

## The Southern African Grain Laboratory NPC

Quality is our passion



# Services to the Agricultural Industry in South Africa and beyond

SAGNET WORKSHOP

WILLOWS COUNTRY LODGE

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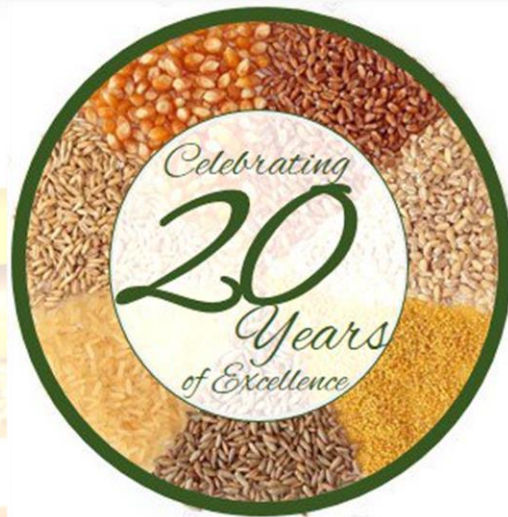


SAGL - acting as reference laboratory for the grain and oilseed industry

An independent, ISO 17025 accredited testing laboratory  
Registered as a Non Profit Company (NPC)

Marketing Control Boards dissolved - middle 1990s

The SAGL was established on request of the South African grain industry in 1997



## **AIM:**

TO DELIVER ACCURATE  
QUALITY ANALYSES TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

## **VISION:**

TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE MARKET LEADER IN GRAIN AND ASSOCIATED  
ANALYSIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

## **MISSION:**

- ✓ TO DELIVER MARKET DRIVEN ANALYTICAL LABORATORY SERVICES
- ✓ EFFECTIVELY / INDEPENDENTLY / TRUSTWORTHY
- ✓ TO STAY AHEAD WITH TECHNOLOGY
- ✓ TO BE INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE
- ✓ TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT



# SAGL's CUSTOMER BASE:

Since 2016



CROP  
PROTECTION  
DIVISION

THE ENTIRE GRAIN  
AND OILSEED VALUE  
CHAIN -  
DIFFERENT SECTORS  
REPRESENTED ON  
THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS





= APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF METHODS PER LABORATORY – 84 IN TOTAL



= APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF TECHNIQUES



# MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION



8

# CHEMICAL LABORATORY



1



6

+

1



±30

# MILLING FACILITY



1



6



±22

# RHEOLOGY LABORATORY



3



1



±10

# NUTRIENTS & MYCOTOXIN LABORATORY



2



2



±12

# CROP PROTECTION DIVISION LABORATORY



1

+

2



±10



±15



**SANAS – SAGL IS A SANAS ISO 17025 ACCREDITED TESTING**

**LABORATORY**

**CROP PROTECTION DIVISION – ISO 17025 AND OECD GLP**



**AFMA– SAGL COMPLY WITH AFMA’S CODE OF CONDUCT**



# ISO 17025 ACCREDITATION

- ✓ Scope of accreditation covers **21** methods, representing **34** different parameters (EXCLUDING CROP PROTECTION DIVISION)
  - ✓ Crop Protection Division – Flexible Scope Accreditation for HPLC, GC-FID and GC-MS (ISO 17025) and OECD GLP Compliance
- ✓ Operate under a comprehensive, well documented quality system applicable to accredited and non-accredited methods
- ✓ As part of our quality assurance procedures to demonstrate technical competency, SAGL participates in several different proficiency schemes:
  - ✓ International: **AACCI, Bipea and FAPAS, AAPCO**
  - National: **AgriLASA, NLA**

# ISO 17025 ACCREDITATION

- ✓ ISO 17025 accreditation since 1999 (only Crop Quality Division)



SINCE 1997

- ✓ International Accuracy Awards



## CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

*In terms of section 22(2) (b) of the Accreditation for Conformity Assessment, Calibration and Good Laboratory Practice Act, 2008 (Act 19 of 2008), read with sections 23(1), (2) and (3) of the said Act, I hereby certify that*

**SOUTHERN AFRICAN GRAIN LABORATORY NPC**  
Co. Reg. No.: 1997/018518/08

Facility Accreditation Number: T0116

is a South African National Accreditation System accredited Testing laboratory provided that all SANAS conditions and requirements are complied with

This certificate is valid as per the scope as stated in the accompanying schedule of accreditation Annexure "A", bearing the above accreditation number for

### CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL ANALYSIS

The facility is accredited in accordance with the recognised International Standard

**ISO/IEC 17025:2005**

The accreditation demonstrates technical competency for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system

While this certificate remains valid, the Accredited Facility named above is authorised to use the relevant SANAS accreditation symbol to issue facility reports and/or certificates

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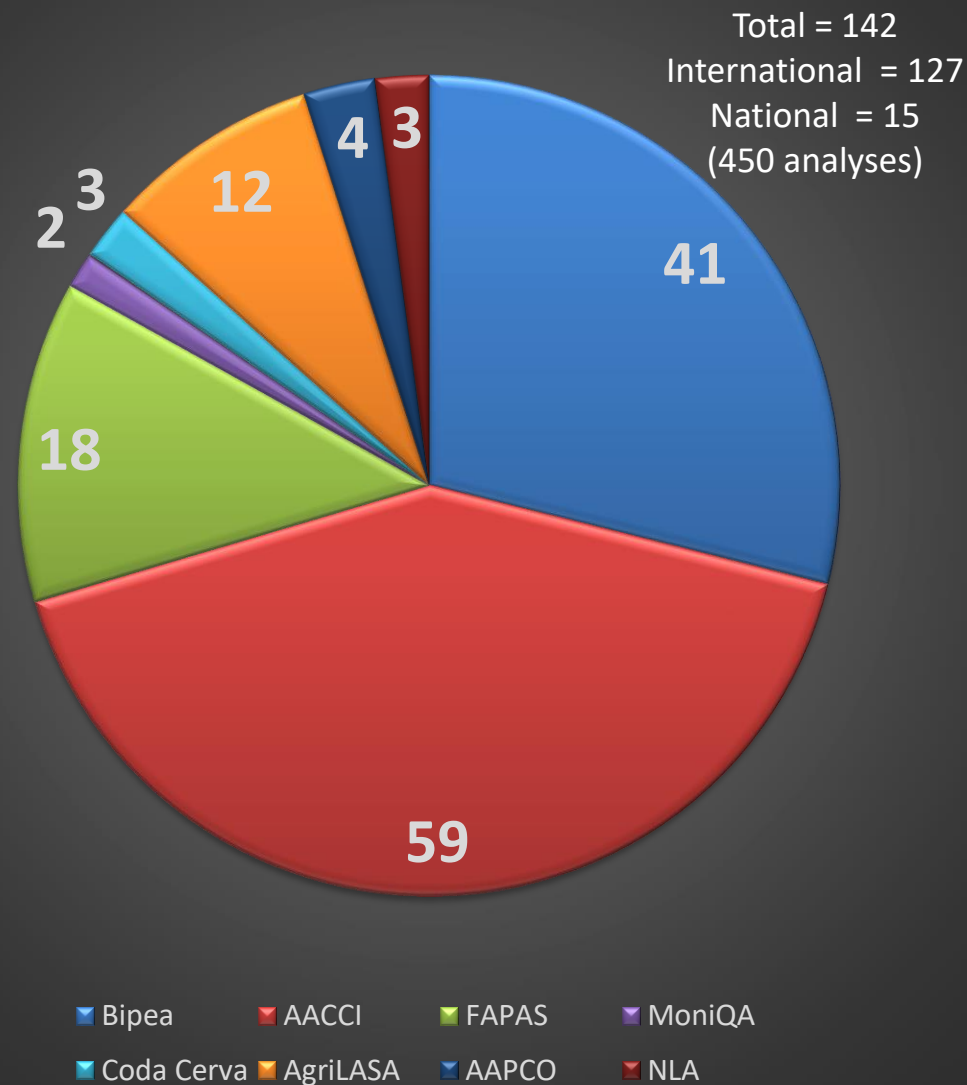
Mr R Jorgias  
Chief Executive Officer  
Effective Date: 31 November 2014  
Certificate Expires: 31 October 2019





# INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING – ACCREDITATION UNDER ISO/IEC 17025

## NUMBER OF PROFICIENCY SAMPLES ANALYSED PER ANNUM



# CROP QUALITY SURVEYS ON GRAIN AND OILSEEDS

**GRAIN SORGHUM**  
SINCE 2013



**SUNFLOWER SEED**  
SINCE 2012



**SOYBEANS**  
SINCE 2011



**MAIZE**  
SINCE 1997



**WHEAT**  
SINCE 1997

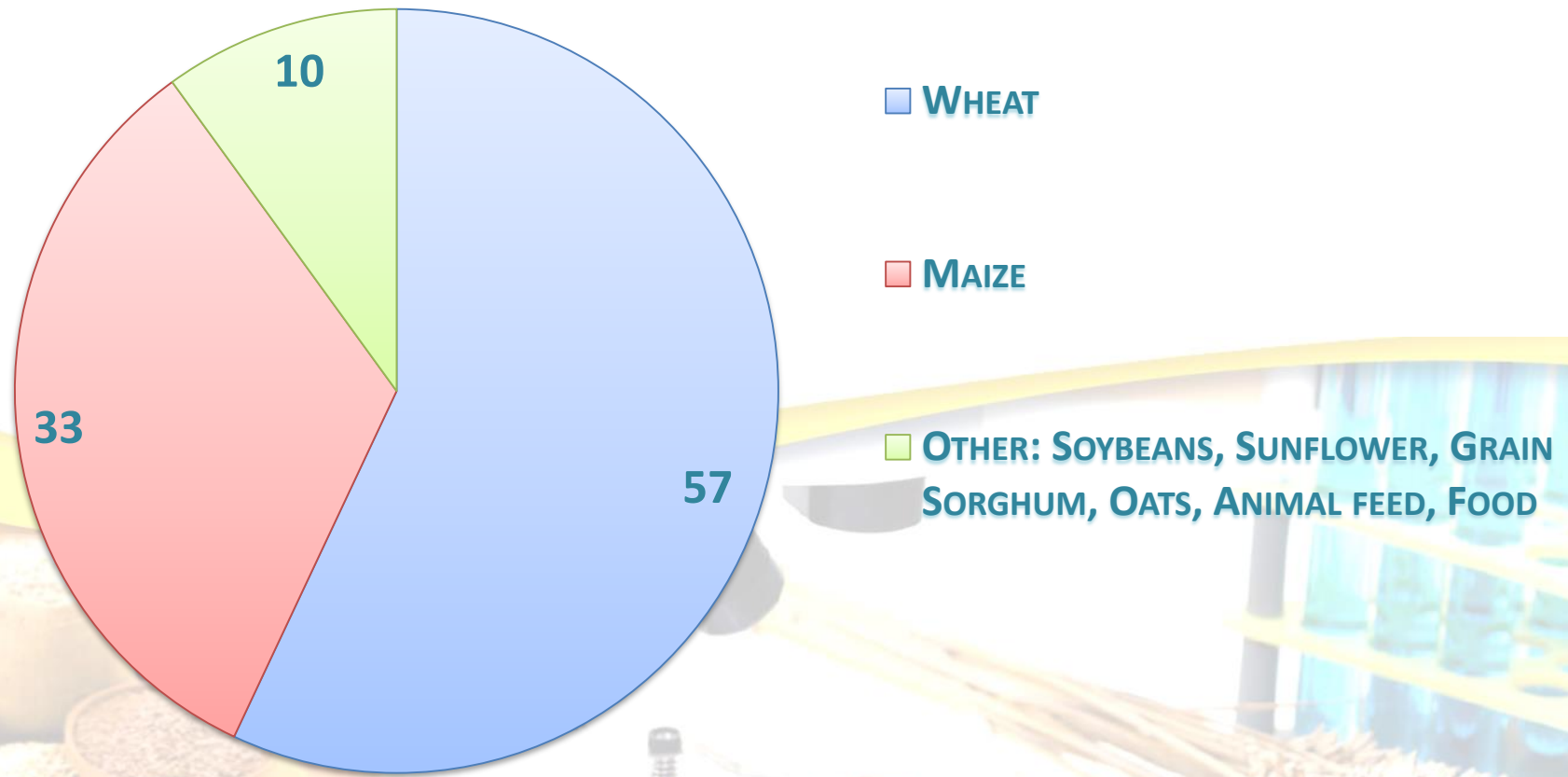


# CROP SURVEY REPORT FORMAT

- ✓ RESULTS: average, minimum and maximum per region
- ✓ Comparisons between production areas, regions and seasons in both table and graph formats
- ✓ REPORTS:
  - ✓ hard copy
  - ✓ downloadable in PDF format from the SAGL website
- ✓ Weekly web updates of Average results per region as it becomes available



# METHODOLOGY SCOPE OF CROP QUALITY DIVISION - FOCUSED ON GRAIN AND FOOD AND FEED RELATED PRODUCTS



# EVALUATION OF NEW WHEAT CULTIVARS

TEST
Kg/hl (clean)
1000 kernel mass, g
Falling number, sec.
Protein (12%mb)
Extraction, %
Colour (KJ 76)
Break flour yield, %
<b>MIXOGRAM</b>
Peak time, min
<b>FARINOGRAM</b>
Absorption, %
Development time, min
Stability, min

