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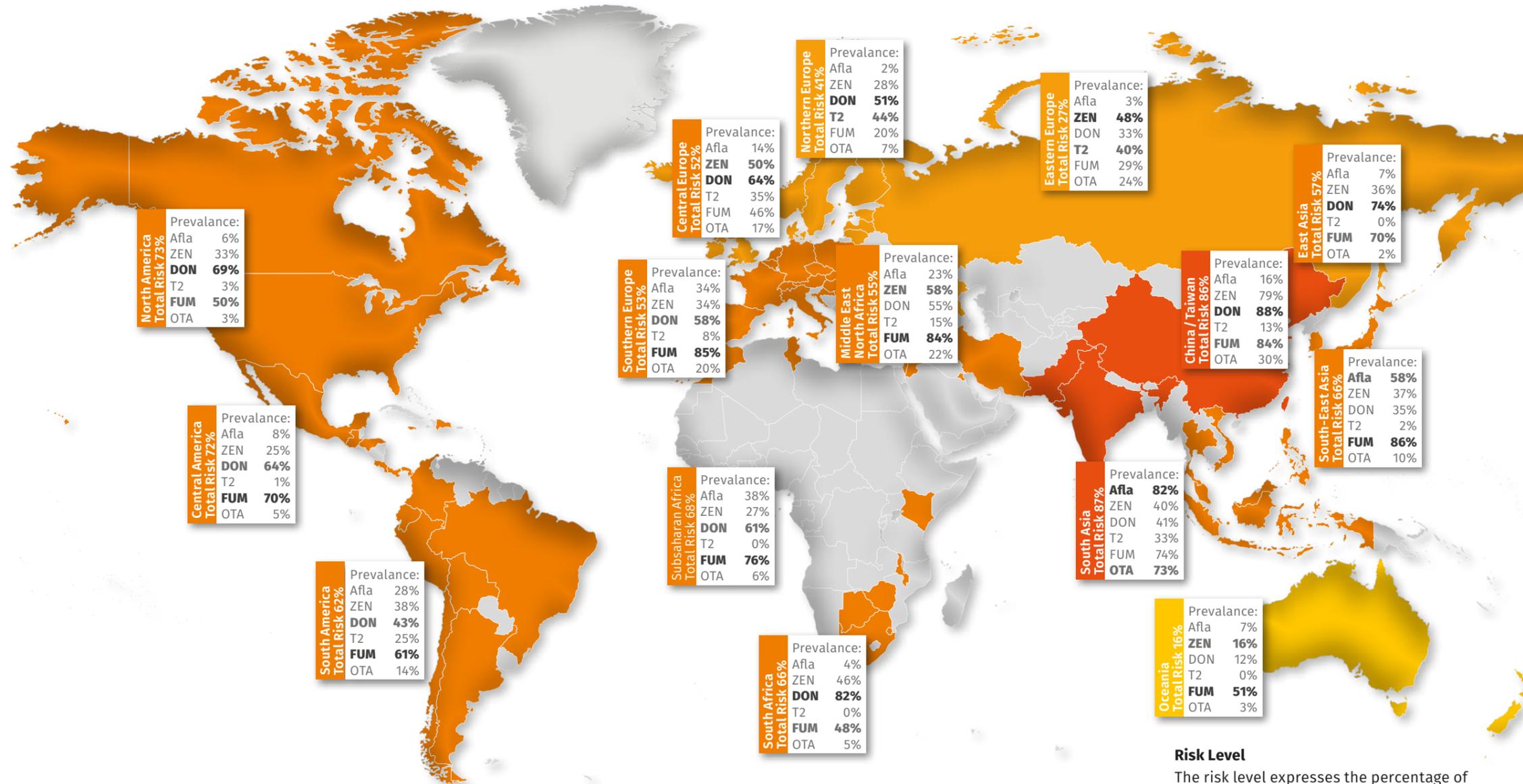
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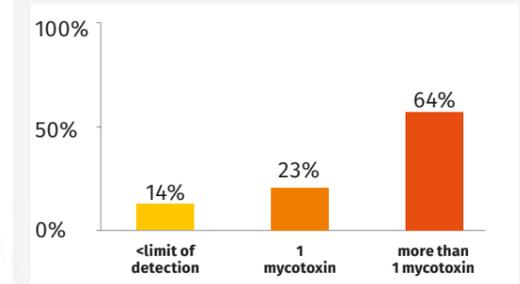
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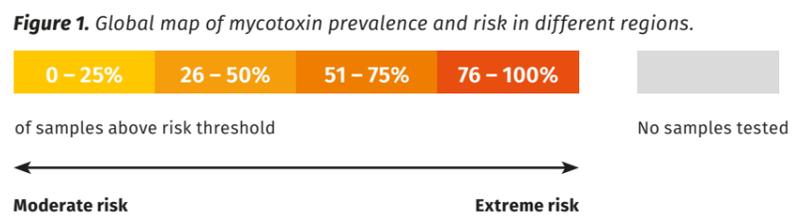
## World Overview



### Co-contamination



Number of mycotoxins per sample based on samples tested for 3 or more mycotoxins.



