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USDA International HVI Level Assessment Program

The USDA, AMS, Cotton Program, International HVI Level Assessment Program was initiated in 1994 in response to the worldwide proliferation in the use of HVI measurements in trading cotton in the world markets. The program is designed to ensure a standard level of HVI testing on an international level. The USDA International HVI Level Assessment Program provides for participating organizations to send selected check samples tested on their instruments to the USDA for comparison at no cost. The only cost incurred by participants is the cost of shipping the samples to the USDA's Quality Assurance Branch in Memphis, Tennessee, USA. The only restriction will be to limit the number of submitted samples to ten per month per participant during the months of January through August. During the months of September through December, submitted samples will be limited to two per month. The samples are tested in the Quality Assurance Lab and the comparison results are returned to the participant.

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