TEST
<b>BAKING TEST 100g</b>
Corrected volume, cm <sup>3</sup>
Dough characteristics
<b>ALVEOGRAM</b>
Strength, cm <sup>3</sup>
Stability, mm
Distensibility, mm
P/L value





# WHEAT AND MAIZE IMPORT QUALITY



ARGENTINA



AUSTRALIA



BRAZIL



CANADA



FRANCE



GERMANY



LESOTHO



LITHUANIA



POLAND



ROMANIA



RUSSIA



SWAZILAND



UNITED KINGDOM



UKRAINE



URUGUAY



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



SINCE 1997

# QUALITY CONTROL

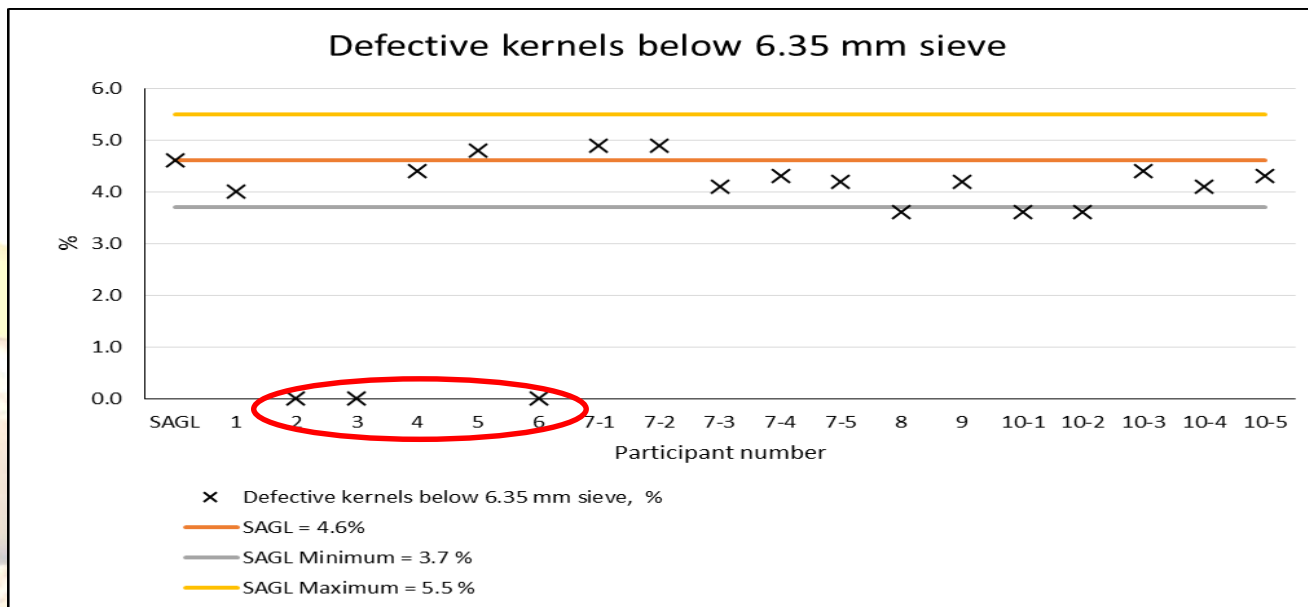
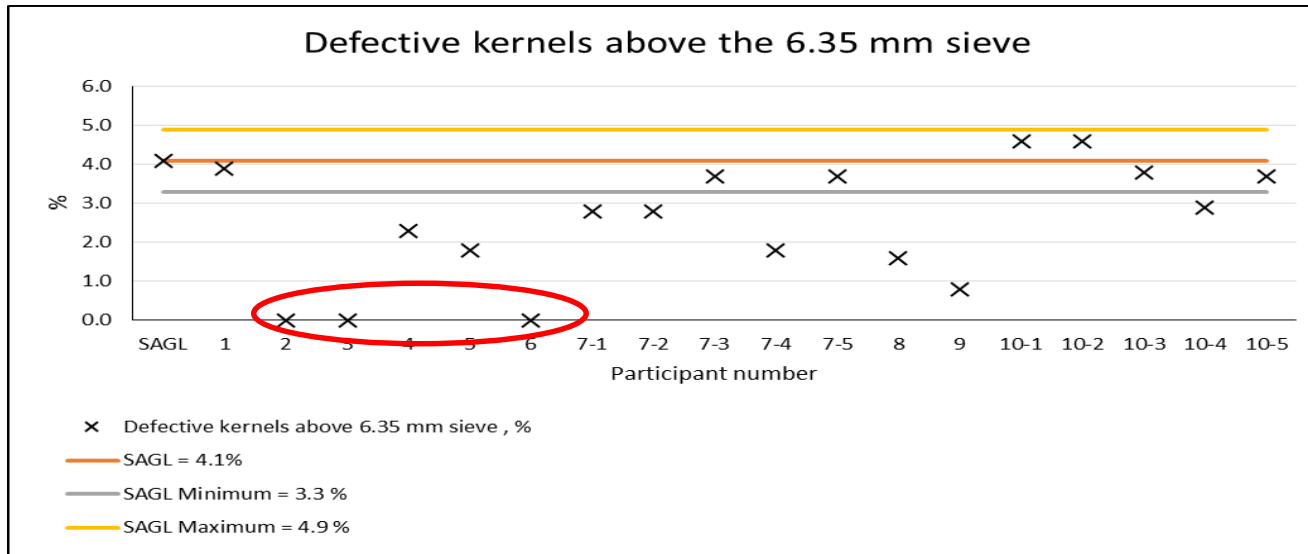


# SAGL PROFICIENCY SCHEME

DESCRIPTION	# PER ANNUM	INTERVAL	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL	PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
SAGL ANNUAL PRE-HARVEST MAIZE GRADING RING TEST	1	PER SEASON	15	-	-	15
SAGL ANNUAL PRE-HARVEST SOYBEAN GRADING RING TEST	1	PER SEASON	20	-	-	20
SAGL COLOUR RING TEST	6	3 MONTHLY	5	2	LESOTHO & NAMIBIA	7
SAGL DRY COLOUR RING TEST	6	3 MONTHLY	8	-	-	8
SAGL MAIZE GRADING RING TEST	4	QUARTERLY	9	2	LESOTHO & NAMIBIA	11
SAGL MAIZE MEAL QUALITY RING TEST	4	QUARTERLY	1	3	SWAZILAND, LESOTHO AND NAMIBIA	4
SAGL WHEAT AND FLOUR RING TEST	4	QUARTERLY	18	9	GHANA, NIGERIA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, NAMIBIA, CAMEROON AND MAURITIUS	27
SAGL WHEAT GRADING RING TEST	4	QUARTERLY	19	3	LESOTHO, NAMIBIA AND MAURITIUS	22



