

# Crop Quality Survey

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Since 1991, CII Laboratory Services has provided a full range of analytical services for the grain, milling, and baking industry.

"We're known as a one-stop shop for quality testing," says Gretchen Stewart, vice president of sales and marketing for CII.

While it provides more than 100 different tests and analyses, CII is perhaps best known for its Crop Quality Survey, which the company says is the only one of its kind in the United States.

The annual survey has been part of CII's services since 1995. It involves having wheat samples from 18 states shipped to the CII lab as harvest is progressing throughout the country. The samples are analyzed, and the data and harvest information is published on the company's web

site, which is accessible to subscribers.

Three different wheat classes – Hard Red Winter, Soft Red Winter, and Hard Red Spring – are analyzed during the survey.

"Samples are segregated by protein and falling number value, milled to match commercial mill setup, and then flour testing and baking is performed to evaluate flour quality for the new crop year," Stewart says.

Even during the harvest season, the ISO-certified laboratory turns out daily routine work supporting the analytical needs of the industry. Most routine analyses are available to customers within 24 hours, she says.

#### Tests and Analyses Offered

- Proximate analyses (moisture, ash, protein, etc).
- Physical dough testing.

## Service Review



*CII Laboratory Services' Crop Quality Survey is utilized by U.S. Wheat Associates to market the U.S. wheat crop around the world.*

- Bake testing and product evaluation.
- Grain and flour analyses.
- GMO testing
- Pesticide residues.
- Microbiology.

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