48	-	2.53
Pb	µg/kg	1690	384	22.8	22	1730	273	102	1517	-	1857
S (as S)	g/kg	3.33	0.216	6.5	43	3.34	0.154	0.041	3.26	-	3.39
Zn	mg/kg	139	9.9	7.1	114	140	7.0	1.2	137.5	-	141.2

Method: Real totals

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
N - elementary	g/kg	30.6	2.04	6.7	31	30.6	1.44	0.46	29.9	-	31.4



Indicative Values IPE 820

Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
As	µg/kg	168	36.9	22.0	8	166	25.0	16.3	138	-	198
Co	µg/kg	80.0	17.73	22.2	10	81.0	12.45	7.01	67.5	-	92.5
Cr	µg/kg	1710	672	39.4	15	1730	474	217	1338	-	2078
Hg	µg/kg	15.0	2.99	19.9	8	15.5	2.15	1.32	12.6	-	17.5
Mo	µg/kg	1840	302	16.4	9	1800	205	126	1613	-	2069
Ni	µg/kg	708	198.8	28.1	13	755	143.0	68.9	589	-	827



Informative Values IPE 820



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Median	MAD	N
Ba	mg/kg	2.52	0.150	3
F	mg/kg	7.81	6.850	3
N - NH4 (as N)	mg/kg	76.6	21.09	4
Sb	µg/kg	50.0	4.00	3
Se	µg/kg	30.0	3.00	3
SO4 (as SO4)	g/kg	6.77	0.307	3