# EXAMPLE OF REPORT FORMAT – GRADING RING TEST



# LABORATORY TRAINING

- ✓ Laboratory technicians
- ✓ Supervisors
- ✓ Quality control managers
- ✓ Mill managers

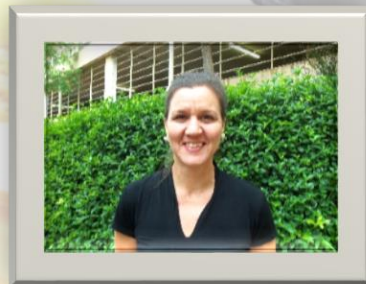
FROM

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Zambia, Botswana,  
Mozambique, Kenya,  
Lesotho, Malawi, Ethiopia

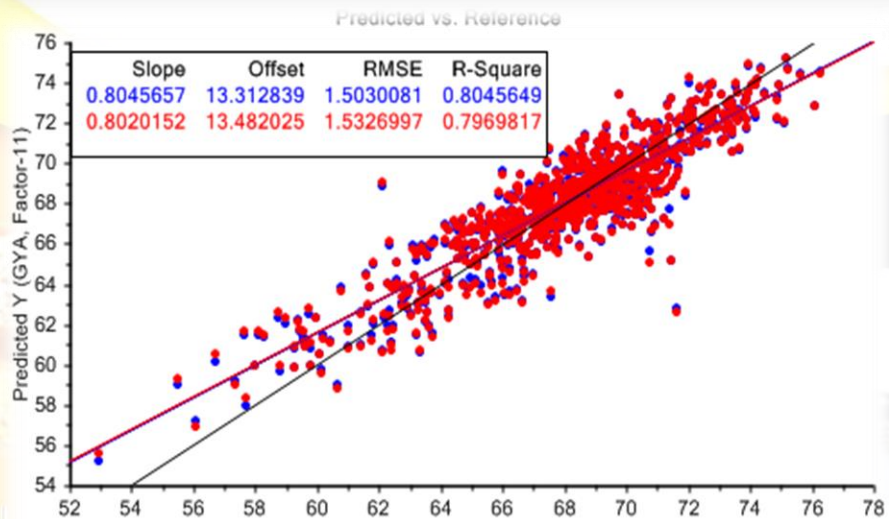
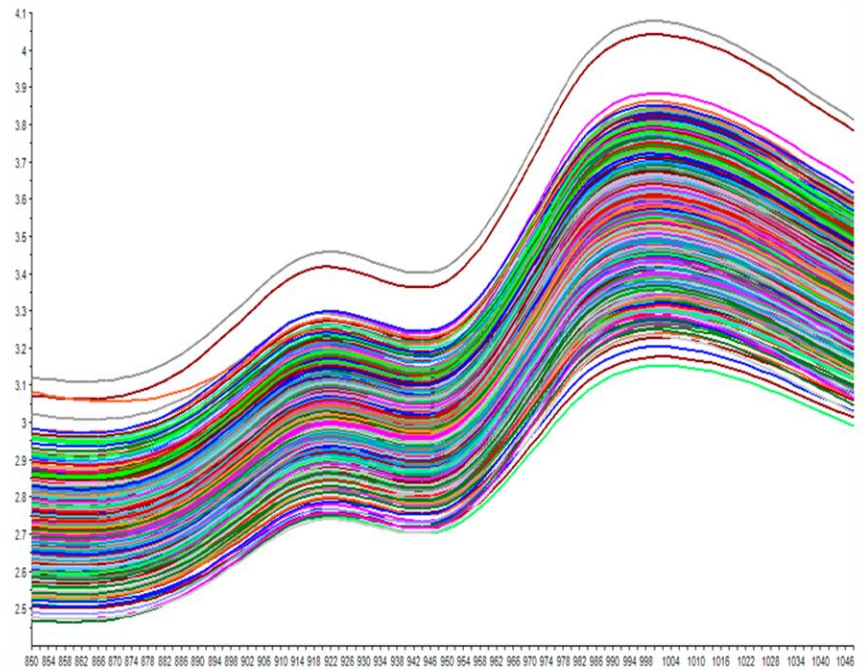


# INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

- ✓ Trust Bursary holders – 12 month internship programmes
- ✓ Technical and Academic University students involved in collaborative research projects
- ✓ Temporary laboratory assistants