### Risk Level

The risk level expresses the percentage of samples testing positive for at least one mycotoxin above the threshold level in parts per billion (ppb).

Recommended risk threshold of major mycotoxins in ppb

Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
2	50	150	50	500	10

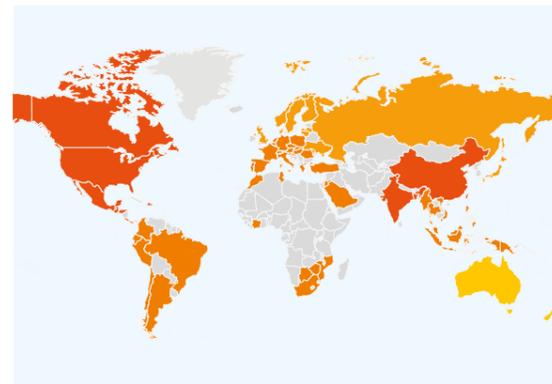
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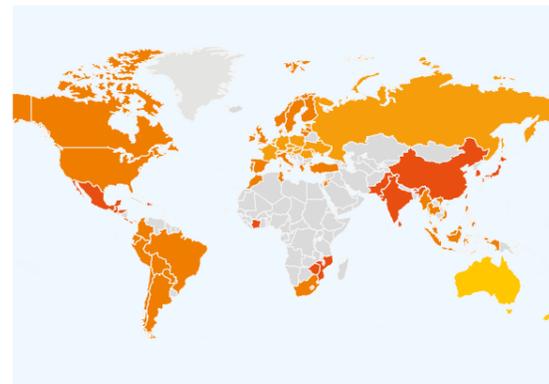
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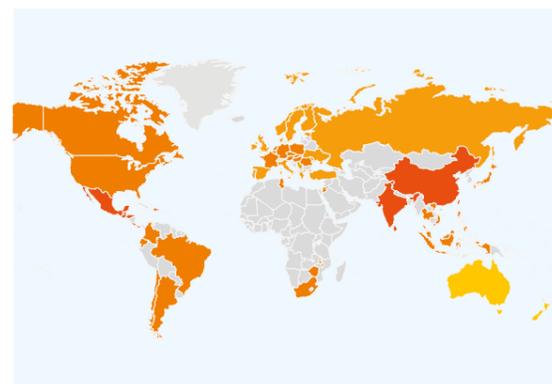
## Mycotoxin Trends



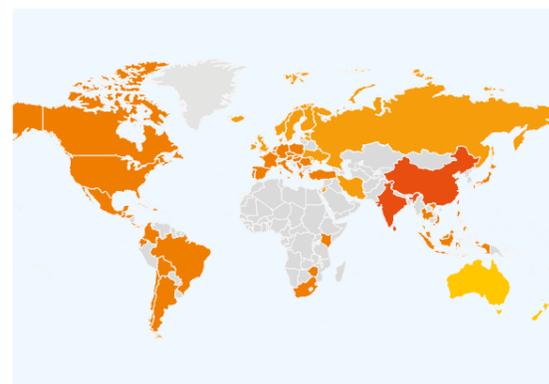
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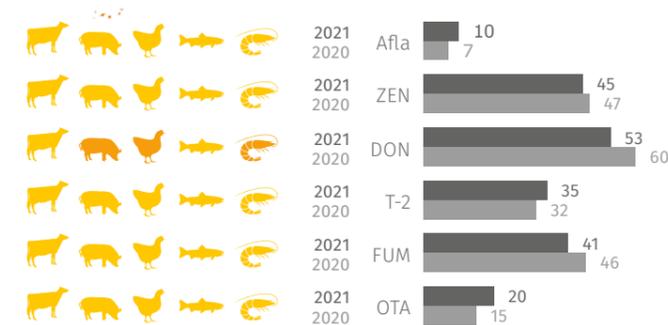
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## A regional overview

Changes in risk for half year from 2020 to 2021 indicate the changes that happen with the main crop harvests. The region South America remains at severe risk in both years. Central America shows extreme risk during 2020 and a slight decrease in risk only in the second half of 2021. For North America, risk was slightly decreasing from extreme to severe from the first

half of 2020 to the second half of the same year and remains severe throughout 2021. China and Taiwan as well as South Asia show extreme risk throughout the semesters. Risk stays constantly severe in South East Asia. In East Asia, risk is also severe (apart from extreme risk in the second half of 2020). Risk in South Africa remains severe through all semesters.

