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Foreword

One of the main activities listed in ASPAC's original *Membership Information and Objectives Brochure* in 1990 was to "conduct regular National Quality Assurance Programs to enhance standards of the analysis and assist standardisation of soil and plant analytical methods across laboratories". For the next dozen years, soil and plant inter-laboratory quality assurance programs of ASPAC operated at around 12 to 18 month intervals with only minor changes. Members of ASPAC's Laboratory Proficiency Committee overviewed these programs and discussed them nationally and internationally.

This annual report is the second in the upgraded inter-laboratory proficiency program (ILPP) for plant chemical tests, the first being the 2004-2005 report. It covers three "rounds" each of four specially prepared samples sent to 30 participants in November 2005, in February 2006 and in April 2006. There is a companion 2005/06 annual report covering soil chemical tests.

ASPAC's Laboratory Proficiency Committee, the membership of which is listed on page iv, oversaw the program. The ASPAC Executive is grateful to all of those who contributed to the report, inclusive of staff of Proficiency Services Limited, New Zealand, our service provider.

The ASPAC Executive also appreciates the effort and commitment made by participating laboratories. We recognise that laboratories share responsibility for measurement quality.

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ASPAC Chairperson 2006-2008

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Your Notes

1. Introduction

The Australasian Soil and Plant Analysis Council Inc (ASPAC) commenced its not-for-profit ILPPs and issued its first soil program report in 1993. Its ILPPs specifically target soil and plant chemical laboratories in the Australasian region, although there are no restrictions on who can participate. A service provider operates the programs for ASPAC under contract.

ILPPs support ASPAC's overall goals to:

- promote excellence in all aspects of soil and plant analysis
- encourage and promote the adoption of preferred methods and protocols used in soil and plant analysis within Australasia.

More details on ASPAC can be obtained from its public web site at www.aspac-australasia.com. The site includes ASPAC's Strategic Plan and the names of its elected and appointed office holders.

Published ASPAC plant ILPP reports are dated 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2004-05. All to and including 2002 were conducted and reported through an Australian provider as discrete entities, based on six homogeneous samples of dried and ground plant materials and subsequent laboratory analysis for a comprehensive range of plant chemical tests, mostly for total elements.

This is the second annual report from ASPAC's new, upgraded plant ILPP that commenced in 2004 and now operates out of New Zealand through PSL. The program is a composite of three "rounds", each of four homogeneous samples of dried and ground plant materials. Laboratory participants (Appendix 1) receive individual electronic progress reports of their results (relative to other participating laboratories) for each of these "rounds". They also receive from the service provider a consolidated, individual annual summary report on their measurement performance relative to others.

This annual program report consolidates (for ASPAC members and the public record) the three "rounds" that occurred in November 2005, in February 2006 and in April 2006. It also records program methodology, summary statistics, and a listing of "raw" data by test and laboratory for the three "rounds". In addition, the report includes an outline of how ASPAC periodically confers performance-based, method-specific certification to laboratories that regularly participate. To respect confidentiality, the cross-reference between laboratory name and laboratory identification number is not included. However, ASPAC's public web site now lists the laboratories certified as proficient for specific tests for the most recently completed program year. ASPAC's plan is to update information on certified tests and certifications for participating laboratories soon after completion of each annual program for both plants and soils.

2. Program Details

2.1 Responsibilities

PSL was contracted by ASPAC as the plant ILPP provider for 2005-06. Accordingly, PSL had responsibility on a "round-by round" basis for sourcing and preparing samples and for the timely supply of samples to participating laboratories. They also undertook data collation and statistical analysis and "round-by-round" reporting for ASPAC and assembled the summary and "raw" data provided in Section 3 and Appendix 4, respectively. PSL is a proficiency service provider accredited to *ISO Guide 43-1 Part 1: "Development and operation of proficiency testing schemes"*.

ASPAC's Laboratory Proficiency Committee (LPC; see Page iv) had responsibility to implement and resolve matters of policy and to provide guidance on technical matters specific to soil and plant chemical testing both to PSL and to laboratory participants. The LPC also undertook statistical checks and audits for quality control purposes, participated in a Technical Advisory Group operated by PSL, and contributed to training workshops. ASPAC, through members of its LPC or via its state representatives, may contact managers of laboratories with poor analytical performance to ensure a measurement improvement program is commenced. Laboratories are encouraged to seek help from ASPAC if they are shown to be operating at levels of measurement performance below their peers.

Participants receive a unique, confidential laboratory number, subsequently used to identify the origin of each result presented in program reports and lists of results. Typically, this identification number carries forward from one annual program to the next.

2.2 Plant program participation

Thirty laboratories arranged to participate in the ASPAC plant ILPP in 2005-06, but the numbers that reported results varied by "round" and plant test (see Table 1). The most commonly reported tests with an average of 29 laboratories across the three "rounds" were sodium (Na), phosphorus (P), calcium (Ca) and magnesium (Mg). The least frequently reported tests were silicon (Si), selenium (Se), lead (Pb) and cadmium (Cd), with averages of 7, 9, 10 and 11 laboratories, respectively. The counts for each test and sample are given in Table 1 and in Section 3.

Contact details for laboratories that submitted results for any test in one or more of the three rounds are provided in Appendix 1.

2.3 Tests and methods

Three proficiency "rounds" for plant materials – each comprising four samples – were offered for the 2005-06 program. Participants were invited to analyse each sample using methods normally employed in their laboratory. The number of tests was limited to 21 as in 2004-05, and as listed in Table 1, noting that participants were not obliged or required to submit results for all tests. In order to permit a meaningful statistical analysis, a minimum of six participating laboratories was required for any one test.

Table 1. Plant tests (total elements), elemental symbols, units and the arithmetic average number of results per round submitted by participating laboratories in the ASPAC 2005-06 plant ILPP

2005-06 Plant tests	Symbol	Units	Number of participants		
			Nov 05	Feb 06	Apr 06
Aluminum	Al	mg/kg	19	18	19
Boron	B	mg/kg	28	26	24
Cadmium	Cd	mg/kg	12	11	11
Calcium	Ca	%	29	29	29
Carbon	C	%	13	15	15
Chloride	Cl	% ^A	20	21	19
Cobalt	Co	mg/kg	14	13	14

2005-06 Plant tests	Symbol	Units	Number of participants		
			Nov 05	Feb 06	Apr 06
Copper	Cu	mg/kg	29	28	28
Iron	Fe	mg/kg	28	26	27
Lead	Pb	mg/kg	10	10	11
Magnesium	Mg	%	29	29	29
Manganese	Mn	mg/kg	29	28	28
Molybdenum	Mo	mg/kg	15	14	15
Nitrogen	N	%	28	27	28
Phosphorus	P	%	29	29	29
Potassium	K	%	29	29	28
Selenium	Se	mg/kg	11	8	10
Silicon	Si	%	6	7	7
Sodium	Na	%	30	29	29
Sulfur	S	%	27	26	25
Zinc	Zn	mg/kg	29	28	28

^A Units of mg/kg are preferred for concentrations < 0.01%

All of the listed tests were understood to be total concentrations in dry plant material, reported on a 65°C oven dry basis. Details of the analytical methods used by each laboratory were known to include Kjeldahl digestion, other forms of acid digestion, XRF, and near-infrared spectroscopy, with measurement by continuous flow, ICP-AES, ICP-MS, atomic absorption and the like. It follows that some results reported as “totals”, such as Si, may only reflect acid digestible concentrations.

2.4 Sample preparation and identification

ASP 113, ASP 21, ASP 23, ASP 42 and ASP 43 were prepared by the North American Proficiency Testing Program, while samples ASP 111, ASP 112, ASP 114, ASP 22, ASP 24, ASP 41, and ASP 44 were prepared by Victoria’s DPI-Werribee. All material was re-mixed and sub-sampled into 20 g portions at PSL.

Before distribution to participants, potential samples were assessed for homogeneity. Specifically, 10 containers of each sample were selected at random from the sub-sampled batch according to the principles described by Thompson and Wood (1993)¹. These sub-samples were then tested in duplicate for plant total N, using Dumas combustion. The tests were conducted in an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory.

Results from the homogeneity testing were subsequently statistically assessed according to ISO REMCO Protocol N231 “*Harmonised Proficiency Testing Protocol*” of January 1992. Variations between samples were such that all sample batches were considered to meet homogeneity criteria suited to proficiency testing, except in one case. Sample ASP43 was distributed to laboratories but was withdrawn from detailed statistical analysis for certification purposes. Examples of the homogeneity data and statistical assessments are summarised in Appendix 2.

¹ Thompson, M and Wood, R. (1993). International harmonized protocol for proficiency testing of (chemical) analytical laboratories. *Journal of AOAC International* 76 (4), 926 – 940.

In addition to testing for homogeneity, the plant samples were irradiated or otherwise rendered biologically benign to comply with international and/or national biosecurity regulations or requirements².

Ultimately, the samples used in the three “rounds” of the 2005-06 program were distributed and coded as follows: round 105 of November 2005 – ASP 111-114; round 205 of February 2006 – ASP 21-24; and round 505 of April 2006 – ASP 41-44. The association between sample code and sample type is provided in Table 2.

Table 2. Sample identification numbers and sample types included in the ASPAC 2005-06 plant ILPP

<i>Sample ID</i>	<i>Sample type</i>
ASP 111	Whole Oats
ASP 112	General Mix
ASP 113	Citrus
ASP 114	Peanut Forage
ASP 21	Corn
ASP 22	Mixed Pasture
ASP 23	Grape Petiole
ASP 24	Pine Branches
ASP 41	Wheat
ASP 42	Hay
ASP 43 *	Cotton Petioles
ASP 44**	Tea

* Assessments for ASP 43 were withdrawn because the sample was not considered sufficiently homogenous according to ISO REMCO Protocol N231 "Harmonised Proficiency Testing Protocol" of January 1992.

** This sample was included in the 2004-05 annual ILPP

2.5 Data analysis and periodic reporting

Laboratory results, after submission to PSL, were entered into a database and independently checked for data transfer accuracy prior to data processing. The non-parametric assessment of laboratory performance for each sample and method was performed by an iterative statistical procedure similar to that used in WEPAL inter-laboratory proficiency programs of Wageningen University. This procedure^{3,4} is suited to datasets of as few as six to eight laboratories, although larger laboratory populations are best. An outline of the “median / MAD” statistical procedure is provided in Appendix 3, with terms described in Table 3.

² Rayment, G.E (2006). Australian efforts to prevent the accidental movement of pests and diseases in soil and plant samples. *Commun. Soil Sci. Plant Anal.*, 37, 2107-2117.

³ Rayment, G.E., Miller, R.O. and Sulaeman, E. (2000). Proficiency testing and other interactive measures to enhance analytical quality in soil and plant laboratories. *Commun. Soil Sci. Plant Anal.* 31, 1513-1530.

⁴ Whitehouse, M.W. (1987). Medians and MADs - Statistical methodology used at Wageningen, The Netherlands, for interlaboratory comparisons in the plant exchange program. Ag. Chem. Br. Report, ACU87/36. 10 pp. (Qld Dept. Primary Ind., Brisbane.)

Table 3. Statistical terms and their meanings in the context of this ASPAC annual report

<i>Statistical term</i>	<i>Meaning and/or derivation</i>
Count or number	Original population size.
Maximum i	The highest of a range of values, based on the initial data set.
Minimum i	The lowest of a range of values, based on the initial data set.
Median	The median is the score at the 50 th percentile. It is the middle observation of a sequentially sorted array of numbers, except in the case of an even sample size. Here it is the arithmetic mean of the two observations in the middle of the sorted array of observations. The median of a reasonably sized array of numbers is insensitive to extreme scores.
Mean ^A	The arithmetic mean (or average) is the sum of the values of a variable divided by their number. It represents the point in a distribution of measurements about which the summed deviations equals zero. The arithmetic mean is sensitive to extreme measurements.
MAD	The <u>M</u> edian of the <u>A</u> bsolute <u>D</u> eviations, calculated as the median of the absolute values of the observations minus their median.
Interquartile range (IQR)	This is calculated by subtracting the score at the 25 th percentile (referred to as the first quartile; Q_1) from the score at the 75 th percentile (the third quartile; Q_3). This value is affected by the assumptions made in the calculation of the first and third quartiles, particularly for low population sizes. Moreover, these differences exist within and across statistical software packages. Prior to the 2004-05 rounds, ASPAC used the algorithm employed by EXCEL and some others. From the 2004-05 program, the algorithm employed has been that of SAS Method 4 ⁵ . In summary, $IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$.
Normalized IQR	This equates to $IQR \times 0.7413$, where the latter is a normalizing factor.
Robust % CV ⁶	The robust coefficient of variation (Robust % CV) = $(100 \times \text{normalised IQR} / \text{median})$. For simplicity, the Robust %CV shown is for the initial results, and for “final” population of results for a test after the removal of “outliers” and perhaps “stragglers”, usually following one or two iterations. Note that for Interim Reports, this term is estimated as $= (100 \times \text{MAD} \times 1.483) / \text{Median}$, separately for “i” and “f” datasets.
Letter “i” and the letter “f” associated with medians, means, MADs, IQR and Robust %CVs in data summaries.	The letter “i” relates to the initial data set. The letter “f” relates to the “final” data set, generated after one or two iterations typically after removal of laboratories with statistical “outliers” (if any), and statistical “stragglers” (if any).

