

Date: November 4, 2020

Sample ID: HM20SEP-1	Shipping Date: September 8, 2020
Material: ground Hemp	Data Due Date: October 15, 2020

Dear Hemp PT Program Participants,

Thank you for your participation in the University of Kentucky Hemp Proficiency Testing (PT) Program.

This PT sample was obtained from hemp grown in a greenhouse facility. The terminal 20 cm of branches containing mature female flowers were collected, coarsely chopped with a garden shredder, and mixed thoroughly. The mixed material was used in a drying study exposed to 50, 60, or 70°C for various lengths of time. All portions of the dried sample material were ground in a Wiley rotating knife mill to pass a 5 mm screen and then ground in a Retsch cyclone mill to pass a 1 mm screen.

All ground material was combined, thoroughly mixed, and passed again through a 1 mm screen to comprise the PT sample. Individual packets were filled with the composited hemp by randomly selecting at least a dozen subsamples from the hemp material spread out in a thin layer. Homogeneity and stability was evaluated by analyzing total THC via GC-FID and is presented in the Homogeneity and Stability report.

The final reports have been reviewed and authorized for release. The included reports are:

Summary Statistics	Individual Participant's Laboratory Trueness	Homogeneity and Stability
All Labs Precision	Individual Participant's Laboratory Precision	Methodology Survey
All Labs Trueness	Certificate of Analysis	

Summary reports and a guide about how to interpret proficiency testing reports are available at <http://www.rs.uky.edu/regulatory/hpt/reports.php>. Labs are identified by lab number on summary reports. Participants' identity will not be disclosed by us.

Individual reports are available through your lab portal at <https://hpt.fass.org/>. The individual lab reports are the property of the participating laboratories.

Any concerns or errors in the reports should be immediately communicated to hpt@uky.edu. A timely investigation will occur and you will be advised of the outcome. Errors made by the participant in data entry cannot be changed after the reporting deadline and such errors are not grounds for appeal.

Sincerely,



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