



**WAGENINGEN EVALUATING PROGRAMS
FOR ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES**

Certificate of Analysis



International Plant-Analytical Exchange

REFERENCE MATERIAL

IPE sample 984



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 984 of Spinach / Spinacia oleracea 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	2	6



Consensus Values IPE 984



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
B	mg/kg	28.8	5.11	17.7	65	29.0	3.60	0.79	27.5	-	30.1
Ca	g/kg	11.6	0.97	8.4	121	11.5	0.68	0.11	11.43	-	11.78
Cd	µg/kg	724	160.9	22.2	26	705	113.0	39.4	659	-	789
Cl (as Cl)	g/kg	8.91	0.565	6.3	22	8.86	0.415	0.151	8.66	-	9.16
Cu	mg/kg	10.5	1.49	14.2	113	10.5	1.03	0.18	10.23	-	10.78
Fe	mg/kg	407	51.8	12.7	112	404	37.0	6.1	398	-	417
K	g/kg	52.0	3.81	7.3	125	52.0	2.62	0.43	51.3	-	52.7
Mg	g/kg	4.82	0.381	7.9	118	4.84	0.267	0.044	4.75	-	4.89
Mn	mg/kg	119	10.0	8.4	117	118	7.0	1.2	117.3	-	120.9
N - Kjeldahl (as N)	g/kg	33.4	1.88	5.6	102	33.2	1.30	0.23	33.00	-	33.74
N - NO3 (as N)	mg/kg	1580	119	7.6	18	1600	84	35	1520	-	1639
Na	mg/kg	6850	591	8.6	75	6900	414	85	6711	-	6983
P (as P)	g/kg	6.51	0.464	7.1	126	6.50	0.324	0.052	6.43	-	6.60
S (as S)	g/kg	3.86	0.417	10.8	44	3.85	0.289	0.079	3.73	-	3.99
Zn	mg/kg	178	14.7	8.3	116	178	10.0	1.7	175.7	-	181.1

Method: Real totals

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
N - elementary	g/kg	34.0	1.66	4.9	28	33.9	1.16	0.39	33.4	-	34.6



Indicative Values IPE 984



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Mean	Std.Dev.	CV %	N	Median	MAD	Uncertainty	95 % confidence limits		
Co	µg/kg	350	49.7	14.2	11	360	30.0	18.7	317	-	383
Cr	µg/kg	952	414.9	43.6	13	1040	290.0	143.8	704	-	1201
Hg	µg/kg	23.9	7.25	30.3	10	25.0	5.00	2.87	18.8	-	29.0
Mo	µg/kg	249	70.8	28.5	8	235	50.0	31.3	191	-	306
Ni	µg/kg	1740	525	30.2	12	1790	345	189	1409	-	2069
Pb	µg/kg	1020	329	32.4	20	1090	242	92	864	-	1171



Informative Values IPE 984



Method: Inorganic Chemical Composition

Element	Unit	Median	MAD	N
As	µg/kg	200	89.0	10
Ba	mg/kg	15.2	1.00	3
F	mg/kg	6.27	0.630	3
N - NH4 (as N)	mg/kg	143	40.1	4
Sb	µg/kg	51.0	37.00	5
Se	µg/kg	60.0	16.00	4
SO4 (as SO4)	g/kg	8.49	2.056	7
Ti	mg/kg	27.0	19.41	5
V	µg/kg	683	44.0	3