



**WAGENINGEN EVALUATING PROGRAMS
FOR ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES**

Certificate of Analysis



International Plant-Analytical Exchange

REFERENCE MATERIAL

IPE sample 942



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 942 of Gladiolus (leaf) / Gladiolus from Netherlands is prepared for the WEPAL proficiency programs. The sample is used in 3 periods (or rounds). The results on which the values in this report are based were taken from the periods given in the following table.

Year	Round	Number
1995	5	1
1995	3	1
1990	5	1



Consensus Values IPE 942



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
As	µg/kg	152	23.4	15.4	19	152	17.0	6.7	141	-	163
B	mg/kg	21.5	2.85	13.2	217	22.0	2.00	0.24	21.15	-	21.91
Ba	mg/kg	2.35	0.474	20.1	16	2.51	0.335	0.148	2.10	-	2.61
Ca	g/kg	14.8	1.04	7.0	378	14.9	0.72	0.07	14.72	-	14.93
Cd	µg/kg	320	32.5	10.2	68	320	22.5	4.9	313	-	328
Cl (as Cl)	g/kg	11.9	0.88	7.4	70	11.9	0.60	0.13	11.68	-	12.10
Fe	mg/kg	160	26.8	16.7	332	161	18.5	1.8	157.5	-	163.3
Hg	µg/kg	24.4	5.57	22.9	27	25.0	4.00	1.34	22.2	-	26.6
K	g/kg	25.1	1.66	6.6	386	25.0	1.13	0.11	24.91	-	25.24
Mg	g/kg	0.905	0.0783	8.7	375	0.899	0.0535	0.0051	0.897	-	0.912
Mn	mg/kg	31.1	2.95	9.5	357	31.0	2.00	0.20	30.77	-	31.39
Mo	µg/kg	337	64.0	19.0	28	345	47.5	15.1	312	-	362
N - Kjeldahl (as N)	g/kg	11.8	0.71	6.0	294	11.8	0.49	0.05	11.70	-	11.86
N - NO3 (as N)	mg/kg	314	19.2	6.1	44	314	13.7	3.6	308	-	320
Na	mg/kg	1250	123	9.8	250	1240	83	10	1230	-	1261
P (as P)	g/kg	1.75	0.095	5.4	380	1.76	0.063	0.006	1.74	-	1.76
S (as S)	g/kg	1.20	0.136	11.3	135	1.20	0.096	0.015	1.18	-	1.23
Sr	mg/kg	38.6	4.52	11.7	21	38.2	3.20	1.23	36.6	-	40.6
Zn	mg/kg	23.2	2.61	11.2	349	23.2	1.80	0.17	22.95	-	23.50

Method: Real totals

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
N - elementary	g/kg	12.2	0.80	6.5	77	12.2	0.55	0.11	12.02	-	12.38



Indicative Values IPE 942



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
Co	µg/kg	53.8	17.90	33.3	26	59.0	12.50	4.39	46.6	-	61.0
Cr	µg/kg	522	216.5	41.5	39	520	150.0	43.3	451	-	592
Cu	mg/kg	3.60	0.971	26.9	331	3.75	0.690	0.067	3.50	-	3.71
Ni	µg/kg	393	182.0	46.4	37	400	133.0	37.4	332	-	453
Pb	µg/kg	725	187.4	25.8	52	736	128.5	32.5	673	-	777
Se	µg/kg	22.1	6.61	29.9	10	21.5	4.50	2.61	17.5	-	26.8
SO4 (as SO4)	g/kg	1.40	0.423	30.3	10	1.52	0.313	0.167	1.10	-	1.70
V	µg/kg	276	83.5	30.3	11	302	63.0	31.5	220	-	331



Informative Values IPE 942



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Median	MAD	N
Ag	µg/kg	26.0	20.00	3
Be	µg/kg	10.00	3.500	4
F	mg/kg	2.12	1.000	4
Li	µg/kg	357	117.0	9
N - NH4 (as N)	mg/kg	61.6	25.22	3
Sb	µg/kg	23.0	2.00	6
Ti	mg/kg	2.05	0.820	5