^A When the mean is greater than the median, the distribution is positively skewed. When the mean is lower than the median, the distribution is negatively skewed.

⁵ SAS Procedure Guide

⁶ “Guide to NATA Proficiency Testing”. 27 pp. (National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia, December 1997).

In addition to medians and MADs, other statistical parameters (also described in Table 3) were calculated before and following the omission of non-conforming results. The “raw” data submitted by participating laboratories on a test-by-test basis are documented in Appendix 4.

Results submitted by each laboratory were expected to have three significant figures, unless protocol or common sense dictated otherwise. For example, the program accepted data where it was common to report measured concentrations to the nearest second decimal point, such as 0.01 mg/kg or 0.01 %, rather than to three significant figures. However, the program (like others nationally and internationally) did not accept as a numeric value, a result reported as less than (<) or greater than (>) a specified number. In cases where the expected value was below the laboratory’s lower limit of reporting, the expectation was that the laboratory would report a value half way between that value and zero. For high values, dilution was the expected option. In practice, this did not always occur in 2005-06, witnessed by the inclusion of a few zero values in the “raw” data compilations in Appendix 4.

Interim reports for each “round”, summarizing measurement performance relative to the performance of all laboratories that undertook the same test/s, were routinely and quickly emailed to participants. The main purpose of these Interim Reports was to provide timely feedback and to enable laboratories to take prompt remedial action where appropriate. Interim reports also provided an opportunity to correct for any data-transfer and data-processing misinterpretations. In addition, a Newsletter from the service provider went to all participating laboratories. Its main purpose was to assist in the interpretation of interim reports. Also included in the Newsletter was information about upcoming events and operational administration of the program.

Laboratories that participated in the 2005-06 plant ILPP all received from PSL (on behalf of ASPAC) a laboratory specific, confidential, Annual Summary Report. Each laboratory’s data for the 12 plant samples (including ASP 43), the aggregate data from all participants, other relevant statistical data, and whether or not the test/s received ASPAC Certification (if applicable), were provided. The laboratory code number was included.

2.6 ASPAC upgraded criteria for certification of laboratories for plant tests

Subject to satisfactory measurement performance typically for 12 samples across three sequential “rounds”, across a twelve-month period, ASPAC awards participating laboratories with a printed, signed and dated *Certificate of Proficiency*. The *Certificate of Proficiency* identifies performance for each test that met criteria set by ASPAC. Certification applies when a laboratory incurs no more than four demerit points for the 12 samples, or in this case, all samples except ASP 43.

Demerit points (if any) were allocated through the identification of “outliers” and “stragglers” by the “median / MAD” statistical procedure mentioned earlier in this report. Appendix 3 provides details on how outliers and stragglers were identified. Two demerit points were allocated to each statistical “outlier”, while a statistical “straggler” was allocated one demerit point. As no sample result could be both an “outlier” and a “straggler”, a maximum of two demerit points is all that could accrue per sample for a specific test.

For any single “round” of four samples, three (3) was set as the maximum number of demerit points for a specific test. This was done so that unsatisfactory measurement for a test in one “round” did not in itself result in failure to be certified for that test across the three “rounds” in the designated 12-month period.

If a “round” was missed, the maximum number of three demerit points for every test in that “round” was allocated, unless very special circumstances applied and was known or advised expeditiously to ASPAC’s LPC through its

Convenor. When the explanation was accepted, performance from the three most recently completed “rounds” was used to assess eligibility for certification.

When less than six laboratories submitted results for a particular test and/or sample, proficiency assessments could not be made statistically with an acceptable level of confidence and hence certification for the specific tests could not be granted.

Importantly, ASPAC's *Certificates of Proficiency* are only issued on completion of each annual program of three “rounds”. Moreover, the certifications obtained in the 2005-06 Plants' Program remain valid until completion of the corresponding 2006-07 Program. Nowadays, ASPAC provides details of certified laboratories by test on its public web site.

3. Summary Statistics

This section (continued overleaf) provides summary information and data on a test-by-test basis (alphabetical) for each of the 12 samples used across three “rounds” in 2005-06. The tabulations include values relevant to the iterative “median / MAD” procedure plus other robust statistics. The only test unable to be fully assessed because of low numbers was total Si. For the meaning or derivation of the terms used in the tabulated summaries, see Table 3 and in Appendix 3. All data are expressed on a dry weight basis.

2005-06: Total Aluminum (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	19	19	19	19	18	18	18	18	19	19	19	18
Minimum i	4.82	217	63	272	180	139	56.2	64.8	17.1	44.5	26.5	909
Maximum i	44.8	662	264	1327	464	219	144	193	77.4	117	56.4	1300
Median i	12.5	510	175	953	317	180	74.7	137	22	75	38	1068
Mean i	17.2	509	179	952	314	180	81.8	137	28.5	79.6	37.8	1080
MAD i	3.6	30	21	107	30	12.5	12.7	10	4	10.7	3.3	44
IQR i	7.41	45.2	32.6	131	57.6	21.1	16.9	16.1	7.56	19.8	7.26	67.8
Robust CV% i	59	8.9	19	14	18	12	23	12	34	26	19	6.4
Median f	11.9	507	175	990	317	180	73.6	137.5	21.6	75	38	1066
Mean f	12.8	509	181	997	313	180	78.1	138	22.3	79.6	36.7	1070
MAD f	2.9	27	21	68.5	28	12.5	13.4	9.5	3.5	10.7	3.15	38
IQR f	4.83	39.3	30	98	52.1	21.1	16.3	14.3	6.3	19.8	6.78	63.4
Robust CV% f	41	7.7	17	9.9	16	12	22	10	29	26	18	5.9
Outliers	3	3	2	1	2	0	1	2	3	0	1	1
Stragglers	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Boron (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	28	28	28	28	26	26	26	26	24	24	24	24
Minimum i	0.85	26.2	37.1	15.1	12.9	4.53	7.29	3.1	0.001	10.6	5.1	3.27
Maximum i	19.1	73.3	113	42.7	43.5	30.8	194	72.2	21.1	25.3	31.4	32.4
Median i	2.56	62.4	94.0	23.8	21.2	9.30	41	7.02	3.44	19.0	7.09	18.6
Mean i	4.33	60.9	91.5	24.1	22.7	11.1	46.6	12.9	5.39	19.1	9.17	19.4
MAD i	0.98	4.2	6.55	1.95	1.2	1.02	2.55	1.14	0.88	1.3	1.09	1.8
IQR i	2.17	6.36	8.38	2.91	2.31	1.72	3.8	4.8	2.26	2.34	1.55	3.15
Robust CV% i	85	10	8.9	12	11	19	9.3	68	66	12	22	17
Median f	2.34	62.9	95.6	23.7	20.9	9.20	41	6.7	3.2	19.0	6.96	18.5
Mean f	2.39	63.2	97.3	23.4	20.7	9.2	40.2	6.71	3.11	19.2	6.9	19
MAD f	0.73	3.8	4.4	1.9	0.9	0.82	2	0.74	0.58	1.2	0.86	1.5
IQR f	1.09	5.95	6.17	2.41	1.33	1.23	3.43	1.13	0.81	2.11	1.37	2.89
Robust CV% f	47	9.5	6.5	10	6.4	13	8.4	17	25	11	20	16
Outliers	6	2	2	3	6	5	4	7	5	2	4	3
Stragglers	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Cadmium (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	11	12	12	12	11	10	11	11	11	11	11	11
Minimum i	0.002	0.139	0.006	0.014	0.298	0.007	0.068	0.055	0.018	0.023	0.024	0.008
Maximum i	0.038	0.253	0.117	0.119	284	17.1	191	64.8	0.134	0.276	0.333	0.027
Median i	0.008	0.155	0.025	0.034	0.365	0.022	0.275	0.073	0.095	0.193	0.086	0.010
Mean i	0.014	0.166	0.038	0.045	26.1	1.760	17.6	5.99	0.083	0.169	0.102	0.015
MAD i	0.004	0.005	0.0092	0.004	0.057	0.0126	0.042	0.012	0.0158	0.042	0.016	0.0018
IQR i	0.0148	0.013	0.0297	0.0096	0.105	0.114	0.0697	0.0719	0.04	0.0667	0.0245	0.0107
Robust CV% i	190	8.4	120	29	29	530	25	99	42	35	28	110
Median f	0.006	0.154	0.021	0.033	0.363	0.011	0.275	0.064	0.097	0.193	0.085	0.010
Mean f	0.007	0.154	0.020	0.032	0.383	0.011	0.286	0.068	0.097	0.169	0.079	0.010
MAD f	0.002	0.0045	0.0045	0.0015	0.046	0.002	0.028	0.007	0.007	0.042	0.0135	0.0002
IQR f	0.0039	0.0072	0.0081	0.0028	0.0851	0.0038	0.0597	0.0082	0.0203	0.0667	0.0267	0.0009
Robust CV% f	71	4.7	39	8.6	23	34	22	13	21	35	31	8.9
Outliers	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	0	1	3
Stragglers	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1

2005-06: Total Calcium (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Minimum i	0.063	1.9	3.82	0.665	1.2	0.015	0.268	0.231	0.067	1.21	0.108	0.232
Maximum i	0.149	10.4	9.63	1.475	94.6	9.72	152	29.4	0.17	1.5	0.27	0.52
Median i	0.075	6.69	4.65	0.816	1.36	0.12	1.83	0.32	0.155	1.37	0.23	0.4
Mean i	0.079	6.72	4.85	0.855	4.57	0.444	6.98	1.37	0.151	1.38	0.227	0.399
MAD i	0.005	0.4	0.21	0.029	0.04	0.008	0.08	0.013	0.005	0.05	0.015	0.017
IQR i	0.0084	0.741	0.403	0.0478	0.0704	0.013	0.119	0.0385	0.0089	0.0715	0.0196	0.0241
Robust CV% i	11	11	8.7	5.9	5.2	11	6.5	12	5.7	5.2	8.5	6
Median f	0.075	6.69	4.65	0.8075	1.355	0.12	1.805	0.318	0.155	1.37	0.2305	0.4
Mean f	0.0755	6.78	4.65	0.812	1.35	0.119	1.81	0.318	0.154	1.38	0.231	0.401
MAD f	0.005	0.36	0.16	0.0245	0.04	0.0075	0.06	0.009	0.005	0.05	0.0135	0.015
IQR f	0.0074	0.615	0.233	0.0374	0.063	0.0111	0.0982	0.0137	0.008	0.0715	0.0191	0.02
Robust CV% f	9.9	9.2	5	4.6	4.7	9.3	5.4	4.3	5.1	5.2	8.3	5
Outliers	2	4	2	5	3	3	4	6	1	0	1	2
Stragglers	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Carbon (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	13	13	13	13	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Minimum i	41.9	32.6	40.6	41	39	39.9	37.7	37.8	42	42.2	41.8	33
Maximum i	51.5	39.4	45.4	48.8	86.8	93.4	91.3	98.8	97.5	92.5	95.9	95.2
Median i	45.4	35.4	43.4	43.8	41.2	43.2	40.5	49.8	45	44.7	44.6	48.2
Mean i	45.5	35.4	43	43.9	44.9	47.3	45.1	52.7	48.6	47.9	48.3	50.2
MAD i	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.5	2	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.15
IQR i	1.56	1.78	1.11	1.98	2.22	2.67	4.6	2.59	1.99	2.21	2.51	3.26
Robust CV% i	3.4	5	2.6	4.5	5.4	6.2	11	5.2	4.4	4.9	5.6	6.8
Median f	45.4	35.4	43.5	43.7	41.1	43.1	40.2	49.65	45	44.3	44.5	48.2
Mean f	45.5	35.5	43.4	43.1	41.2	43.2	40.5	49.7	44.6	44.3	44.4	48.1
MAD f	0.3	0.25	0.2	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.25	0.8	0.7	1.48	1.25
IQR f	0.52	0.59	0.48	1.82	1.93	2.45	2.04	1.91	1.72	1.41	1.96	2.37
Robust CV% f	1.1	1.7	1.1	4.2	4.7	5.7	5.1	3.8	3.8	3.2	4.4	4.9
Outliers	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2
Stragglers	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0