## Europe



Animal colours indicate the risk posed to this species by the prevalence and concentration of each mycotoxin in all samples from this region (yellow=moderate to red=extreme see color code page 2)

% Contaminated samples January–December 2021 ■ and January–December 2020 ■

	Total samples: 7 165	Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
Total Samples	Number of samples tested	4 411	6 771	7 054	4 868	4 801	4 380
	% Contaminated samples	10%	45%	53%	35%	41%	20%
	Average of positive (ppb)	5	62	551	47	781	8
	Median of positive (ppb)	2	24	249	15	129	3
	Maximum (ppb)	133	4 980	79 265	6 617	27 009	686
Corn	Number of samples tested	516	815	838	533	712	504
	% Contaminated samples	13%	49%	65%	44%	60%	15%
	Average of positive (ppb)	10	123	720	99	2011	9
	Median of positive (ppb)	3	48	434	18	458	4
	Maximum (ppb)	76	3 110	11 637	6 617	27 009	156
Cereals*	Number of samples tested	1 047	2 377	2 517	1 413	1 162	1 047
	% Contaminated samples	8%	26%	46%	42%	9%	11%
	Average of positive (ppb)	3	68	549	51	331	19
	Median of positive (ppb)	3	29	242	28	208	5
	Maximum (ppb)	20	3282	22 395	856	2 869	686

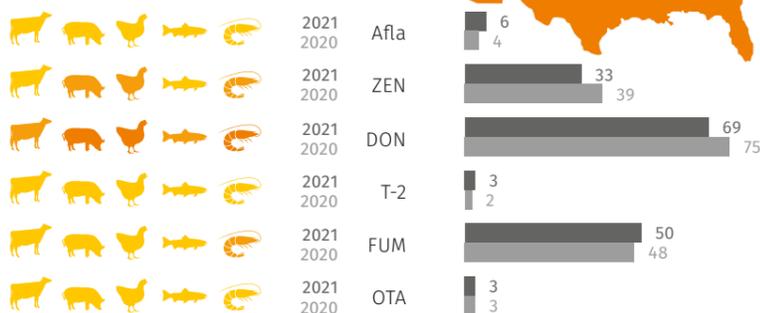
\*Cereals include: wheat, barley, rye, oats, rice, sorghum, millet.

**All samples**  
DON is most prevalent, followed by ZEN and FUM  
T-2 prevalence and average concentrations slightly increased

**Cereals**  
DON still main threat reaching a maximum of 22 395 ppb

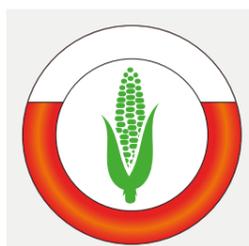
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## North America



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### Corn

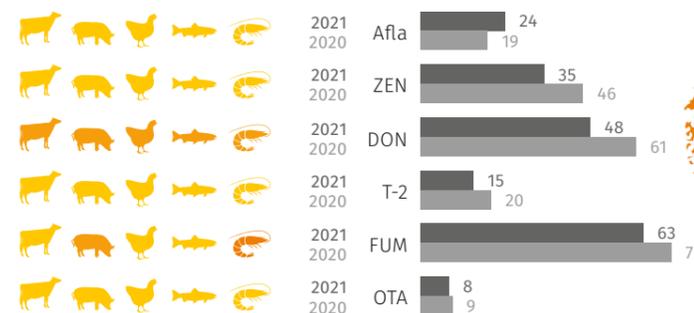
**DON (70%) and FUM (69%) are most prevalent**  
Average of positives concentrations of **DON and FUM increased compared to 2020**

70%

	Total samples: 1 860	Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
<b>Total Samples</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	1 791	1 798	1 798	1 790	1 828	1 791
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	6%	33%	69%	3%	50%	3%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	42	256	989	90	1 816	7
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	4	114	461	65	600	2
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	1 319	12 165	41 300	834	31 672	158
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	454	454	454	454	454	454
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	8%	31%	70%	3%	69%	1%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	55	300	1 117	83	2 588	45
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	22	104	446	70	947	18
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	405	5 563	30 044	200	31 672	158
<b>Cereals*</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	46	46	46	46	46	46
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	4%	17%	57%	2%	13%	9%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	5	542	604	2	254	3
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	5	84	323	2	164	3
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	7	3 650	6 300	2	534	3

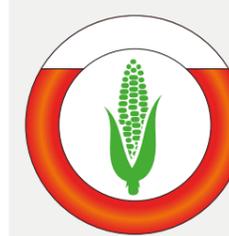
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## South and Central America



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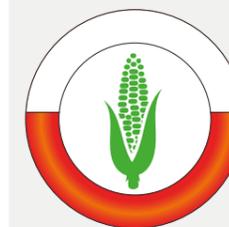
### Corn