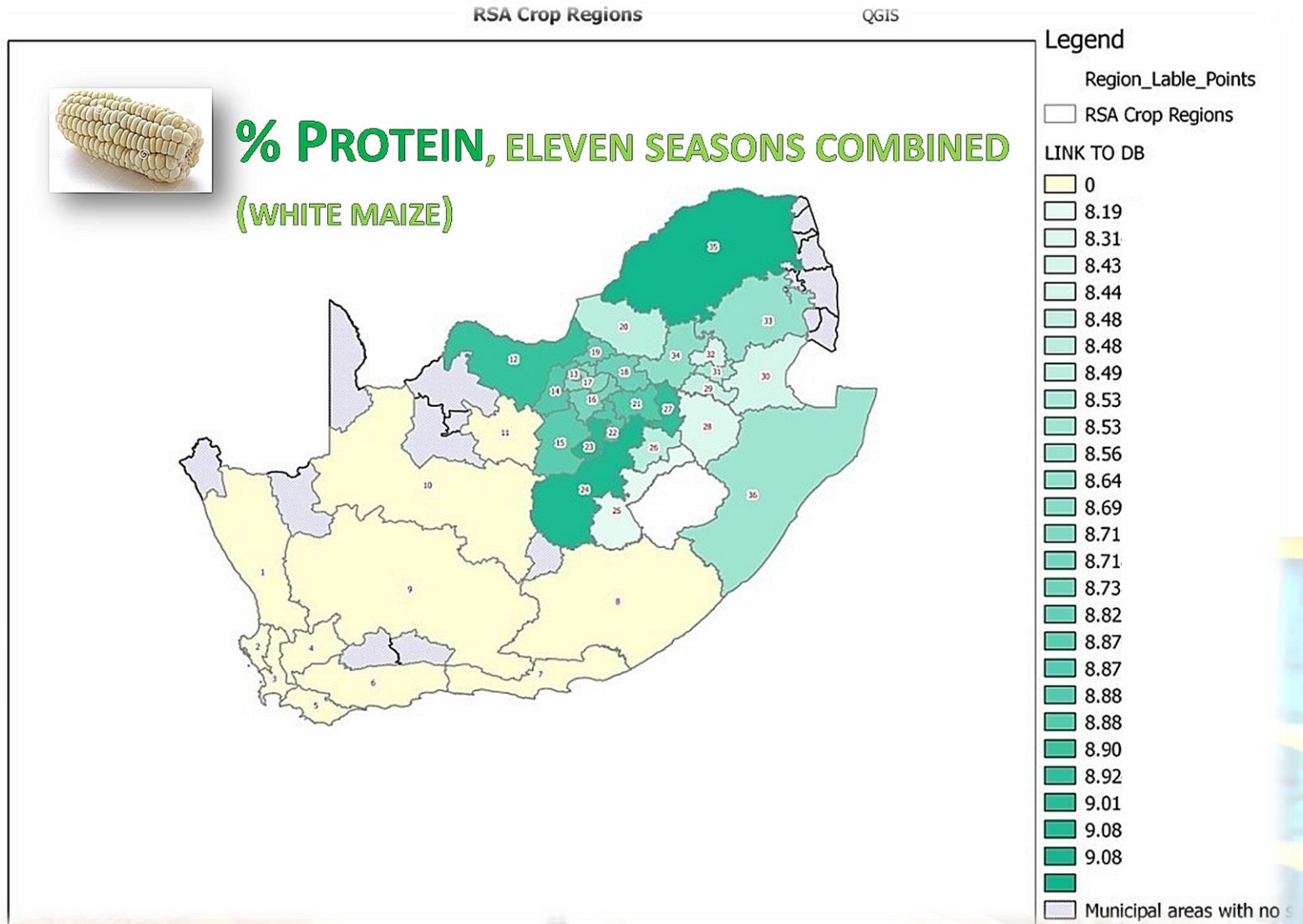


# MILLING INDEX AS A PREDICTOR FOR MILLING PERFORMANCE



# DATA MINING OF ELEVEN YEARS' MILLING INDEX AND CROP SURVEY RESULTS

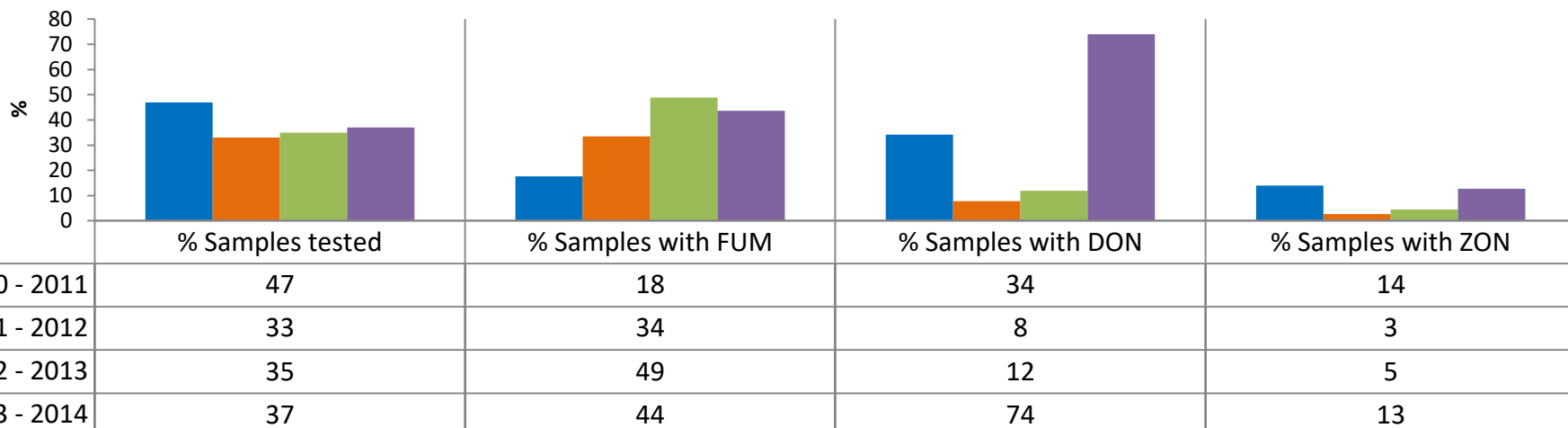
## EXAMPLE OF % PROTEIN IN WHITE MAIZE OVER ELEVEN SEASONS



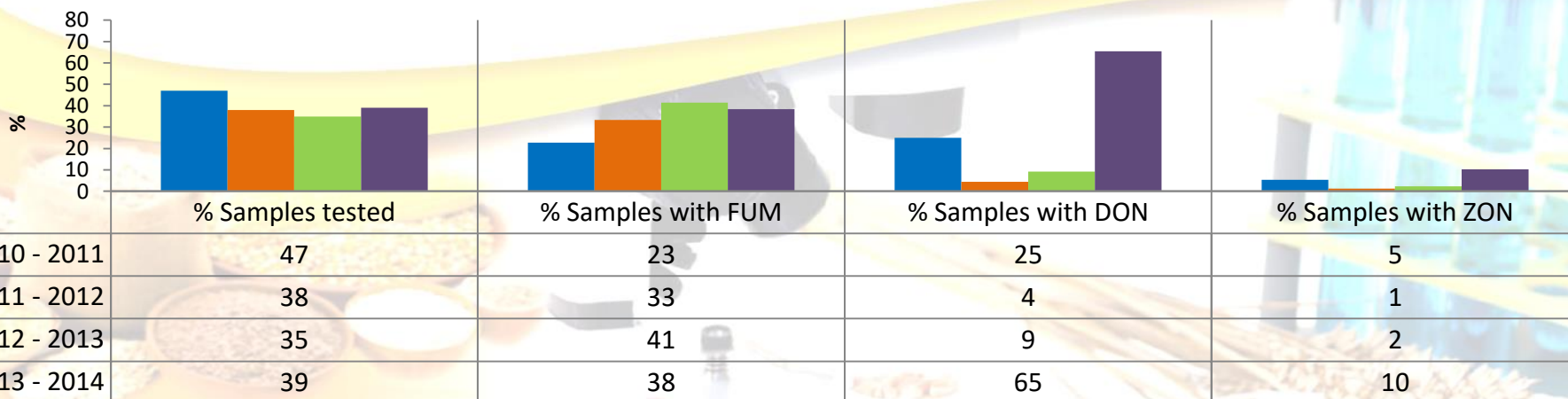
# MYCOTOXIN MONITORING IN MAIZE – LOCALLY PRODUCED AND IMPORTED



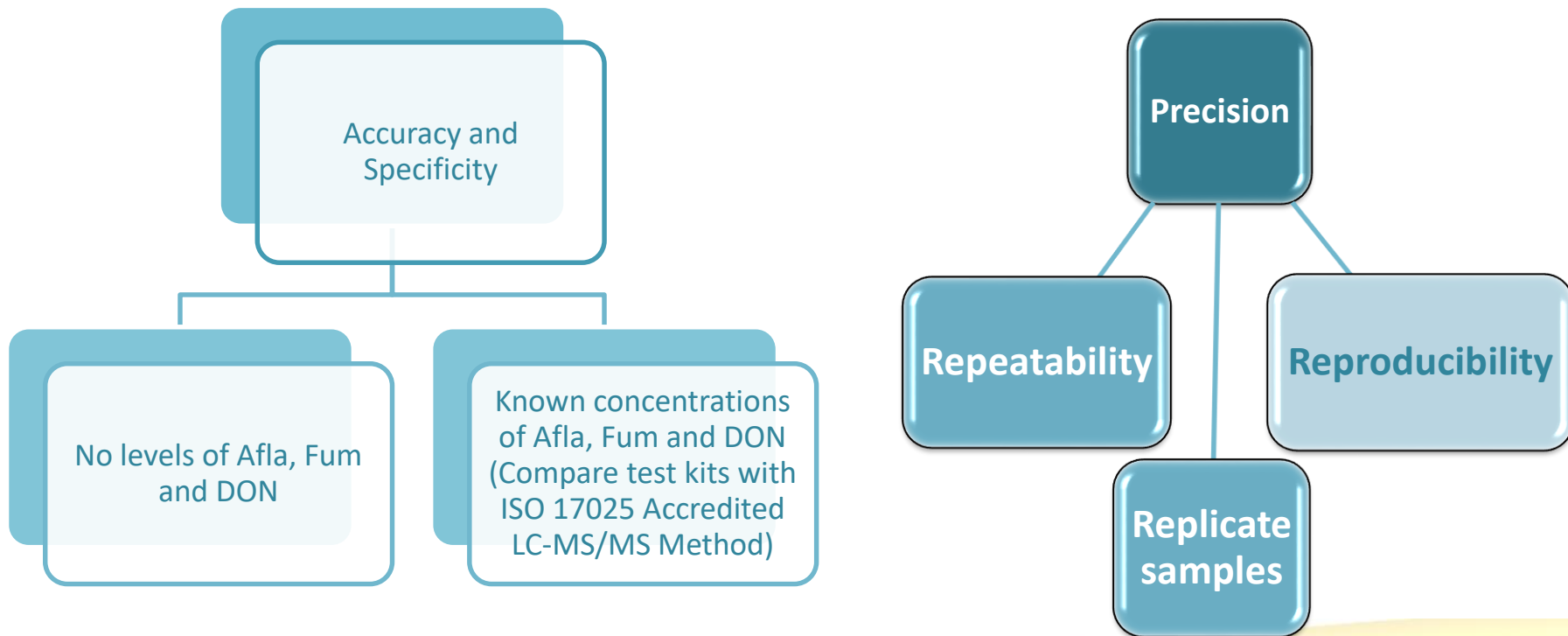
## % White maize samples with mycotoxins over 4 seasons



## % Yellow maize samples with mycotoxins over 4 seasons



# MYCOTOXIN MONITORING IN MAIZE – EVALUATION OF SCREENING KITS FOR NON-LABORATORY ENVIRONMENTS



MYCOTOXIN	CONCENTRATION RANGE	MAXIMUM RSD (%) (GIPSA ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA 1,2,3)