2005-06: Total Chloride (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	20	20	20	20	21	21	21	20	19	19	19	19
Minimum i	0.02	0.587	0.05	0.26	0.99	0.19	0.035	0.013	0.052	0.101	0.038	0.044
Maximum i	0.238	2.93	0.225	0.543	1.49	0.371	0.724	0.409	0.505	0.534	0.302	0.795
Median i	0.058	2.33	0.081	0.40	1.20	0.306	0.422	0.028	0.438	0.416	0.26	0.104
Mean i	0.071	2.2	0.110	0.39	1.21	0.304	0.414	0.053	0.418	0.408	0.253	0.169
MAD i	0.004	0.155	0.0145	0.0205	0.06	0.018	0.024	0.0115	0.012	0.024	0.013	0.011
IQR i	0.008	0.254	0.065	0.0374	0.0927	0.0252	0.0378	0.024	0.0178	0.0408	0.0178	0.04
Robust CV% i	13	11	81	9.4	7.7	8.2	9	87	4.1	9.8	6.8	38
Median f	0.057	2.38	0.076	0.40	1.20	0.308	0.422	0.020	0.438	0.418	0.263	0.10
Mean f	0.056	2.33	0.076	0.397	1.20	0.314	0.427	0.026	0.439	0.426	0.265	0.101
MAD f	0.0032	0.16	0.003	0.0175	0.055	0.016	0.017	0.005	0.009	0.0215	0.011	0.005
IQR f	0.0053	0.228	0.0052	0.0278	0.0871	0.0215	0.0263	0.0134	0.015	0.0343	0.0185	0.0082
Robust CV% f	9.3	9.6	6.8	6.9	7.3	7	6.2	67	3.4	8.2	7.1	8.2
Outliers	6	2	5	3	1	2	2	2	4	3	1	5
Stragglers	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1

2005-06: Total Cobalt (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
Minimum i	0	0.034	0.091	0.085	0.1	0.001	0.032	0.037	0.036	0.04	0.001	0.046
Maximum i	0.192	0.988	0.614	0.634	362	194	682	74.3	1.07	2.74	1.3	0.338
Median i	0.041	0.098	0.184	0.235	0.325	0.141	0.353	0.060	0.055	0.297	0.0485	0.11
Mean i	0.050	0.165	0.213	0.242	28.1	15.3	52.7	5.81	0.133	0.443	0.143	0.126
MAD i	0.0174	0.0315	0.04	0.0335	0.024	0.029	0.083	0.006	0.008	0.0335	0.0195	0.023
IQR i	0.0274	0.0466	0.0537	0.0804	0.0363	0.153	0.191	0.0208	0.0185	0.0423	0.0439	0.0423
Robust CV% i	66	48	29	34	11	110	54	35	34	14	91	38
Median f	0.040	0.092	0.178	0.235	0.325	0.128	0.333	0.060	0.052	0.297	0.048	0.11
Mean f	0.039	0.092	0.183	0.222	0.325	0.130	0.304	0.061	0.051	0.286	0.0536	0.11
MAD f	0.016	0.0255	0.045	0.024	0.023	0.013	0.0765	0	0.003	0.022	0.018	0.023
IQR f	0.0245	0.0441	0.0582	0.0641	0.0356	0.0245	0.2	0.0022	0.0063	0.0382	0.0315	0.0357
Robust CV% f	61	48	33	27	11	19	60	3.7	12	13	66	32
Outliers	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	3	3	2	1	1
Stragglers	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Copper (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Minimum i	1.9	0.21	14.4	3.44	19.4	1.51	1.36	0.26	0.001	5.42	1.78	7.5
Maximum i	7.02	5.73	28.5	10.0	41.3	9.56	21.2	14.7	9.79	23.1	9.43	17.4
Median i	4.45	1.34	24.2	5.00	32.4	5.51	17.2	1.62	1.89	9.06	4.835	11.5
Mean i	4.51	1.78	24.0	5.38	32.0	5.48	16.6	2.46	2.23	9.60	4.98	11.5
MAD i	0.34	0.383	2.1	0.43	2.7	0.63	1.14	0.355	0.17	0.68	0.335	0.7
IQR i	0.5	0.656	3.04	0.702	4.11	0.927	2.09	0.587	0.321	1.05	0.63	1.11
Robust CV% i	11	49	13	14	13	17	12	36	17	12	13	9.7
Median f	4.45	1.28	24.3	4.88	32.4	5.51	17.3	1.59	1.87	9.02	4.84	11.7
Mean f	4.52	1.39	24.3	4.86	32.5	5.40	17.4	1.53	1.90	9.04	4.91	11.6
MAD f	0.23	0.3	2.05	0.345	2.6	0.55	0.8	0.32	0.105	0.555	0.28	0.635
IQR f	0.393	0.589	2.89	0.547	4	0.839	1.17	0.469	0.148	0.865	0.454	0.982
Robust CV% f	8.8	46	12	11	12	15	6.8	30	7.9	9.6	9.4	8.4
Outliers	5	4	1	4	1	3	2	3	6	3	3	4
Stragglers	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	0

2005-06: Total Iron (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	28	28	28	28	26	26	26	26	27	27	26	27
Minimum i	23.3	140	113	112	248	60.4	38.6	30	26.4	96.4	50	86.2
Maximum i	75.7	838	322	478	905	290	254	188	98	301	348	210
Median i	45.9	601	192	364	363	99.0	75.2	45.0	41.0	141	89.2	171
Mean i	46.9	591	198	355	380	103	83.6	56.3	45.3	147	105	167
MAD i	6.38	68.8	16.5	42.5	33.7	8.5	5.4	3.75	3.9	13	12.8	10.5
IQR i	9.04	109	32.2	71.7	53.2	15.2	11.5	5.69	6.38	23	22.4	19.3
Robust CV% i	20	18	17	20	15	15	15	13	16	16	25	11
Median f	45.9	622	191	367	353	99.0	74.0	44.4	40.0	140	89.0	171
Mean f	46.7	636	194	370	349	98.5	73.3	44.5	40.8	139	87.6	171
MAD f	5.15	64	12	35.3	36	8	3.2	3.4	2.2	13	11	10
IQR f	8.13	99.7	18.2	66	53.2	11.2	7.09	4.74	4.6	20.8	17.8	14.5
Robust CV% f	18	16	9.5	18	15	11	9.6	11	11	15	20	8.5
Outliers	1	3	3	1	2	3	4	5	4	2	3	1
Stragglers	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1

2005-06: Total Lead (mg Pb/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	10	10	10	10	11	9	10	10	11	12	12	11
Minimum i	0.015	0.027	0	0.14	2.88	0.14	0.158	0.149	0	0.167	0.191	0.009
Maximum i	0.381	0.673	0.601	0.807	3310	619	684	821	0.44	7.6	16	0.855
Median i	0.098	0.210	0.171	0.543	3.44	0.297	0.335	0.222	0.070	2.18	5.17	0.150
Mean i	0.144	0.271	0.206	0.536	304	69.5	68.8	82.4	0.119	2.40	5.75	0.243
MAD i	0.0615	0.057	0.0485	0.133	0.29	0.157	0.09	0.0435	0.07	0.432	1.51	0.092
IQR i	0.112	0.144	0.104	0.232	0.415	1.64	0.348	0.246	0.153	0.519	2.2	0.239
Robust CV% i	110	69	61	43	12	550	100	110	220	24	43	160
Median f	0.098	0.188	0.161	0.543	3.30	0.155	0.310	0.214	0.062	2.18	4.75	0.143
Mean f	0.144	0.185	0.163	0.536	3.31	0.187	0.336	0.202	0.087	2.10	4.81	0.131
MAD f	0.0615	0.0375	0.037	0.133	0.26	0.015	0.0625	0.009	0.061	0.352	1.19	0.058
IQR f	0.112	0.0752	0.0671	0.232	0.374	0.0793	0.117	0.0511	0.121	0.444	2.24	0.0967
Robust CV% f	110	40	42	43	11	51	38	24	200	20	47	68
Outliers	0	2	1	0	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	2
Stragglers	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

2005-06: Total Magnesium (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Minimum i	0.1	0.468	0.289	0.546	0.355	0.063	0.050	0.062	0.061	0.232	0.21	0.157
Maximum i	0.159	0.96	0.66	0.821	32.7	9.01	60.5	6.21	0.118	0.332	0.331	0.238
Median i	0.130	0.670	0.364	0.673	0.431	0.104	0.710	0.069	0.097	0.275	0.282	0.197
Mean i	0.129	0.672	0.371	0.675	1.54	0.408	2.75	0.298	0.096	0.276	0.276	0.197
MAD i	0.008	0.025	0.015	0.029	0.02	0.005	0.027	0.003	0.005	0.014	0.011	0.01
IQR i	0.0115	0.0408	0.0222	0.0445	0.0297	0.0082	0.0408	0.0052	0.0082	0.0237	0.0241	0.0152
Robust CV% i	8.8	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.9	7.8	5.7	7.5	8.4	8.6	8.5	7.7
Median f	0.130	0.670	0.362	0.673	0.431	0.104	0.715	0.069	0.097	0.275	0.284	0.197
Mean f	0.129	0.670	0.360	0.675	0.427	0.104	0.718	0.069	0.097	0.274	0.281	0.195
MAD f	0.008	0.013	0.012	0.028	0.0195	0.004	0.024	0.003	0.005	0.014	0.008	0.008
IQR f	0.0115	0.0204	0.0165	0.043	0.0271	0.0066	0.0371	0.0038	0.0082	0.0219	0.0174	0.0124
Robust CV% f	8.8	3	4.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	5.2	5.5	8.4	8	6.1	6.3
Outliers	0	3	5	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	3	2
Stragglers	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1

2005-06: Total Manganese (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	27
Minimum i	27.6	27	34	110	126	28	1.22	51.7	73.4	27.8	29.5	986
Maximum i	54.7	47.1	1153	184	337	81.5	292	123	90.3	39.4	39.4	1830
Median i	48.0	34.3	45.6	145	172	36.8	150	62.3	82.9	32.8	34.2	1301
Mean i	46.5	34.9	83.7	145	175	37.6	146	66.0	82.5	33.2	34.2	1350
MAD i	3.7	2	2.8	7	6.7	2.25	6.53	2.85	4.25	1.8	1.4	91
IQR i	4.53	3.52	4.19	10.6	9.91	4.03	7.97	3.65	6.58	3.06	2.28	141
Robust CV% i	9.4	10	9.2	7.3	5.8	11	5.3	5.9	7.9	9.3	6.7	11
Median f	48.0	33.2	45.3	145	173	35.9	150	62.2	82.9	32.8	34.2	1301
Mean f	47.2	33.7	45.3	145	173	35.6	149	61.6	82.5	33.2	34.2	1330
MAD f	3.55	1.6	2.75	7	5.65	2.32	5.78	1.93	4.25	1.8	1.4	60
IQR f	4.87	2.71	4.13	9.64	7.97	3.69	7.69	3.08	6.58	3.06	2.28	127
Robust CV% f	10	8.1	9.1	6.6	4.6	10	5.1	4.9	7.9	9.3	6.7	9.8
Outliers	1	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	2
Stragglers	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1