**FUM is most prevalent (79%) reaching a maximum of 83 800 ppb!**

79%

	Total samples: 9 144	Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
<b>Total Samples</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	7 548	7 222	6 881	3 995	6 979	2 488
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	24%	35%	48%	15%	63%	8%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	6	100	549	34	1 309	1
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	2	57	380	28	720	7
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	2 630	4 603	6 910	1 311	83 800	320
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	3 234	2 742	2 526	978	3 071	439
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	18%	27%	48%	13%	79%	4%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	10	106	555	31	1 645	5
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	2	48	372	29	942	4
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	2 630	2 199	6 910	108	83 800	20
<b>Cereals*</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	242	238	190	147	188	111
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	43%	29%	49%	18%	12%	24%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	4	73	636	46	502	22
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	3	48	438	32	305	8
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	80	932	3 814	168	5 000	320

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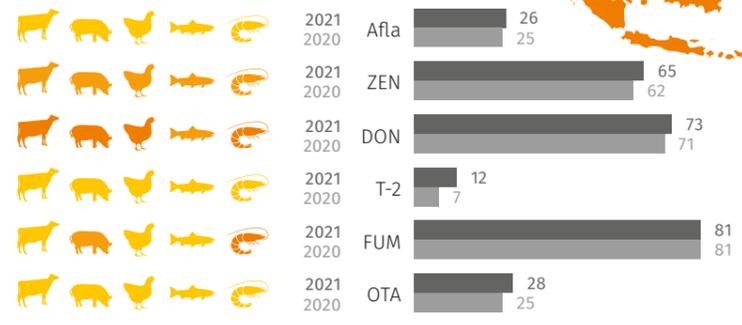
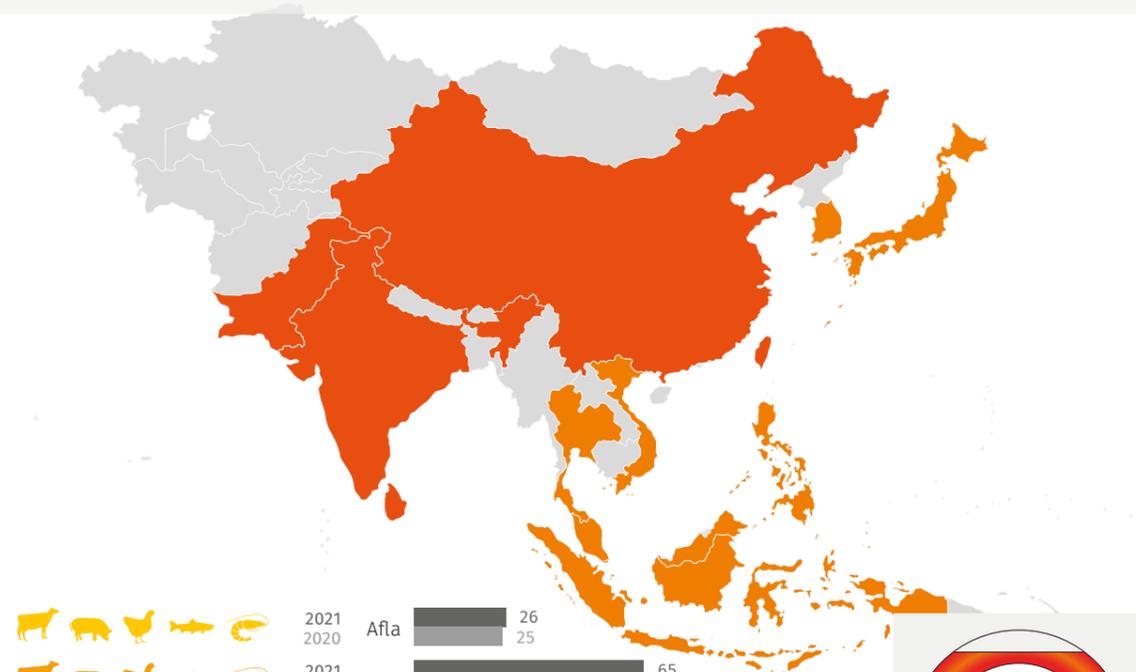
### Corn silage