Total Aflatoxin	5 – 100 µg/kg	25 -16
Total Fumonisin	500 – 5000 µg/kg	18 – 13
Deoxynivalenol	500 – 5000 µg/kg	20 -10

# FORTIFICATION OF CEREAL GRAINS

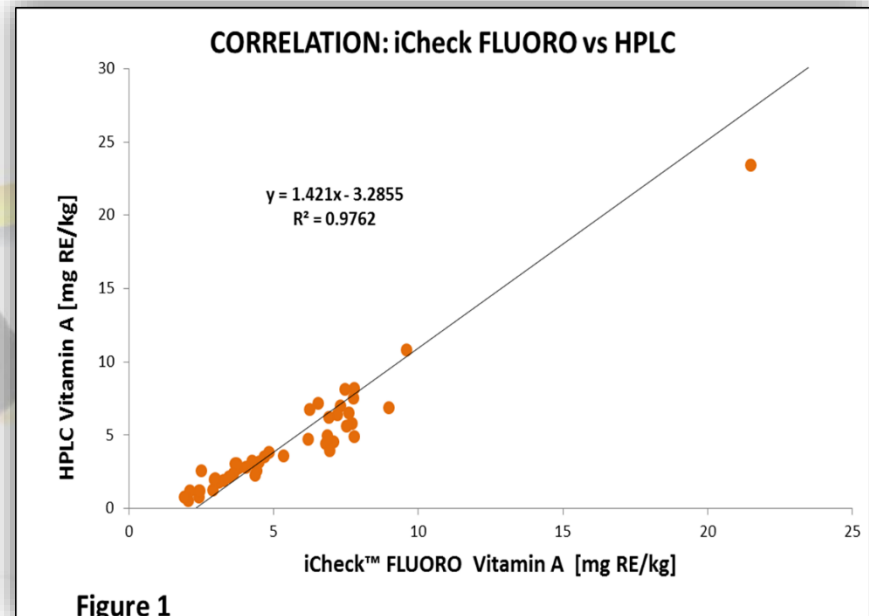
- ✓ Micronutrient fortification of certain food matrices regulated in several countries – Vitamins and Minerals
- ✓ Quality control of micronutrient concentrations in the final product is important
- ✓ Monitoring on maize meal and wheat flour fortification compliance in South Africa
- ✓ Monitoring of wheat flour and vegetable oil – fortification compliance in Nigeria (GAIN funding)