2005-06: Total Molybdenum (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	15	16	15	15	14	13	14	14	15	16	15	15
Minimum i	0.378	5.66	0.027	0.024	0.444	0.237	0.107	0.018	0.195	0.361	0.161	0
Maximum i	0.946	8.75	1.31	0.75	3.58	1.63	3.18	1.34	2.96	2.52	1.87	2.38
Median i	0.699	6.28	0.250	0.328	0.772	0.420	0.210	0.061	0.35	0.955	0.344	0.149
Mean i	0.696	6.66	0.365	0.342	1.05	0.544	0.450	0.186	0.506	1.04	0.473	0.318
MAD i	0.174	0.525	0.111	0.063	0.059	0.125	0.0255	0.0395	0.101	0.0755	0.061	0.077
IQR i	0.289	1.07	0.156	0.099	0.164	0.199	0.075	0.131	0.153	0.163	0.094	0.134
Robust CV% i	41	17	63	30	21	47	36	220	44	17	27	90
Median f	0.699	6.14	0.221	0.328	0.758	0.406	0.198	0.046	0.339	0.955	0.344	0.120
Mean f	0.696	6.23	0.261	0.303	0.754	0.405	0.205	0.058	0.331	0.947	0.346	0.142
MAD f	0.174	0.39	0.109	0.0215	0.0285	0.092	0.012	0.0165	0.0955	0.0075	0.028	0.048
IQR f	0.289	0.619	0.146	0.068	0.0493	0.15	0.02	0.037	0.126	0.017	0.061	0.102
Robust CV% f	41	10	66	21	6.5	37	10	81	37	1.7	18	85
Outliers	0	2	2	2	4	1	3	2	1	4	2	2
Stragglers	0	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0

2005-06: Total Nitrogen (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	28	28	28	28	27	27	27	27	28	28	28	28
Minimum i	1.7	1.33	2.31	2.16	2.31	0.987	0.196	0.02	0.001	0.037	0.063	0.005
Maximum i	2.89	1.83	3.48	3.89	3.01	1.77	0.957	0.817	1.39	3.18	1.72	4.29
Median i	1.92	1.62	2.60	2.59	2.76	1.41	0.824	0.211	1.14	2.84	1.46	3.85
Mean i	1.93	1.60	2.60	2.62	2.71	1.40	0.792	0.246	1.12	2.76	1.41	3.64
MAD i	0.085	0.065	0.09	0.105	0.14	0.07	0.026	0.051	0.045	0.07	0.055	0.11
IQR i	0.137	0.109	0.135	0.163	0.193	0.104	0.066	0.079	0.078	0.124	0.104	0.182
Robust CV% i	7.1	6.8	5.2	6.3	7	7.4	8	38	6.9	4.4	7.1	4.7
Median f	1.91	1.62	2.60	2.59	2.76	1.41	0.824	0.206	1.13	2.84	1.46	3.86
Mean f	1.90	1.61	2.56	2.59	2.71	1.40	0.824	0.217	1.13	2.85	1.47	3.87
MAD f	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.095	0.14	0.06	0.017	0.027	0.04	0.065	0.05	0.1
IQR f	0.126	0.111	0.133	0.148	0.193	0.096	0.027	0.0571	0.059	0.106	0.093	0.145
Robust CV% f	6.6	6.9	5.1	5.7	7	6.8	3.3	28	5.2	3.7	6.3	3.7
Outliers	1	1	1	2	0	2	8	2	4	2	3	3
Stragglers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Phosphorus (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Minimum i	0.285	0.153	0.12	0.195	0.214	0.146	0.0277	0.021	0.103	0.221	0.184	0.255
Maximum i	0.356	0.21	0.18	0.297	0.273	0.21	0.352	0.275	0.18	0.293	0.261	0.388
Median i	0.33	0.17	0.14	0.22	0.23	0.18	0.31	0.03	0.13	0.26	0.23	0.30
Mean i	0.33	0.17	0.14	0.22	0.24	0.18	0.30	0.04	0.13	0.26	0.23	0.30
MAD i	0.012	0.008	0.005	0.009	0.005	0.006	0.009	0.002	0.006	0.011	0.013	0.017
IQR i	0.0167	0.0119	0.0093	0.0107	0.0093	0.0119	0.013	0.0033	0.01	0.0189	0.0196	0.0252
Robust CV% i	5.1	7.1	6.9	4.9	4	6.6	4.2	10	7.8	7.3	8.6	8.4
Median f	0.33	0.17	0.13	0.22	0.23	0.18	0.31	0.03	0.13	0.26	0.23	0.30
Mean f	0.33	0.17	0.13	0.22	0.23	0.18	0.31	0.03	0.13	0.26	0.23	0.30
MAD f	0.012	0.0075	0.006	0.008	0.003	0.006	0.009	0.0017	0.0045	0.011	0.013	0.015
IQR f	0.0167	0.0117	0.0096	0.0107	0.0052	0.0107	0.0104	0.0015	0.0096	0.0189	0.0196	0.0237
Robust CV% f	5.1	6.9	7.2	4.9	2.3	6	3.4	4.6	7.4	7.3	8.6	7.9
Outliers	0	1	2	1	2	3	2	6	2	0	0	1
Stragglers	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

2005-06: Total Potassium (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	28
Minimum i	0.265	1.21	0.682	1.7	1.21	0.527	0.183	0.122	0.778	1.47	0.906	1.37
Maximum i	0.75	2.08	1.49	3.87	197	109	197	20.1	1.21	2.08	1.25	1.84
Median i	0.39	1.61	1.01	2.19	3.71	1.39	2.38	0.22	1.04	1.77	1.11	1.62
Mean i	0.41	1.61	1.02	2.19	10.2	5.07	9.01	1.00	1.03	1.75	1.10	1.61
MAD i	0.024	0.08	0.03	0.11	0.235	0.07	0.1	0.019	0.043	0.072	0.045	0.09
IQR i	0.043	0.122	0.05	0.185	0.363	0.115	0.159	0.044	0.057	0.12	0.069	0.138
Robust CV% i	11	7.6	5	8.5	9.8	8.3	6.7	20	5.5	6.8	6.2	8.5
Median f	0.38	1.62	1.01	2.19	3.72	1.40	2.38	0.22	1.04	1.77	1.11	1.62
Mean f	0.39	1.63	1.01	2.15	3.65	1.42	2.4	0.22	1.04	1.75	1.11	1.61
MAD f	0.018	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.203	0.04	0.095	0.014	0.039	0.065	0.04	0.09
IQR f	0.032	0.096	0.044	0.17	0.272	0.082	0.141	0.022	0.053	0.109	0.052	0.138
Robust CV% f	8.5	5.9	4.3	7.8	7.3	5.8	5.9	9.8	5.1	6.2	4.7	8.5
Outliers	4	3	6	2	3	3	4	7	2	2	1	0
Stragglers	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Selenium (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	11	11	11	11	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	11
Minimum i	0.031	0.052	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.004	0.013	0.015	0.021
Maximum i	0.266	0.9	0.52	0.24	0.17	0.143	0.16	0.07	14.0	6.57	21.1	1.72
Median i	0.100	0.166	0.044	0.046	0.083	0.068	0.078	0.035	0.018	0.153	0.037	0.153
Mean i	0.114	0.252	0.103	0.070	0.090	0.068	0.082	0.039	1.71	0.999	2.38	0.476
MAD i	0.025	0.046	0.025	0.026	0.018	0.012	0.05	0.012	0.013	0.034	0.016	0.048
IQR i	0.0482	0.0823	0.0815	0.0504	0.0608	0.0258	0.0849	0.0287	0.606	0.46	0.506	0.663
Robust CV% i	48	50	190	110	73	38	110	82	3400	300	1400	430
Median f	0.080	0.144	0.029	0.044	0.083	0.068	0.078	0.035	0.008	0.142	0.023	0.112
Mean f	0.088	0.148	0.030	0.053	0.090	0.067	0.082	0.039	0.008	0.135	0.029	0.120
MAD f	0.02	0.026	0.015	0.026	0.018	0.004	0.05	0.012	0.001	0.024	0.007	0.026
IQR f	0.0313	0.0597	0.0294	0.0426	0.0608	0.012	0.0849	0.0287	0.003	0.0434	0.0188	0.0456
Robust CV% f	39	41	100	97	73	18	110	82	38	31	82	41
Outliers	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	2	3	3
Stragglers	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Silicon (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Minimum i	0.03	0.002	0.02	0.02	0.077	0.021	0.019	0.008	0.028	0.054	0.031	0.005
Maximum i	0.66	0.083	0.231	0.698	1.23	1.62	0.262	0.267	0.447	0.644	0.29	0.116
Median i	0.238	0.026	0.130	0.169	0.389	0.640	0.053	0.042	0.256	0.353	0.208	0.010
Mean i	0.290	0.033	0.123	0.258	0.531	0.827	0.082	0.066	0.256	0.338	0.175	0.028
MAD i	0.195	0.021	0.079	0.138	0.312	0.619	0.032	0.009	0.159	0.185	0.082	0.005
IQR i	0.372	0.0384	0.127	0.353	0.743	1.05	0.0815	0.0271	0.248	0.344	0.171	0.0148
Robust CV% i	160	150	98	210	190	160	150	64	97	97	82	150
Median f	0.238	0.026	0.130	0.169	0.389	0.640	0.038	0.038	0.256	0.353	0.208	0.009
Mean f	0.290	0.033	0.123	0.258	0.531	0.827	0.052	0.032	0.256	0.338	0.175	0.013
MAD f	0.195	0.021	0.079	0.138	0.312	0.619	0.018	0.01	0.159	0.185	0.082	0.003
IQR f	0.372	0.0384	0.127	0.353	0.743	1.05	0.0447	0.0238	0.248	0.344	0.171	0.0145
Robust CV% f	160	150	98	210	190	160	120	64	97	97	82	160
Outliers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Stragglers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2005-06: Total Sodium (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	30	30	30	30	29	29	29	29	29	29	28	29
Minimum i	0.004	0.020	0.014	0.002	0.014	0.022	0.018	0.003	0.006	0.015	0	0.012
Maximum i	0.1	0.122	0.124	0.114	1.62	2.6	12	2.02	1.17	0.193	0.123	0.216
Median i	0.007	0.025	0.020	0.006	0.020	0.029	0.126	0.023	0.011	0.019	0.003	0.016
Mean i	0.014	0.036	0.032	0.016	0.078	0.119	0.532	0.096	0.059	0.029	0.010	0.031
MAD i	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.009	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002
IQR i	0.0044	0.011	0.0136	0.0061	0.0093	0.0033	0.0137	0.0037	0.0057	0.0076	0.0041	0.0036
Robust CV% i	64	44	66	100	46	12	11	17	52	40	140	22
Median f	0.006	0.024	0.019	0.004	0.019	0.028	0.126	0.021	0.011	0.017	0.002	0.016
Mean f	0.007	0.024	0.019	0.006	0.019	0.028	0.126	0.021	0.011	0.018	0.002	0.016
MAD f	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.009	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
IQR f	0.0034	0.003	0.0022	0.0025	0.005	0.003	0.013	0.0015	0.0018	0.0026	0.0017	0.0017
Robust CV% f	56	12	11	63	26	11	11	7.1	17	15	84	11
Outliers	4	6	8	5	4	4	2	7	6	5	6	6
Stragglers	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	3	3	1	1

2005-06: Total Sulfur (%)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 205)				April 2006 (Round 505)			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	27	27	27	27	26	26	26	26	25	25	25	25
Minimum i	0.1	0.173	0.2	0.1	0.030	0.101	0.021	0.02	0.086	0.182	0.090	0.078
Maximum i	0.298	7.17	0.335	0.293	23.8	10.8	13.1	2.28	0.196	0.312	0.222	0.313
Median i	0.16	1.84	0.27	0.18	0.31	0.13	0.15	0.03	0.11	0.27	0.14	0.25
Mean i	0.16	1.92	0.27	0.18	1.20	0.54	0.65	0.13	0.11	0.26	0.14	0.24
MAD i	0.01	0.1	0.011	0.007	0.015	0.006	0.008	0.002	0.006	0.009	0.007	0.013
IQR i	0.0126	0.185	0.0185	0.0104	0.0235	0.0102	0.0133	0.0045	0.0093	0.017	0.0107	0.0211
Robust CV% i	8.1	10	6.8	5.6	7.7	8.1	9.1	18	8.7	6.4	7.9	8.5
Median f	0.16	1.87	0.27	0.18	0.30	0.13	0.15	0.02	0.11	0.27	0.14	0.25
Mean f	0.15	1.85	0.27	0.18	0.30	0.13	0.15	0.02	0.11	0.27	0.14	0.25
MAD f	0.006	0.067	0.01	0.004	0.012	0.003	0.005	0.001	0.004	0.006	0.005	0.007
IQR f	0.0115	0.105	0.0174	0.0078	0.0187	0.0052	0.0078	0.0015	0.0061	0.0091	0.0082	0.0156
Robust CV% f	7.4	5.6	6.4	4.2	6.2	4.1	5.3	6.2	5.7	3.4	6	6.2
Outliers	4	6	3	3	3	4	4	5	2	5	4	4
Stragglers	1	1	0	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	0	2