**ZEN found in 60% of the samples (average of positives 193 ppb)**

60%

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## Asia



**Corn**  
FUM occurs in 91% and DON in 83% of the samples!

**91%**

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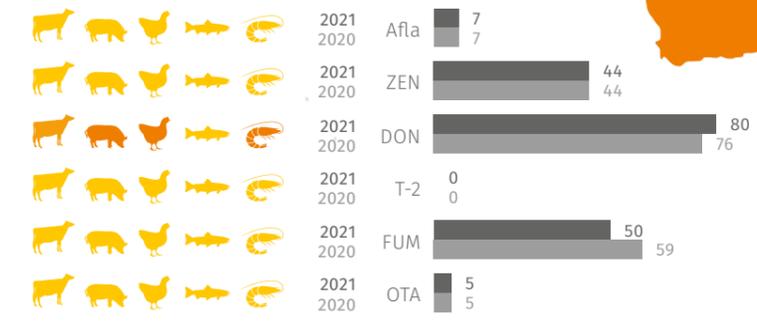
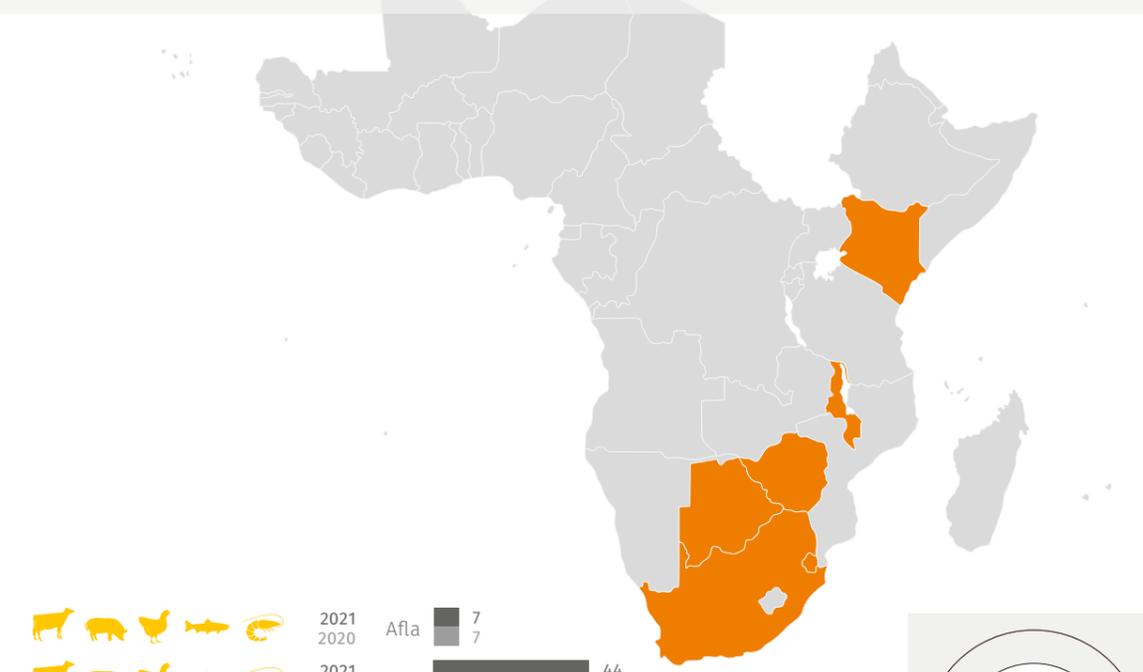
% Contaminated samples January–December 2021 ■ and January–December 2020 ■

	Total samples: 4 382	Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
<b>Total Samples</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	4 380	4 222	4 327	4 159	4 180	4 070
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	26%	65%	73%	12%	81%	28%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	47	249	942	33	1 546	8
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	6	70	570	22	548	5
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	1 560	28 066	56 818	1 619	17 1491	347
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	1 069	1 068	1 069	1 066	1 069	947
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	24%	73%	83%	21%	91%	62%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	78	251	1178	20	3 113	6
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	23	95	860	16	1395	5
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	1 560	13 932	14 890	96	171 491	141
<b>Cereals*</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	388	340	388	340	358	351
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	9%	46%	58%	34%	38%	26%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	30	175	1 099	43	269	8
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	5	38	594	34	77	5
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	456	14 049	19 870	130	8 486	82

**All samples**  
Afla remains a risk for animals (average of positives 47 ppb)

\*Cereals include: wheat, barley, oats, rice, sorghum, millet.

## Africa



**All samples**  
DON is most prevalent (80%), followed by FUM.

**80%**

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% Contaminated samples January–December 2021 ■ and January–December 2020 ■

	Total samples: 1 354	Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
<b>Total Samples</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	1 354	1 354	1 354	1 354	1 354	1 354
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	7%	44%	80%	0%	50%	5%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	11	78	538	7	402	9
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	2	19	294	7	110	3
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	424	14 353	8439	7	8344	171
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	573	573	573	573	573	573
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	2%	42%	90%	0%	48%	1%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	24	43	576	-	430	4
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	1	14	331	-	121	2
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	150	415	8 439	0	8 344	9
<b>Cereals*</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	73	73	73	73	73	73
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	12%	33%	77%	0%	19%	14%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	16	74	379	-	42	16
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	7	10	228	-	43	2
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	41	1 320	2 610	0	73	112