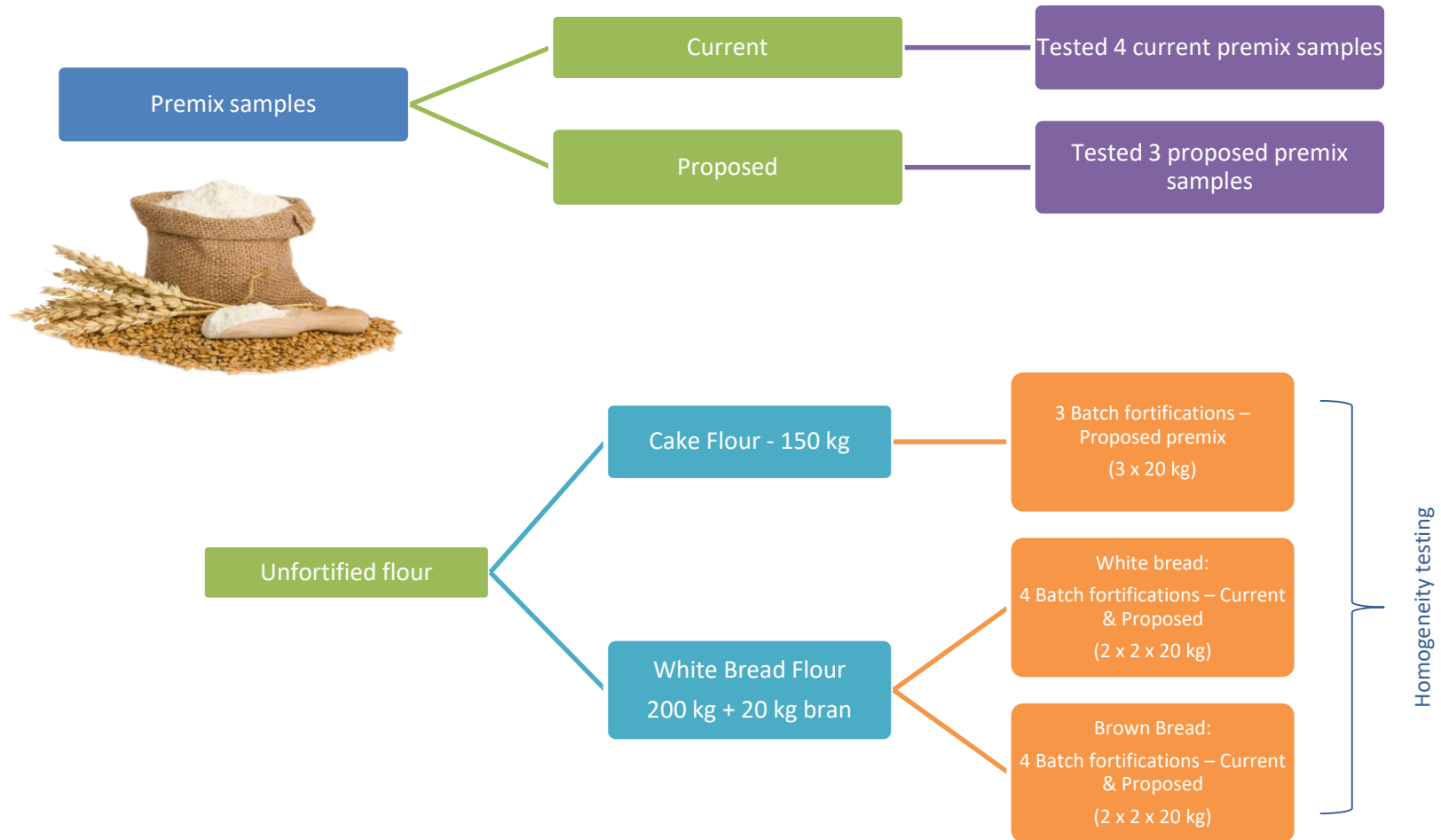
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- ✓ Vitamin A in flour as marker for fortification is analysed HPLC - dedicated laboratories, trained analysts at a relatively high cost
- ✓ Validation of I-Check equipment against HPLC as alternative for compliance monitoring
- ✓ **Conclusion** - The iCheck™ FLUORO method is well suited for quality control of fortified flour samples because of its simplicity, speed and accuracy



# FORTIFICATION OF CEREAL GRAINS - CHANGING REGULATIONS

## Wheat - testing



# FORTIFICATION OF CEREAL GRAINS - CHANGING REGULATIONS

## Wheat - Sensory Evaluation

Fortified cake flour and Bread loaves – Dept. of Food Science, University of Pretoria (UP):  
Sensory Evaluation

2 x 6 cake flour bread loaves

2 x 6 white bread flour loaves

2 x 6 brown bread flour loaves

Deliver 20 kg unfortified cake flour and 20 kg fortified cake flour to UP for non-bread applications

Dept. of Food Science, University of Pretoria - prepare non-bread products

Sensory Evaluation



Shelf life and Sensory Evaluation – Dept. of Food & Bio Technology, Tshwane University of Technology

Deliver 20 kg unfortified & 20 kg fortified cake flour

Deliver 2 x 20 kg fortified white bread flour

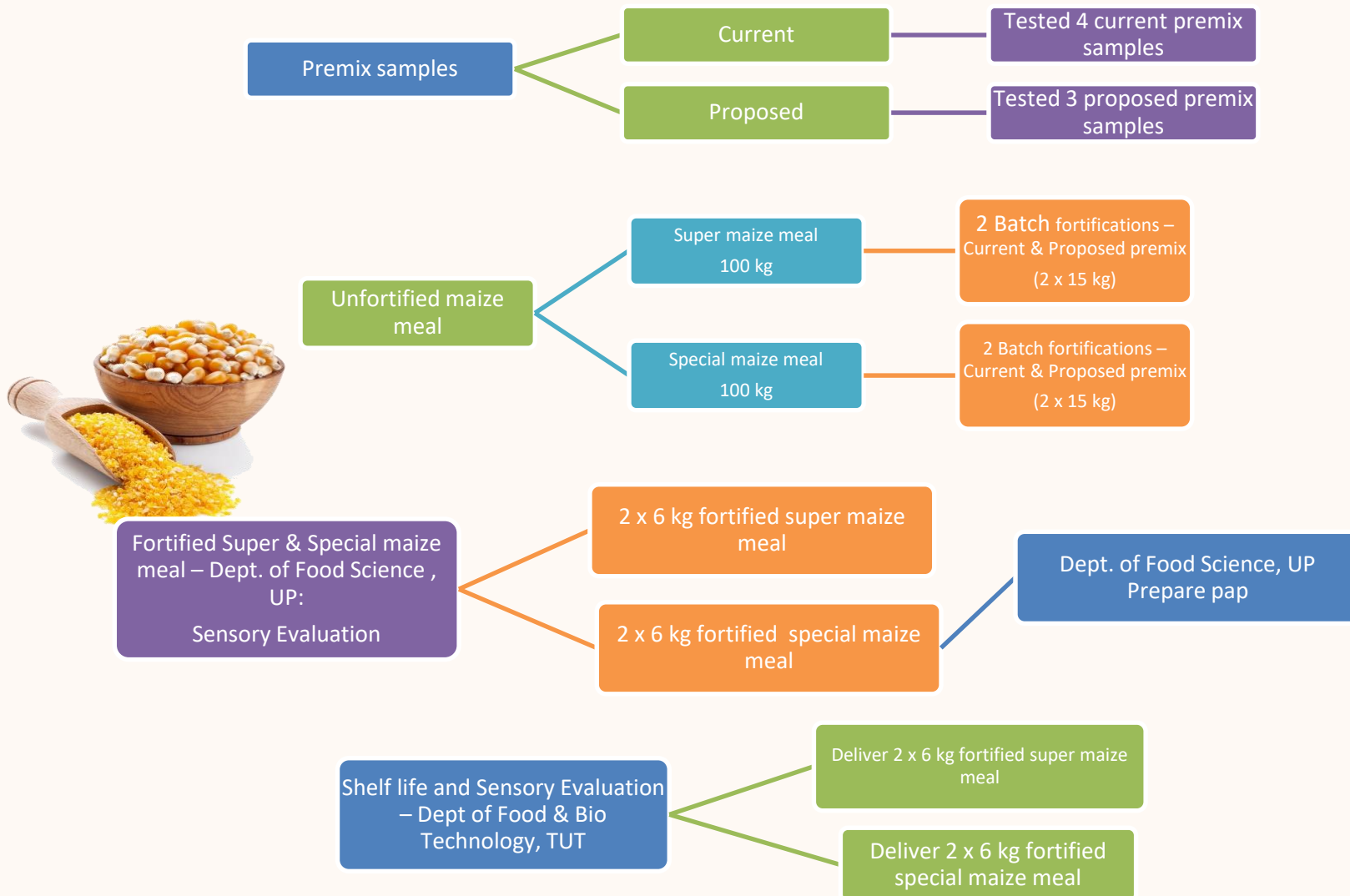
2 x 6 cake flour, white bread flour and brown bread flour loaves baked after 5 weeks shelf testing