2005-06: Total Zinc (mg/kg)

Statistical parameters	Plant sample identification and values											
	<i>November 2005 (Round 105)</i>				<i>February 2006 (Round 205)</i>				<i>April 2006 (Round 505)</i>			
	ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
No of results	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Minimum i	14.7	7.2	55.1	44.7	30.4	3.06	16.2	17.1	8.14	24.8	17.2	24.7
Maximum i	23	12.7	77.8	62.3	50.9	15.2	86.9	65.5	65.3	35.6	25.7	37
Median i	18.2	9.08	66.5	50.5	44.3	11.5	74.8	20.0	11.8	30.3	20.9	29.3
Mean i	18.4	9.15	66.1	51.0	43.5	11.2	73.9	21.8	13.7	30.3	21.1	29.8
MAD i	1.1	0.63	3.7	2.44	2.75	0.71	4.45	0.7	0.75	1.7	1.5	2
IQR i	1.7	1.16	5.67	3.6	4.37	1.25	6.26	1.73	1.19	2.46	2.28	2.91
Robust CV% i	9.4	13	8.5	7.1	9.9	11	8.4	8.7	10	8.1	11	9.9
Median f	18.2	9.04	66.5	50.3	44.4	11.5	75.4	19.9	11.7	30.3	20.9	29.3
Mean f	18.2	9.02	66.1	50.6	44.0	11.4	76.0	19.8	11.5	30.3	21.1	29.8
MAD f	1.1	0.625	3.7	2.42	2.6	0.6	4	0.4	0.7	1.7	1.5	2
IQR f	1.61	1.18	5.67	3.54	4.37	0.945	6.28	0.606	0.89	2.46	2.28	2.91
Robust CV% f	8.9	13	8.5	7	9.9	8.3	8.3	3	7.6	8.1	11	9.9
Outliers	1	1	0	1	1	4	1	8	5	0	0	0
Stragglers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

4. Comments on Measurement Performance

A detailed evaluation of measurement performance is beyond the scope of this report. Such evaluations are typically made at ASPAC Workshops and in other national and international fora. However, it is appropriate to make a few observations.

Firstly, the data summaries in Section 3 show many examples of skewed data; i.e. there were quite large differences at times between the median and mean values reported by laboratories. This emphasised the importance of using medians and MADs, which are less influenced by 'rogue' results in small data sets.

Secondly, the median robust % CVs across the 12 samples, after the removal of "outliers" and "stragglers", ranged from 4 to 135%. This covered the 20 tests reported by a minimum of six laboratories (Si was included on this criterion, but it was excluded in 2004-05). Table 4 provides the identity of the six best and six worst tests, with their corresponding median robust %CVs. There were some "round-by-round" fluctuations in measurement performance by test, but always total C had lowest robust %CVs and Si the highest. Numbers in brackets in Table 4 show corresponding performances in 2004-05. Generally there was better performance in 2005-06 with %CVs lower for the top six, and better for the majority of tests. Percent robust CVs for Pb and Se were halved and doubled, respectively, compared to 2004-05. Phosphorus dropped out of the top (best) six with a CV% of 6.5 compared to 6.3 in 2004-05, while B and Al were not in the six worst this time with %CVs improving from 16.8 and 29.4 to 12 and 16.5, respectively. It is not surprising that elements determined at ultra-trace levels (Se, Pb, Co, Mo and Cd) were in the worst-six grouping. The extremely high %CVs for Si suggest major issues with the methodologies used by the participating laboratories.

Thirdly, the median robust %CV across the 21 tests on a sample by sample basis ranged from 7.3% (ASP 21) to 11% (ASP 22 and ASP 43), with a grand median for the 12 samples of 9.2%. Based on the similarity of these CVs, no sample was outstandingly more difficult than others to analyse. However sample ASP 43 was later withdrawn for certification purposes, based on the homogeneity testing data.

Table 4. The six best performed and worst performed plant chemical tests in 2005-06, based on median percent robust coefficients of variation after the removal of "outliers" and "stragglers". Numbers in brackets show performance data for 2004-05.

<i>Best (Lowest Robust %CVs)</i>		<i>Worst (Highest Robust %CVs)</i>	
<i>Plant test</i>	<i>%CV</i>	<i>Plant test</i>	<i>%CV</i>
Carbon	4.0 (5.2)	Cadmium	22.5 (18.9)
Calcium	5.2 (8.1)	Molybdenum	29 (29)
Sulfur	5.9 (8.7)	Cobalt	29.5 (40.3)
Nitrogen	6.0 (7.0)	Lead	43 (92.8)
Potassium	6.1 (7.7)	Selenium	57 (29.2)
Magnesium	6.3 (6.2)	Silicon	135 (na)

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Appendix 2: Summary examples of homogeneity data and statistical assessments for total N (Dumas) in plant samples used in ASPAC's Plant ILPP, 2005-06

Sample name		ASP 111	ASP 112	ASP 113	ASP 114	ASP 21	ASP 22	ASP 23	ASP 24	ASP 41	ASP 42	ASP 43	ASP 44
Sample 1	Rep 1	1.98	1.66	2.69	2.62	2.94	1.50	0.796	0.201	1.10	3.10	1.60	3.97
	Rep 2	1.94	1.65	2.69	2.74	2.88	1.47	0.846	0.191	1.11	3.06	1.51	3.98
Sample 2	Rep 1	1.99	1.58	2.71	2.67	2.93	1.58	0.818	0.166	1.10	2.96	1.64	4.03
	Rep 2	1.91	1.64	2.71	2.65	2.90	1.55	0.825	0.213	1.12	2.98	1.53	4.02
Sample 3	Rep 1	2.02	1.60	2.63	2.69	2.88	1.54	0.859	0.211	1.13	3.03	1.56	3.98
	Rep 2	1.93	1.60	2.72	2.67	2.84	1.47	0.756	0.172	1.09	3.00	1.70	3.98
Sample 4	Rep 1	1.97	1.59	2.66	2.66	2.83	1.58	0.859	0.212	1.12	3.07	1.40	4.03
	Rep 2	1.93	1.61	2.60	2.62	2.77	1.55	0.880	0.142	1.13	3.00	1.41	4.06
Sample 5	Rep 1	1.95	1.66	2.57	2.68	2.87	1.53	0.848	0.160	1.21	3.03	1.44	3.93
	Rep 2	1.96	1.68	2.72	2.62	2.88	1.47	0.808	0.167	1.10	3.00	1.45	3.97
Sample 6	Rep 1	1.99	1.68	2.66	2.69	2.86	1.52	0.834	0.237	1.10	2.96	1.47	4.02
	Rep 2	1.91	1.69	2.67	2.73	2.83	1.47	0.839	0.170	1.11	3.00	1.47	3.95
Sample 7	Rep 1	1.97	1.62	2.65	2.66	2.88	1.54	0.779	0.158	1.09	2.94	1.42	3.93
	Rep 2	1.93	1.66	2.73	2.73	2.89	1.58	0.857	0.174	1.11	3.06	1.52	4.03
Sample 8	Rep 1	1.92	1.64	2.55	2.70	2.88	1.52	0.810	0.167	1.08	2.99	1.49	4.03
	Rep 2	1.90	1.54	2.65	2.71	2.86	1.44	0.842	0.156	1.08	2.89	1.50	4.00
Sample 9	Rep 1	2.02	1.65	2.65	2.70	2.93	1.57	0.797	0.209	1.13	2.91	1.50	3.97
	Rep 2	1.97	1.64	2.62	2.67	2.86	1.52	0.776	0.204	1.10	3.09	1.53	4.02
Sample 10	Rep 1	1.98	1.61	2.64	2.72	2.97	1.55	0.881	0.211	1.12	2.88	1.40	3.93
	Rep 2	1.87	1.61	2.70	2.76	2.92	1.48	0.847	0.177	1.11	2.93	1.29	4.03
Mean		1.952	1.6305	2.661	2.6845	2.88	1.5215	0.8279	0.1849	1.112	2.994	1.4915	3.993
Analytical SD		0.0452	0.0285	0.0525	0.0384	0.0305	0.0381	0.0346	0.0272	0.0281	0.059	0.0562	0.0394
Sampling SD		0.0217	0.026	0.0164	0.0126	0.0343	0.0206	0.0022	0.0096	0.0052	0.0258	0.0748	0.0013
SD of proficiency data		0.119	0.089	0.119	0.141	0.208	0.089	0.025	0.040	0.052	0.101	0.067	0.148
Homogeneity index		0.182	0.2926	0.1381	0.0896	0.1647	0.231	0.0884	0.2397	0.1003	0.2552	1.1164	0.0087
Status**		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	N/H***	H
F-statistic		0.5403	2.6646	0.8043	1.2162	3.5245	1.5811	1.0082	0.752	0.9311	1.3819	4.5468	0.9978
F critical		3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
F<F critical		Y	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N**	Y

* For sample ASP 21, there were statistically significant differences between samples - but not at a level where proficiency assessments were unduly influenced

** H = homogeneous; NH = not-homogeneous

*** Sample ASP 43 was found to be not sufficiently homogenous and all assessments made on this sample were withdrawn

Appendix 3: Statistical procedures used by ASPAC for its upgraded Plant ILPP

Refer to Table 3 for a description of most statistical terms and their meaning. Of most significance is the “median / MAD” non-parametric, iterative procedure for identifying “outliers” (††) and “stragglers” (†) within datasets for particular tests and samples from multiple (typically 6 or greater) laboratories. See references in the body of the report for more details. The median is regarded as a good estimate of the true mean (μ), while the MAD; ie. the median of the absolete deviations from the median, is regarded as a good estimate of the standard deviation (@).

After tabulating the data with a separate column for each sample result and a separate row for each laboratory, calculations were applied iteratively. Each iteration operated at an action level of $[(X - \mu)/f@]$ (called the “ASPAC Score” for convenience) > 2 , where “X” is the value reported by the laboratory (one replicate assumed), “ μ ” is the median of the population of values, and “f@” is a code for the Gaussian distribution of the sample size “n”, approximated by $(0.7722 + 1.604/n * t)$, with t = the Student’s “t” for 2.5% (two-tailed) with n-1 degrees of freedom. Excluding any case when a laboratory reported no result (or a non-numeric value), the laboratories at first iteration with an “ASPAC score” > 2 were rated as “outliers” (††).

Following their removal (if any), the remaining population of laboratory data was subject to a second iteration involving a recalculation of the “ASPAC score”. Where this was again > 2 , the relevant laboratories were rated as “stragglers” (†).

Further iterations can be undertaken if the sample is targeted for upgrading to the status of a reference, only to converge the mean and the median, thereby providing a more likely “correct” reference result.

The other statistics summarised in Table 3 were calculated on the same populations of data. However, only the first (i) and second (final; f) values appear in the data summaries in Section 3.

Appendix 4: “Raw” program data for the 12 samples across three “rounds”

These tabulations list, in alphabetical order, the “raw” data provided by participating laboratories for each method, with unnecessary precision removed after completion of statistical tests only to assist data presentation. Statistical “outliers” and “stragglers” are indicated by †† and †, respectively. All results are on an oven dry basis.