**Cereals**  
DON frequently found (77%), a maximum of 2 610 ppb was detected

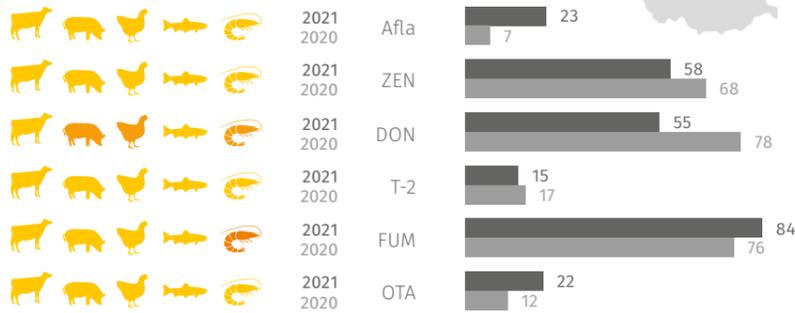
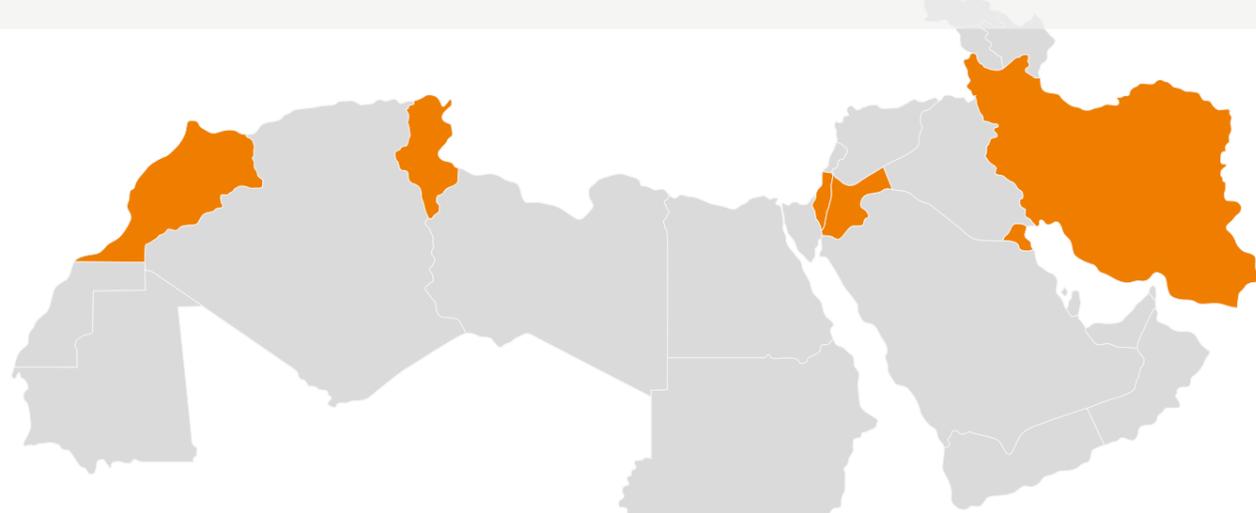
**77%**

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## Middle East & North Africa

## Focus: major grain & soy producing countries



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% Contaminated samples January–December 2021 ■ and January–December 2020 ■

	Total samples: 163	Afla	ZEN	DON	T-2	FUM	OTA
<b>Total Samples</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	162	162	162	162	162	162
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	23%	58%	55%	15%	84%	22%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	2	92	619	20	896	5
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	1	28	265	14	310	3
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	6	754	4 060	58	16 805	26
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	22	22	22	22	22	22
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	23%	50%	77%	14%	95%	0%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	2	261	1213	16	3 140	-
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	1	199	625	13	730	-
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	4	732	4060	25	1 6805	0
<b>Finished Feed</b>	<b>Number of samples tested</b>	60	60	60	60	60	60
	<b>% Contaminated samples</b>	20%	82%	72%	18%	98%	20%
	<b>Average of positive (ppb)</b>	3	25	212	9	331	5
	<b>Median of positive (ppb)</b>	1	18	160	7	224	4
	<b>Maximum (ppb)</b>	6	167	837	19	3 623	16



### Corn



Country	Afla	ZEN	DON	T2	FUM	OTA
USA	Number of samples	422	422	422	422	422
	% Contaminated samples	8	31	68	1	72
	Average of positives (ppb)	57	312	1143	36	2637
	Median of positives (ppb)	24	110	435	6	955
	Maximum (ppb)	405	5563	30044	131	31672
Argentina	Number of samples	1152	1152	497	233	701
	% Contaminated samples	33	40	50	16	64
	Average of positives (ppb)	2	87	981	26	2383
	Median of positives (ppb)	1	41	670	22	1520
Brazil	Number of samples	1564	1072	1511	227	1852
	% Contaminated samples	9	15	43	33	80
	Average of positives (ppb)	29	112	415	33	1377
	Median of positives (ppb)	7	35	330	30	776
Ukraine	Number of samples	20	25	25	25	25
	% Contaminated samples	15	60	80	68	28
	Average of positives (ppb)	2	145	1114	27	504
	Median of positives (ppb)	2	47	810	20	513
	Maximum (ppb)	2	556	3727	80	941