2 x 6 cake flour, white bread flour and brown bread flour loaves baked after 10 weeks shelf testing

Sensory Evaluation

# FORTIFICATION OF CEREAL GRAINS - CHANGING REGULATIONS

## Maize Meal



Homogeneity testing

Sensory evaluation

Sensory evaluation

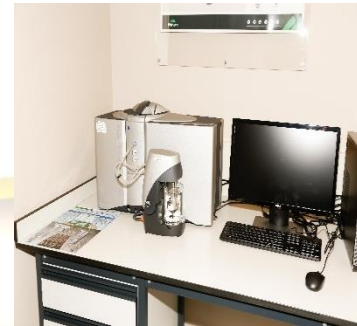
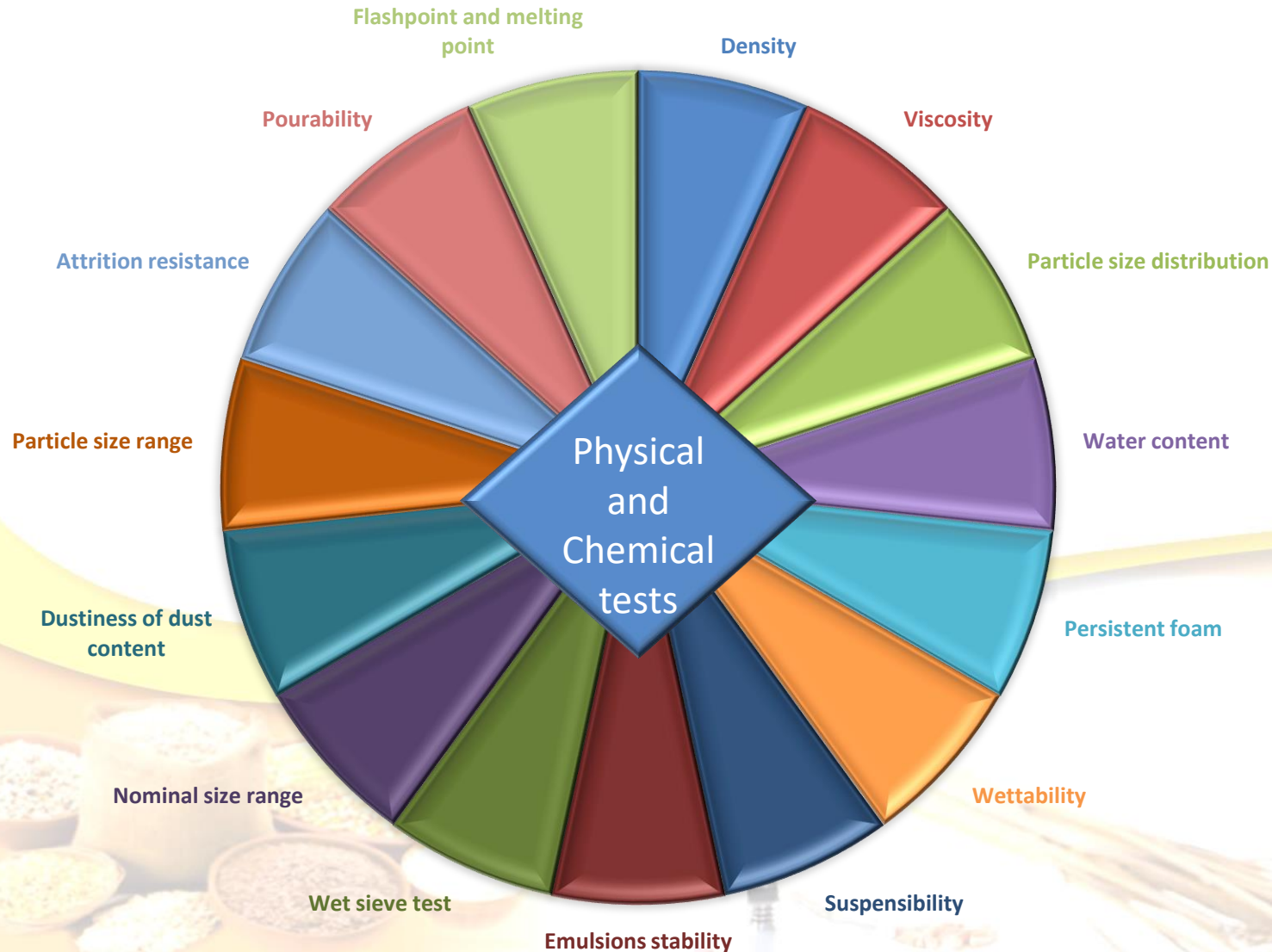
- ✓ Registration of pesticide formulations
- ✓ Data submitted to the Regulatory Authority (Act 36)
- ✓ Changes in requirements – test work to be performed under OECD GLP Principles and ISO 17025 Accreditation
- ✓ Shelf life testing

## 5-BATCH TESTING

- ✓ Concentration of active ingredient using HPLC, GC-FID
- ✓ Impurities – GC-MS



# CROP PROTECTION DIVISION



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

