

SAMPLE ANALYSIS

Sign up to support the grain sector and benefit from the Harvest Sample Program

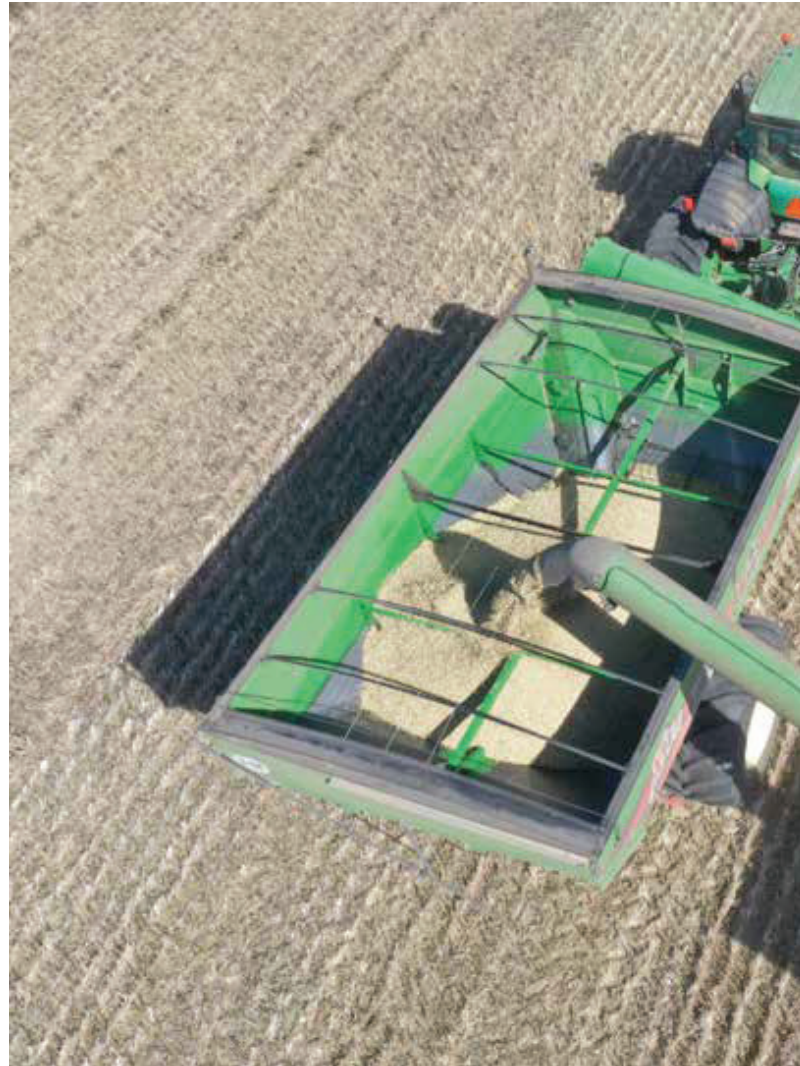
Alberta pulse farmers are encouraged to sign up for the Canadian Grain Commission's Harvest Sample Program to experience the benefits to their farm and the industry.

"For samples that the producers submit to the program, they will receive a grade, protein and other analysis depending on commodity, which will help them market their grain when they go to sell," explained Kerri Pleskach, Manager for the Harvest Sample Program. "Producer samples are crucial to help with marketing Canadian grain, evaluating grain grading standards, and conducting research that benefits the entire Canadian grain sector."

This free, voluntary program has been benefiting Canadian grain producers and the entire grain value chain since 1927. The program receives around 10,000 samples annually, with about 10% of samples received each year being pulse samples.

The harvest samples that producers send to the program are essential to maintaining Canada's grain quality assurance system, as they:

- Provide quality data that helps marketers promote domestic and international sales of Canadian grain;
- Help to evaluate and improve grain grading standards;
- Support scientific research to mitigate grain quality and grain safety issues, and to help in the creation of new markets for Canadian crops; and
- Help to ensure Canada remains a trusted source of high-quality grain.



Pleskach said that there isn't a target number of responses each year, but program staff work to ensure they receive a sufficient number of samples to statistically make inferences with data.

"Harvest is a busy time for farmers, and there may be a variety of reasons why some do not participate in the program every year," she noted.

"We have also noticed that in years when the crop quality is good, farmers know what is coming off their field and may not need a breakdown of the downgrading factors affecting their crop."

Each year, the Harvest Sample Program receives around **10,000** crop samples. **10%** of those samples are pulses.



Pleskach wanted to thank the farmers who participate each year.

Her message to those who don't: "No matter the quality of your grain, send us a sample! We want your samples in good quality years and in challenging years, because your samples are crucial to help with marketing Canadian grain, evaluating grain grading standards, and conducting research that benefits the entire Canadian grain sector."

Producers can sign up at anytime throughout the year. Samples are accepted as soon as harvest starts until Dec. 31 each year. Sign up at grainscanada.gc.ca/hsp.

The Canadian Grain Commission also publishes reports on crop quality, based on scientific analyses of harvest samples. To receive the crop quality reports and other updates by email, sign up at grainscanada.gc.ca/subscription. 

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Each year a percentage of the Alberta Pulse Growers investment into research is calculated for the percent eligible for that tax year for producers.

Alberta pulse farmers are eligible for a 30.3% net tax credit in 2024-25.

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