Lab Code #	Reported data for plant Aluminum (mg/kg)																							
	November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
	ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
	11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44												
L006	44.8	††	541		212		530	†																
L009	23.6		476		156		953		326	189	66.7	135	31.4	92.7	48.6	1028								
L011	43.5	††	534		200		1060		338	183	87.1	151	28	66.6	41.3	1090								
L013	10		451		160		942		269	160	69.3	124	18	74	37	1014								
L016	10.6		518		144		923		264	173	60.4	136	17.1	64.5	26.8	1070								
L019	18.02		480		166		1030		268	159	92.3	147	27	66	38	1066								
L022	12.2		498		175		1045		324	178	65	143	18.2	69	40	1102								
L023	12.7		496		177		814		310	180	71	130	26	75	46	1040								
L026	4.82		662	††	262		946		365	208	113	154	28.6	104	39.1	1077								
L028	20		535		196		1050		346	170	88	139	22	85	35	1060								
L030	7.52		510		154		1060		358	192	87.6	128	19.6	93.3	38	1190								
L032	8.75		477		197		1230		305	163	110	64.8	††	77.4	††	71.6	31.5	989						
L034	15.5		487		146		754		250	164	56.2	117	18.4	61.6	27.9	1190								
L036	12.5		504		170		1073		302	193	73.6	132	20	78	39	1119								
L040	11.2		556		178		950		340	187	75.8	142	17.8	62.4	30.2	1063								
L044	33.8	††	564		264	††	883		290	180	144	††	193	††	50.5	††	117		56.4	††	1020			
L046														22.2		85.7	38.6							
L079	16.1		656	††	221		1327	†						57	††	90.1	35.8	1300	††					
L097	11.6		511		161		1250		464	††	219	68.6	148	22	112	42.2	1117							
L133	9.25		217	††	63	††	272	††	180	††	139	56.8	119	21.2	44.5	26.5	909							
L280									348		202	87	157											

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Cadmium (mg/kg)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP					
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44												
L006	Pooled	0.025	†	0.154		0.117	††	0.119	††																
L009	Pooled	0.038	††	0.148		0.073	††	0.104	††	0.537		0.197	††	0.341		0.16	††	0.024	†	0.026		0.024		0.024	††
L011	Pooled	0.01		0.15		0.028		0.032		0.298		0.043	†	0.232		0.062		0.095		0.189		0.086		0.012	
L016	Pooled	0.006		0.155		0.018		0.033		0.365		0.011		0.286		0.071		0.104		0.235		0.097		0.008	
L019	Pooled	0.013		0.253	††	0.062	†	0.045	†	0.425		0.013		0.275		0.063		0.05		0.14		0.07		0.01	
L023	Pooled			0.16		0.021		0.031		0.36				0.25		0.064									
L028	Pooled	0.005		0.17		0.02		0.03																	
L030	Pooled									0.358		0.007		0.27		0.055		0.091		0.193		0.084		0.01	
L032	Pooled	0.002		0.139		0.014		0.025		0.325		0.011		0.068	††	0.29	††	0.097		0.196		0.094		0.010	
L036	Pooled	0.008		0.159		0.026		0.038		0.308		0.028	†	0.247		0.085		0.134		0.23		0.333	††	0.027	††
L040	Pooled	0.004		0.15		0.006		0.014	††	0.382		0.015		0.354		0.073		0.098		0.209		0.103		0.009	
L044	Pooled	0.037	††	0.154		0.048	†	0.034		0.467		0.154	††	0.317		0.102	†	0.018	††	0.023		0.04		0.01	
L079	Pooled	0.005		0.202	††	0.024		0.034										0.121		0.276		0.107		0.025	††
L133	Pooled									284	††	17.1	††	191	††	64.8	††	0.079		0.146		0.084		0.018	†

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Carbon (%w/w)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44												
L009	Pooled	49	††	39.4	††	43.7		48.8	††	44.5		49.3		45.9		49.5		45.1		42.7		46.4		33	††
L010	Pooled	45.7		36.7		43.8		44.7		43.3		45.8		42.5		52.3		46.7		46.5		46.3		50.4	
L011	Pooled	51.5	††	38.4	††	45.4	†	48.3	††	51.1	††	54.6	††	52.8	††	58	††	51.1	††	49.5	†	51.5	†	50.6	
L013	Pooled	46.3		36		44.1		44.6		42.7		44.7		41.4		52.1		46.5		46.4		46.4		50.6	
L015	Pooled	45.4		35.4		43.4		43.7		40.9		43.2		40.3		50.1		44.6		44.3		44.2		48	
L019	Pooled	43.2	†	32.6	††	41.8	†	41.6		39.2		40.2		38		46.6		43		44.3		43.0		48.3	
L023	Pooled																	45		45		45		49	
L028	Pooled									40.3		42.2		38.5		48.6		45		44.7		44.5		48.6	
L030	Pooled	42.3	††	32.9	†	40.6	††	41		39.1		40.4		37.7		46.7		42.4		42.8		42.7		44.9	
L032	Pooled	41.9	††	32.9	†	40.6	††	41.1		39		39.9		46.5	†	37.8	††	42		42.2		41.8		46	
L036	Pooled	44.8		35.5		42.7		42.4		41.1		42.4		40.1		48.9									
L040	Pooled	45.1		35		42.8		43.3		40.6		42.5		39.7		49.5		44.5		44		44.2		47	
L042	Pooled	45.3		35.3		43.5		44		42		44.5		41.6		51.1		45.7		44.8		44.7		48.3	
L046	Pooled	45.9		35		43.5		44		41.6		43.6		40.5		51.3		43.8		43.4		43		45.2	
L079	Pooled	45.5		35.4		43.4		43.8		41.2		43.1		40.1		49.8		45.8		45		44.6		48.1	
L133	Pooled									86.8	††	93.4	††	91.3	††	98.8	††	97.5	††	92.5	††	95.9	††	95.2	††

Reported data for plant Chloride (%w/w)

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Chloride (%w/w)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44												
L005	Pooled	0.037	††	1.8		0.178	††	0.321	†	1.38		0.33		0.49		0.03		0.48	†	0.51		0.27		0.35	††
L009	Pooled	0.238	††	0.587	††	0.175	††	0.26	††	1.33		0.371		0.724	††	0.0904	††	0.052	††	0.101	††	0.038	††	0.044	††
L011	Pooled	0.06		2.21		0.065		0.364		1.15		0.282		0.387		0.068	†	0.43		0.299	††	0.246		0.094	
L013	Pooled	0.06		2.45		0.08		0.4		1.19		0.31		0.42		0.02		0.43		0.42		0.26		0.1	
L016	Pooled	0.054		2.42		0.073		0.4		1.26		0.306		0.422		0.016		0.426		0.416		0.265		0.095	
L018	Pooled	0.061		2.55		0.097	†	0.418		1.24		0.317		0.432		0.016									
L019	Pooled	0.175	††	1.375	††	0.225	††	0.4		1.25		0.225	††	0.45		0.025									
L022	Pooled	0.06		2.41		0.085		0.415		1.14		0.345		0.446		0.031		0.45		0.439		0.296		0.106	
L023	Pooled	0.08	††	2.35		0.12	†	0.42		1.35		0.305		0.41				0.44		0.44		0.29		0.12	
L026	Pooled	0.0575		2.05		0.106	†	0.379		1.22		0.302		0.422		0.044		0.438		0.39		0.265		0.104	
L028	Pooled	0.048		2.1		0.077		0.413		1.24		0.327		0.435		0.02		0.458		0.427		0.26		0.149	†
L030	Pooled	0.055		2.11		0.076		0.355		1.08		0.275		0.38		0.02		0.385	††	0.378		0.225		0.095	
L032	Pooled	0.0496		2.16		0.081		0.372		1.14		0.291		0.035	††	0.409	††	0.438		0.398		0.253		0.243	††
L034	Pooled	0.056		2.47		0.075		0.405		1.27		0.324		0.438		0.013		0.438		0.411		0.273		0.104	
L036	Pooled	0.058		2.4		0.079		0.417		1.07		0.326		0.419		0.02		0.456		0.451		0.274		0.117	
L040	Pooled	0.09	††	2.58		0.05	†	0.31	††	1.2		0.301		0.44		0.073	†	0.505	††	0.534	††	0.302		0.795	††
L064	Pooled	0.02	††	2.93		0.202	††	0.543	††	1.49	††	0.308		0.324	†	0.0354		0.447		0.449		0.287		0.105	
L097	Pooled	0.055		2.43		0.073		0.398		1.19		0.298		0.405		0.015		0.429		0.412		0.255		0.093	
L100	Pooled	0.061		2.3		0.067		0.379		1.17		0.294		0.397		0.017		0.417		0.408		0.25		0.098	
L133	Pooled									0.99		0.19	††	0.34	†	0.05		0.382	††	0.394		0.232		0.085	
L139	Pooled	0.049		2.22		0.225	††	0.421		1.04		0.35		0.47		0.05		0.45		0.47		0.26		0.31	††

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Cobalt (mg/kg)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44												
L009	Pooled	0.192	††	0.988	††	0.614	††	0.634	††	0.328		0.001	††	0.0316		0.047	†	0.143	††	0.253		0.128		0.156	
L011	Pooled	0		0.089		0.161		0.158		0.299		0.128		0.312		0.066		0.055		0.236		0.078		0.07	
L013	Pooled	0.05		0.12		0.19		0.24		0.31		0.17		0.37		0.06		0.05		0.3		0.06		0.11	
L016	Pooled	0.054		0.115		0.225		0.28		0.325		0.141		0.353		0.05	†	0.043		0.301		0.028		0.11	
L019	Pooled	0.065		0.138		0.228		0.26		0.1	††	0.1		0.1		0.1	††								
L022	Pooled	0.04		0.14		0.223		0.218		0.38		0.12		0.415		0.06		0.056		0.31		0.065		0.13	
L030	Pooled									0.308		0.123		0.403		0.037	†	0.05		0.266		0.022		0.087	
L032	Pooled	0.043		0.084		0.167		0.085	†	0.299		0.463	††	0.059		0.474	††	0.036	†	0.247		0.034		0.087	
L034	Pooled	0.024		0.034		0.124		0.149		0.331		0.145		0.47		0.063		0.092	††	0.294		0.121		0.17	
L036	Pooled	0.024		0.095		0.174		0.258																	
L040	Pooled	0.06		0.1		0.19		0.22		0.348		0.141		0.563		0.06		0.052		0.308		0.048		0.105	
L044	Pooled	0.01		0.051		0.091		0.12										0.054		0.04	††	0.001		0.046	
L079	Pooled	0.037		0.226	†	0.292		0.277										0.067	†	0.355		0.049		0.117	
L097	Pooled	0.064		0.086		0.178		0.252		0.349		3.91	††	0.301		0.06		0.055		0.299		0.032		0.097	
L133	Pooled									362	††	194	††	681	††	74.3	††	1.07	††	2.74	††	1.3	††	0.338	††
L139	Pooled	0.04		0.05		0.13		0.23		0.3		0.1		0.27		0.06		0.04		0.26		0.03		0.14	

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Lead (mg/kg)																					
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)					
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44										
L009	Pooled	0.381	0.027	0	0.14	6.54	††	3.56	††	0.926	††	1.21	††	0.152		0.167	†	0.191		0.173			
L011	Pooled	0.015	0.224	0.124	0.43	3.12		0.297		0.328		0.223		0.14		1.46		3.56		0.855	††		
L016	Pooled	0.054	0.673	††	0.601	††	0.807																
L019	Pooled	0.096	0.263		0.181		0.556	2.88		0.2		0.425		0.212		0.44	††	1.74		6.65	0.64	††	
L022	Pooled	0.09	0.195		0.18		0.76	3.57		0.14		0.245		0.22		0.07		2.16		5.59		0.085	
L023	Pooled							3.3										2.2		4			
L030	Pooled							3.68				0.25		0.154		0.053		1.71		3.63		0.058	
L032	Pooled	0.177	0.18		0.161		0.53	3.15		0.143		0.158		0.241		0.209		2.28		6.7		0.164	
L036	Pooled	0.205	0.281		0.244		0.724	3.6		0.545	†	0.649		0.303	†	0		7.6	††	16	††	0.38	
L040	Pooled	0.1	0.16		0.12		0.39	3.04		0.155		0.292		0.149		0.003		1.757		4.635		0.009	
L044	Pooled	0.252	0.561	††	0.323		0.44	3.44		1.17	††	0.341		0.214		0.001		2.46		4.75		0.143	
L079	Pooled	0.07	0.149		0.13		0.586									0.029		2.92		6.5		0.15	
L133	Pooled							3310	††	619	††	684	††	821	††	0.212		2.29		6.75		0.018	

