Trichothecene (TCT) Fact Sheet

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Background Information: Trichothecenes are a family/group of *Fusarium*-produced mycotoxins comprising over 200 related compounds of widely varying toxicity. Type A Trichothecenes are generally considered to be more toxic than Type B Trichothecences. Some common Type A Trichothecenes are T-2, HT-2, **Neosolaniol**, and **DAS (Diacetoxyscirpenol)**. Some common Type B Trichothecenes are Vomitoxin (DON - Deoxynivalenol), **3-Acetyl DON**, **15-Acetyl DON**, **Nivalenol**, and **Fusarenon X**. It is very common to have samples contaminated with two or more Trichothecenes, which may result in synergistic effects as well as individual effects.

Major crops affected: Cereal grains and their corresponding silages.

Associated Mold: *Fusarium sp.*

Conditions favoring production: Cool and wet weather

Symptoms: Digestive disorders (vomiting, diarrhea, gastroenteritis, hemorrhages, necrosis, ulcers, reduced feed intake, & feed refusal); reduced feed efficiency, reduced weight gain or slowed growth; anorexia, dermatitis, weight loss, depression, edema, blood disorders, oral lesions/irritations, infertility, immunosuppression, and even death (severe cases).

Dairyland Lab Detection Limits/Packages for Trichothecenes

	Individual Request	Mycotoxin Basic	Mycotoxin Select	Mycotoxin Complete	Detection Limit
Vomitoxin (DON)	X	X	X	X	0.1 ppm
T-2/HT-2	X	X	X	X	5 ppb
3 & 15 Acetyl DON			X	X	0.1 ppm
Nivalenol				X	0.1 ppm
Fusarenon X				X	0.1 ppm
Neosolaniol				X	100 ppb
DAS (Diacetoxyscirpenol)				X	100 ppb

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