### Wheat



Country	Afla	ZEN	DON	T2	FUM	OTA
Russia	Number of samples	204	204	204	204	204
	% Contaminated samples	0	15	43	18	4
	Average of positives (ppb)		61	265	50	27
	Median of positives (ppb)		5	46	8	15
USA	Number of samples	28	29	29	28	29
	% Contaminated samples	0	7	93	0	10
	Average of positives (ppb)		1853	835		461
	Median of positives (ppb)		1853	611		275
France	Number of samples	203	239	239	203	205
	% Contaminated samples	0	58	90	15	0
	Average of positives (ppb)		85	634	8	18
	Median of positives (ppb)		13	211	2	18
	Maximum (ppb)	0	2194	16081	104	18

### Soybean



Country	Afla	ZEN	DON	T2	FUM	OTA
Brazil	Number of samples	415	497	779	99	447
	% Contaminated samples	6	16	32	22	6
	Average of positives (ppb)	5	53	758	40	502
	Median of positives (ppb)	4	31	640	34	58
USA	Number of samples	68	68	68	68	68
	% Contaminated samples	1	12	16	1	44
	Average of positives (ppb)	1	26	76	1	74
	Median of positives (ppb)	1	8	18	1	26
Argentina	Number of samples	868	1032	420	475	344
	% Contaminated samples	61	75	21	41	12
	Average of positives (ppb)	2	61	639	27	683
	Median of positives (ppb)	2	58	615	26	490
	Maximum (ppb)	58	225	4640	91	2500

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## Multiple Mycotoxin Overview

### Spectrum 380<sup>®</sup> and Spectrum Top<sup>®</sup>50



Only analyzing for single mycotoxins can lead to underestimation of the detrimental effects of mycotoxins on animal health and performance. Our long-term monitoring of mycotoxins in different commodities shows that co-occurrence of mycotoxins is state-of-the-art. Here we need support of state-of-the-art analytical methods based on LC-MS/MS. These allow to detect multiple mycotoxins in one run. The high sensitivity of the method is important, as already moderate levels of mycotoxins can have a detrimental effect. This is especially true in case of co-contamination.

#### Spectrum 380<sup>®</sup>:

**The most advanced and comprehensive mycotoxin analysis available**

It detects > 500 different mycotoxins (including masked and modified forms and emerging mycotoxins), fungal metabolites as well as plant and bacterial toxins and metabolites. This is not a routine analysis but it is done in special cases and/or also of course as part of research of future objectives. Spectrum 380<sup>®</sup> is developed and conducted by the world's leading independent mycotoxin research lab at the Department of Agrobiotechnology (IFA-Tulln) at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna and offered through cooperation with Performance Solutions plus Biomin.

#### Spectrum Top<sup>®</sup>50:

**The most comprehensive mycotoxin analysis commercially available**

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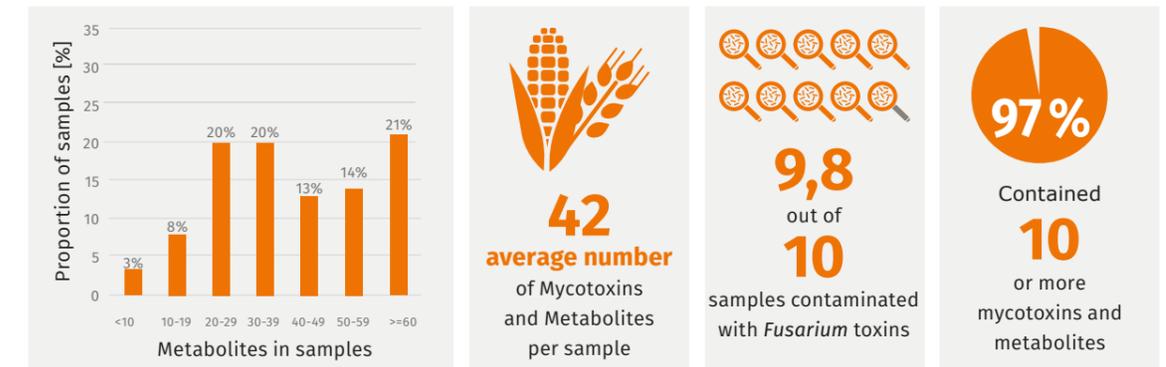
## Multiple Mycotoxin Overview: Spectrum 380<sup>®</sup>

### Overview of:

- the most frequently found mycotoxins, their masked and modified forms
- emerging mycotoxins
- other fungal metabolites
- plants and bacterial toxins and metabolites in all samples analyzed

### Multiple mycotoxin occurrence

Spectrum 380<sup>®</sup> results January to December 2021: the most comprehensive mycotoxin analysis available