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Manganese (mg/kg)															
		November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 305)				April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44				
L005	Pooled	53.1	40.0 †	50.1	155	164	35.3	144	66.4	90.3	35.4	34.6	1400				
L006	Pooled	49.2	34.7	1150 ††	138												
L009	Pooled	49	38.8	50.9	152	337 ††	81.5 ††	292 ††	122 ††	75.8	37.1	39.4	1170				
L011	Pooled	48.9	39	48	150	176	37.9	154	61.4	88.8	34.4	35.8	1480				
L013	Pooled	45.3	32.7	46	145	163	35.3	143	60.3	78.5	29	31.3	1300				
L015	Pooled	48	34.8	45.6	145.8	168	37.8	148	62.5	82.5	31.8	35.1	1300				
L016	Pooled	52.1	36.1	48	154	168	37.6	147	62.2	85.3	33.2	34.2	1360				
L018	Pooled	53.5	42.3 ††	51.6	161	174	38	151	59.8	79.6	32.3	33.9	1250				
L019	Pooled	44.1	32.3	42.2	145	172	28.9	150	58.2	80.8	30.7	30.4	1160				
L022	Pooled	48.5	34.9	46.8	140	167	35.6	143	58.8	86	33	35	1410				
L023	Pooled	46.4	33.2	44.4	139	170	38	150	63	84	33	33	1300				
L026	Pooled	47	35.7	46.1	143	181	39.2	150	62.9	83.3	33.5	32.4	1240				
L028	Pooled	43	33	42	184 ††	158	29	142	59	87	36	34	1440				
L030	Pooled	48.2	47.1 ††	61.8 ††	150	182	35.9	160	56.8	88.7	38.2	33.8	1240				
L032	Pooled	42.9	29.7	40.7	128	151 †	32.7	49.5 ††	123 ††	76	32.2	34.2	1260				
L034	Pooled	47.2	32.5	43.5	134	145 ††	33.2	129	51.7 †	73.4	29.5	30.9	1300				
L036	Pooled	44.2	33.3	42.8	136	167	35.9	143	62.3	78	31	35	1260				
L040	Pooled	51.4	31.3	43.1	150	177	39.1	150	67.5	89	31	36	1830 ††				
L042	Pooled	48.3	36.2	46.8	154	177	28	158	63	75.5	31.6	33.9	1440				
L044	Pooled	44.1	32.7	44.3	138	184	38.2	165	73 †	81	30.2	32.4	1210				
L046	Pooled	41.2	32.2	38.8	131	126 ††	31.1	1.22 ††	54.1	83.6	32.3	33.1					
L064	Pooled	38.4	31.8	48	147	178	46.9 ††	160	63.7	83.3	38.4	37.8	1300				
L079	Pooled	54.7	42.3 ††	54.5	166					90.2	37.5	34.9	1430				
L080	Pooled	27.6 ††	28.7	37.1	125	185	33.6	156	60.2	74.2	30.7	29.7	986 †				
L084	Pooled	48	34.3	44.9	142	177	38.9	152	62.7	81.6	33.1	34.4	1340				
L097	Pooled	51.2	37.1	46.3	151	188	41.9	151	63.8	87.9	39.4	36.5	1340				
L100	Pooled	44.3	32.3	42.5	136	165	31.6	142	58.5	82.1	32.6	36.1	1480				
L133	Pooled	36	27	34 ††	110 ††	161	35	143	58.6	75.8	27.8	29.5	1450				
L139	Pooled	54	37	42	146	174	40	153	70	87	34	39	1690 ††				
L280	Pooled					171	37.9	153	62.2								

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Molybdenum (mg/kg)																					
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)					
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44										
L009	Pooled	0.915	8.63 ††	0.778 ††	0.348	1.97 ††	0.973 †	0.544 ††	0.202 †	0.222	0.361 ††	0.223	0.254										
L011	Pooled	0.946	6.54	0.361	0.328	0.777	0.498	0.198	0.063	0.249	0.948	0.335	0.072										
L013	Pooled	0.74	7.33	0.25	0.3	0.72	0.42	0.21	0.03	0.39	0.95	0.35	0.1										
L016	Pooled	0.699	6.98	0.202	0.217	0.734	0.406	0.209	0.037	0.281	0.937	0.344	0.149										
L019	Pooled	0.728	5.89	0.413	0.343																		
L022	Pooled	0.525	6.15	0.221	0.265	0.78	0.295	0.24	0.055	0.35	1.04 †	0.5	0.15										
L023	Pooled		6.41								1.2 †												
L030	Pooled					0.705		0.198	0.018	0.386	0.774 †	0.304	0.089										
L032	Pooled	0.634	6.14	0.515	0.581 †	0.766	0.324	0.186	0.229 †	0.234	0.725 †	0.161 †	0.062										
L034	Pooled	0.66	6.05	0.217	0.327	0.85	0.468	0.354 ††	0.252 ††	0.327	0.959	0.431	0.311										
L036	Pooled	0.494	6.64	0.027	0.024 ††	1.2 ††	0.57	0.194	0.127	0.526	0.963	0.405	0.27										
L040	Pooled	0.65	8.75 ††	0.33	0.55 †	0.749	0.288	0.107 †	0.024	0.227	0.96	0.343	0.093										
L044	Pooled	0.942	5.75	0.152	0.35	0.669	0.369	0.273 †	0.137	0.353	1.87 ††	0.906 ††	0.54 ††										
L079	Pooled	0.415	5.76	0.388	0.217					0.44	0.97	0.36	0.12										
L097	Pooled	0.93	8.21 †	0.221	0.333	0.791	0.585	0.225	0.058	0.456	0.889	0.338	0.181										
L133	Pooled	0.79	5.7	1.31 ††	0.75 ††	3.58 ††	1.63 ††	3.18 ††	1.34 ††	2.96 ††	2.52 ††	1.87 ††	2.38 ††										
L139	Pooled	0.378	5.66	0.097	0.199 †	0.444 ††	0.237	0.182	0.032	0.195	0.528 ††	0.222	0										

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Nitrogen (%w/w)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP			
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44												
L005	Pooled	2.89	††	1.69		3.48	††	3.89	††	2.67		1.77	††	0.61	††	0.02	†	1.25		2.77		1.61		3.66	
L006	Pooled	1.99		1.52		2.58		2.56																	
L009	Pooled	2.08		1.67		2.65		2.46		3.01	0.99	††	0.635	††	0.223			1.14		3.02		1.47		3.66	
L010	Pooled	2.06		1.76		2.72		2.79		2.82	1.46		0.846		0.194			1.15		2.91		1.5		4.08	
L011	Pooled	1.75		1.45		2.4		2.43		2.6	1.46		0.857		0.288			1.09		2.81		1.41		3.76	
L013	Pooled	1.97		1.64		2.64		2.71		2.86	1.47		0.82		0.2			1.16		3.04		1.45		4.29	††
L015	Pooled	1.96		1.61		2.61		2.63		2.91	1.5		0.873		0.225			1.18		2.95		1.47		3.98	
L016	Pooled	1.92		1.62		2.6		2.63		2.66	1.31		0.823		0.205			1.13		2.78		1.44		3.86	
L018	Pooled	1.95		1.66		2.6		2.66		2.92	1.52		0.924	†	0.277			1.28		3.07		1.58		4.19	
L019	Pooled	1.80		1.57		2.43		2.50		2.65	1.34		0.818		0.228			1.12		2.85		1.49		3.86	
L022	Pooled	1.88		1.58		2.5		2.59		2.8	1.42		0.81		0.31			1.1		2.85		1.46		3.84	
L023	Pooled	1.92		1.63		2.61		2.58		2.4	1.3		0.76		0.19			1.3	†	3		1.6		4	
L026	Pooled	1.84		1.52		2.52		2.51		2.6	1.37		0.825		0.155			1.05		2.77		1.47		3.93	
L028	Pooled	1.79		1.41		2.39		2.39		2.76	1.44		0.824		0.206			1.33	††	2.73		1.63		3.7	
L030	Pooled	1.8		1.52		2.44		2.47		2.54	1.23		0.7	††	0.133			1.08		2.79		1.35		3.81	
L032	Pooled	1.84		1.56		2.49		2.52		2.68	1.39		0.196	††	0.817	††		1.13		2.85		1.43		3.87	
L034	Pooled	1.78		1.51		2.41		2.41		2.56	1.3		0.809		0.147			1.09		2.78		1.4		3.78	
L036	Pooled	1.8		1.8		2.74		2.76		2.78	1.37		0.846		0.229			1.2		2.89		1.61		3.65	
L040	Pooled	1.91		1.62		2.58		2.64		2.77	1.41		0.838		0.211			1.12		2.87		1.42		3.93	
L042	Pooled	2.01		1.64		2.71		2.74		2.78	1.53		0.83		0.148			1.19		2.83		1.42		3.82	
L044	Pooled	1.73		1.43		2.31		2.16	††	2.31	1.33		0.761		0.179			1.39	††	2.72		0.699	††	0.813	††
L046	Pooled	1.95		1.63		2.6		2.65		2.8	1.43		0.843		0.256			1.12		2.84		1.51		3.71	
L064	Pooled	1.7		1.33	††	2.66		2.5		2.9	1.49		0.937	††	0.398	†		1.1		2.97		1.43		4.24	
L079	Pooled	1.93		1.67		2.64		2.69		2.89	1.45		0.85		0.286			1.16		2.85		1.56		3.86	
L084	Pooled	1.86		1.51		2.47		2.48		2.6	1.4		0.8		0.19			1.03		2.7		1.35		3.83	
L097	Pooled	2.03		1.83		2.72		2.73		2.55	1.38		0.951	††	0.355			1.17		2.78		1.53		3.88	
L100	Pooled	2.08		1.73		2.68		2.76		2.95	1.62		0.957	††	0.422	††		1.38	††	3.18	††	1.72	††	4.15	
L133	Pooled																	0.001	††	0.037	††	0.063	††	0.005	††
L139	Pooled	1.88		1.58		2.54		2.56		2.5	1.2		0.65	††	0.16			1		2.7		1.33		3.76	

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Selenium (mg/kg)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)				April 2006 (Round 505)											
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP							
		11 1		11 2		11 3		11 4		21		22		23		24		41		42		43		44	
L009	Pooled	0.063		0.052		0		0		0		0	†	0		0		0.154	††	0.156		0.172	††	0.153	
L011	Pooled	0.266	††	0.211		0.52	††	0.156		0.17		0.143	††	0.16		0.04									
L013	Pooled	0.08		0.1		0.02		0.03		0.07		0.07		0.15		0.07		0.01		0.15		0.03		0.1	
L016	Pooled	0.1		0.142		0.045		0.071		0.078		0.063		0.074		0.026		0.008		0.12		0.019		0.108	
L019	Pooled	0.031		0.144		0.069		0.088		0.162		0.088		0.113		0.05									
L022	Pooled	0.2	†	0.9	††	0.25	††	0.24	††																
L023	Pooled																							1	††
L030	Pooled	0.079		0.12		0.025		0.042										0.004		0.117		0.015		0.105	
L032	Pooled	0.112		0.231		0.0437		0.011		0.095		0.069		0.014		0.070		0.026	†	0.183		0.0444		0.166	
L040	Pooled	0.14		0.17		0		0.02		0.061		0.044		0.063		0.03		0.009		0.013		0.023		0.021	
L044	Pooled																	2.84	††	2.33	††	2.3	††	1.55	††
L079	Pooled	0.11		0.54	††	0.13	†	0.07										0.1	††	0.21		0.05		0.19	
L097	Pooled	0.075		0.166		0.033		0.046		0.088		0.067		0.082		0.027		0.007		0.134		0.023		0.117	
L133	Pooled																	14	††	6.57	††	21.1	††	1.72	††

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Silicon (%w/w)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)				April 2006 (Round 505)											
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP							
		11 1		11 2		11 3		11 4		21		22		23		24		41		42		43		44	
L009	Pooled	0.057		0.031		0.115		0.042		0.105		0.237		0.021		0.014		0.080		0.074		0.045		0.01	
L011	Pooled	0.515		0.002		0.145		0.451		1.08		1.62		0.262	††	0.267	††	0.415		0.461		0.29		0.116	††
L015	Pooled	0.66		0.083		0.231		0.698		1.23		1.53		0.064		0.043		0.447		0.644		0.275		0.026	
L019	Pooled	0.08		0.022		0.034		0.046		0.078		0.021		0.019		0.051		0.028		0.054		0.031		0.006	
L036	Pooled	0.397		0.051		0.192		0.292		0.756		1.58		0.053		0.033		0.412		0.538		0.254		0.008	
L040	Pooled									0.389		0.64		0.131		0.042		0.256		0.243		0.208		0.025	
L133	Pooled	0.03		0.009		0.02		0.02		0.077		0.161		0.024		0.008		0.15		0.353		0.12		0.005	

Reported data for plant Sodium (%w/w)

Lab Code #	Method Code	Reported data for plant Sodium (%w/w)																							
		November 2005 (Round 105)								February 2006 (Round 305)								April 2006 (Round 505)							
		ASP 11 1		ASP 11 2		ASP 11 3		ASP 11 4		ASP 21		ASP 22		ASP 23		ASP 24		ASP 41		ASP 42		ASP 43		ASP 44	
L005	Pooled	0.1	††	0.1	††	0.1	††	0.1	††	0.05	††	0.06	††	0.11		0.08	††	0.06	††	0.08	††	0.05	††	0.07	††
L006	Pooled	0.016	†	0.038	†	0.026	†	0.01																	
L009	Pooled	0.011		0.022		0.019		0.006		0.023		0.029		0.117		0.026	†	0.017	†	0.020		0.007	†	0.020	†
L010	Pooled	0.01		0.122	††	0.124	††	0.114	††	0.033	†	0.033		0.108		0.014	††	0.152	††	0.193	††	0.123	††	0.216	††
L011	Pooled	0.008		0.024		0.021		0.009		0.015		0.026		0.118		0.021		0.013		0.019		0.004		0.018	
L013	Pooled	0.007		0.02		0.02		0.003		0.02		0.03		0.11		0.02		0.011		0.017		0.003		0.014	
L015	Pooled	0.01		0.026		0.022		0.007		0.019		0.029		0.126		0.023		0.012		0.017		0.001		0.016	
L016	Pooled	0.005		0.025		0.019		0.003		0.015		0.028		0.126		0.021		0.01		0.017		0.000		0.015	
L018	Pooled	0.006		0.026		0.02		0.006		0.017		0.028		0.13		0.022		0.012		0.02		0.003		0.016	
L019	Pooled	0.03	††	0.037	†	0.047	††	0.037	††	0.031		0.032		0.131		0.019		0.013		0.021		0.004		0.17	††
L022	Pooled	0.006		0.025		0.02		0.004		0.021		0.026		0.124		0.022		0.01		0.019		0.005		0.018	
L023	Pooled	0.004		0.022		0.019		0.003		0.017		0.028		0.12		0.02		0.009		0.015				0.014	
L026	Pooled	0.004		0.02		0.014	†	0.004		0.017		0.027		0.123		0.0216		0.01		0.017		0.002		0.015	
L028	Pooled	0.011		0.029		0.026	†	0.007		0.016		0.023		0.128		0.022		0.009		0.015		0.000		0.014	
L030	Pooled	0.005		0.021		0.018		0.004		0.014		0.024		0.111		0.0189		0.011		0.018		0.001		0.016	
L032	Pooled	0.004		0.021		0.016		0.002		0.015		0.0252		0.018	††	0.112	††	0.011		0.02		0.004		0.019	
L034	Pooled	0.006		0.024		0.018		0.004		0.015		0.027		0.12		0.021		0.011		0.017		0.002		0.015	
L036	Pooled	0.004		0.024		0.017		0.004		0.024		0.03		0.146		0.022		0.011		0.018		0.002		0.017	
L040	Pooled	0.007		0.077	††	0.055	††	0.012		0.02		0.03		0.137		0.019		0.007		0.017		0.003		0.017	
L042	Pooled	0.015	†	0.058	††	0.074	††	0.042	††	0.033	†	0.046	††	0.15		0.003	††	0.006	†	0.026	†	0.014	††	0.012	
L044	Pooled	0.011		0.025		0.021		0.008		0.023		0.029		0.13		0.03	††	0.032	††	0.053	††	0.017	††	0.032	††
L046	Pooled	0.005		0.0225		0.019		0.005		1.62	††	2.6	††	12	††	2.02	††	0.013		0.022		0.002		0.018	
L064	Pooled	0.024	††	0.033	†	0.022		0.013	†	0.023		0.022		0.116		0.020		0.009		0.016		0.001		0.016	
L079	Pooled	0.006		0.023		0.018		0.004										0.01		0.016		0.001		0.016	
L080	Pooled	0.059	††	0.043	††	0.044	††	0.033	††	0.045	††	0.051	††	0.143		0.046	††	0.024	††	0.034	††	0.011	††	0.027	††
L084	Pooled	0.004		0.0262		0.021		0.003		0.02		0.032		0.135		0.026	†	0.009		0.016		0.001		0.014	
L097	Pooled	0.005		0.024		0.019		0.004		0.016		0.029		0.131		0.023		1.17	††	0.016		0		0.015	
L100	Pooled	0.008		0.027		0.035	††	0.017	†	0.037	††	0.03		0.141		0.019		0.024	††	0.037	††	0.02	††	0.025	††
L133	Pooled	0.01		0.02		0.02		0.006		0.018		0.028		0.116		0.024		0.018	†	0.028	†	0.004		0.015	
L139	Pooled	0.005		0.066	††	0.05	††	0.01		0.027		0.023		0.135		0.021		0.011		0.029	†	0.003		0.017	
L280	Pooled									0.02		0.03		0.13		0.02									

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		November 2005 (Round 105)							February 2006 (Round 305)							April 2006 (Round 505)									
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP					
		11 1		11 2		11 3		11 4		21		22		23		24		41		42		43		44	
L006	Pooled	0.158		2.33	††	0.267		0.187																	
L009	Pooled	0.142		0.173	††	0.29		0.18		0.276		0.106	†	0.14		0.020		0.094		0.258		0.122		0.23	
L010	Pooled	0.169		1.47	†	0.242		0.181		0.294		0.125		0.127		0.023		0.12		0.266		0.14		0.251	
L011	Pooled	0.154		1.81		0.271		0.184		0.294		0.127		0.143		0.024		0.124	†	0.302	†	0.151		0.273	
L013	Pooled	0.14		1.92		0.25		0.17		0.27		0.12		0.13		0.02		0.101		0.247		0.128		0.236	
L015	Pooled	0.159		1.95		0.289		0.194		0.328		0.136		0.158		0.028		0.117		0.281		0.148		0.267	
L016	Pooled	0.161		1.77		0.272		0.187		0.301		0.123		0.143		0.025		0.109		0.269		0.138		0.249	
L018	Pooled	0.161		1.96		0.282		0.188		0.304		0.126		0.148		0.024		0.104		0.269		0.131		0.244	
L019	Pooled	0.166		1.81		0.256		0.184		0.317		0.138		0.119	†	0.025		0.086	†	0.21	††	0.1	††	0.167	††
L022	Pooled	0.161		1.79		0.278		0.187		0.309		0.126		0.14		0.024		0.109		0.265		0.145		0.257	
L023	Pooled	0.168		1.87		0.276		0.191		0.32		0.13		0.15		0.026		0.11		0.28		0.14		0.25	
L026	Pooled	0.155		1.81		0.273		0.184		0.031	††	0.121		0.136		0.023		0.103		0.267		0.138		0.252	
L028	Pooled	0.148		1.84		0.265		0.171		0.285		0.101	††	0.147		0.025		0.106		0.268		0.131		0.25	
L030	Pooled	0.157		1.89		0.284		0.189		0.303		0.127		0.145		0.024		0.106		0.262		0.134		0.243	
L032	Pooled	0.152		1.62		0.232		0.177		0.301		0.123		0.021	††	0.127	††	0.108		0.274		0.143		0.257	
L034	Pooled	0.156		1.86		0.263		0.172		0.28		0.12		0.137		0.023		0.101		0.249		0.126		0.235	
L036	Pooled	0.157		1.94		0.274		0.187		0.331		0.134		0.151		0.024		0.109		0.274		0.156		0.258	
L040	Pooled	0.131		1.94		0.248		0.176		0.31		0.12		0.157		0.03	†	0.103		0.253		0.13		0.24	
L044	Pooled	0.1	††	1.38	††	0.287		0.158	†	0.364	†	0.236	††	0.304	††	0.244	††	0.196	††	0.182	††	0.212	††	0.078	††
L046	Pooled									23.8	††	10.8	††	13.1	††	2.28	††	0.11		0.271		0.129		0.227	
L064	Pooled	0.193	†	1.24	††	0.284		0.199		0.431	††	0.148	†	0.162		0.116	††	0.118		0.312	††	0.132		0.283	†
L079	Pooled	0.135		1.88		0.335	††	0.185										0.1		0.23	††	0.14		0.2	†
L080	Pooled	0.196	††	2.02		0.313		0.214	††																
L084	Pooled	0.148		1.69		0.27		0.164	†	0.322		0.128		0.161		0.024		0.098		0.264		0.136		0.226	
L097	Pooled	0.144		1.89		0.277		0.18		0.313		0.129		0.144		0.025		0.107		0.273		0.132		0.253	
L100	Pooled	0.146		1.78		0.259		0.174		0.306		0.126		0.146		0.025									
L133	Pooled	0.1	††	7.17	††	0.2	††	0.1	††	0.263		0.105	†	0.147		0.024		0.086	†	0.183	††	0.09	††	0.173	††
L139	Pooled	0.298	††	1	††	0.32	††	0.293	††	0.29		0.214	††	0.195	††	0.159	††	0.196	††	0.302	†	0.222	††	0.313	††
L280	Pooled									0.31		0.13		0.15		0.03	†								

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		November 2005 (Round 105)				February 2006 (Round 305)				April 2006 (Round 505)								
		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP		ASP				
		11 1	11 2	11 3	11 4	21	22	23	24	41	42	43	44					
L005	Pooled	18.8	10.1	67.5	50.5	42.1	3.06	††	71.7	23.4	††	14.9	††	32.2	21.0	33.4		
L006	Pooled	20.2	11	72.5	52.9													
L009	Pooled	17	9.71	63.6	48.1	34.9	7.08	††	65.1	17.2	††	10.2		35	21.8	31.2		
L011	Pooled	22	12.7	††	77.8	62.3	††	50	15.2	††	83.5	23.7	††	16.7	††	35.6	25.7	35.1
L013	Pooled	17.7	7.7	62.3	49.7	38.7	11.3		66	19.3		11.8		27.5	21.7	29.3		
L015	Pooled	19.2	9.22	67.3	51.2	43.5	11.9		76.9	20.1		12.2		29	22.6	28.8		
L016	Pooled	19.1	7.72	63.1	48.8	44.5	11.1		76.1	19.9		12		30.1	20.5	28.9		
L018	Pooled	19.5	9.54	72.8	56.6	46.9	11.7		80.2	20.3		12.3		31	22.4	31.3		
L019	Pooled	17	9.53	55.1	52.8	48.5	10.3		79.4	20		10.2		27	17.2	25.4		
L022	Pooled	19.2	9	67.9	49.4	44.4	11.3		73.5	19.5		11.7		31.1	19.4	30.2		
L023	Pooled	17.1	7.21	59.8	45.1	41	11		71	19		11		31	20	27		
L026	Pooled	18.2	8.8	67	50.1	48.1	11.5		80.6	20.2		11		30.1	21.9	29.5		
L028	Pooled	18.1	9	64.9	49.1	44	13.3		77.6	19.3		11.8		30.3	19.7	30.1		
L030	Pooled	15.5	7.51	63.7	47.8	42.6	9.97		74.1	17.1	††	10.8		28.6	18.7	27.6		
L032	Pooled	17.1	7.95	61.1	46.1	40.7	10.2		16.2	††	65.5	††	14.8	††	33.2	24.1	31.3	
L034	Pooled	18.9	9.08	64.4	48	38.5	10.2		68.7	17.1	††	10.6		26.6	19	26.6		
L036	Pooled	17.4	8.85	66.5	48.5	41.5	10.7		74	19.7		11		29	20	28		
L040	Pooled	18.6	10.3	70.4	53.5	50.9	12.2		86.7	21.9	†	12.8		31.4	23.4	32.8		
L042	Pooled	19.5	8.9	69.7	55	46	12		79	21		10.7		32	20	34.9		
L044	Pooled	15.5	8.46	59.6	44.7	39.5	9.31		72.6	19.9		10.4		26	17.7	24.7		
L046	Pooled	16.7	9	58.7	47	30.4	††	11.4	69.9	22.9	††	12.5		28.9	20.1	27.3		
L064	Pooled	17.8	9.83	74.3	54.4	46	13.2		75.4	20.4		12.7		34.2	24.8	30.8		
L079	Pooled	19.3	7.9	70.2	55.9							11.7		30.6	20.8	29.3		
L080	Pooled	14.7	10.3	57.2	53	44.2	12.1		73.1	19.4		8.14	††	26.7	17.4	26.9		
L084	Pooled	18.2	9.14	70.7	50.6	47.8	11.9		86.9	20		11.3		29.2	21	28.9		
L097	Pooled	20.3	9.28	72.2	53.3	44.8	10.8		71.7	18.1		11.9		30.3	21.2	29.1		
L100	Pooled	18.1	9.29	65.2	52.7	45.7	14.4	††	81.2	23	††	11.7		34.9	25.4	33.5		
L133	Pooled	23	††	11	67	52	40.2		73.9	19.8		65.3	††	24.8	19.1	25		
L139	Pooled	20	7.2	63	50	47	12		80	22	†	12		32	23	37		
L280	Pooled					45	11.6		83.2	20.5								

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