**Total: 861 samples tested from 31 countries; 430 500 points of analysis**

### Mycotoxins & metabolites

Metabolite	Prevalence	Average	Maximum
cyclo(L-Pro-L-Tyr)	91%	375	8 801
Tryptophol	86%	260	17 830
Aurofusarin	85%	294	20 816
Culmorin	79%	735	11 650
Abscisic acid	78%	169	4 555
15-Hydroxyculmorin	76%	371	15 580
Deoxynivalenol	75%	463	16 081
cyclo(L-Pro-L-Val)	75%	1 285	13 255
Moniliformin	74%	55	1 759
Enniatin B	74%	55	1 999
Altersetin	70%	63	6 607
Infectopyron	70%	2 014	76 720
Beauvericin	70%	23	842
Enniatin B1	69%	30	644
Siccanol	69%	1 337	95 123
Equisetin	67%	36	2 840
Fellutanine A	67%	30	395
Brevianamid F	66%	63	1 642
Zearalenone	63%	53	2 194
Bikaverin	60%	27	966
Nivalenol	59%	100	1 679
Rugulosovin	59%	55	913
DON-3-glucoside	58%	114	1 634
Antibiotic Y	57%	145	9 404
Butenolid	56%	166	4 654
Enniatin A1	54%	13	310

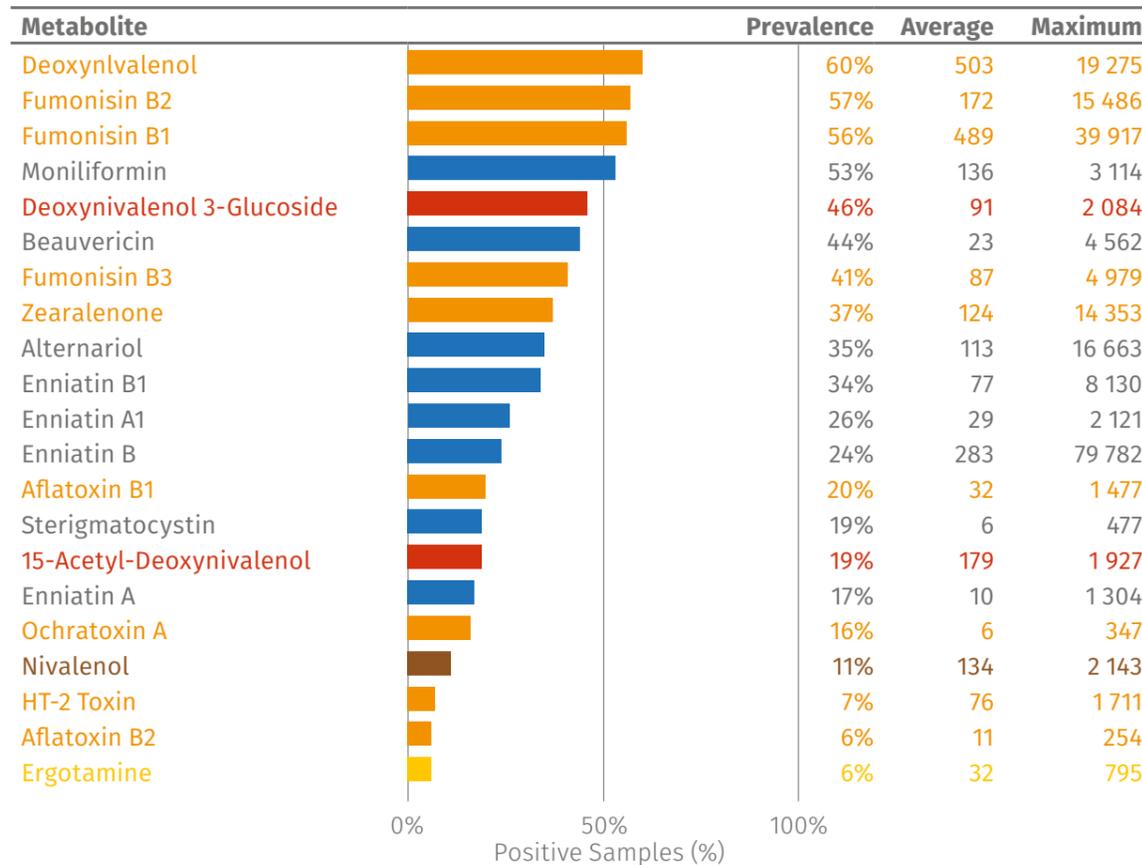
Positive Samples [%] for metabolites present in more than 50% of samples (orange bars indicate regulated or guideline mycotoxins; red bar indicates a masked mycotoxin). Cut off for all metabolites 1 ppb (except for aflatoxins 0.5 ppb).

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## Multiple Mycotoxin Overview: Spectrum Top<sup>®</sup>50

Overview of the most frequently found mycotoxins, their masked and modified forms as well as emerging mycotoxins in all samples and finished feed

### ALL samples (n=3 470)



Positive Samples [%] for metabolites present in more than 50% of samples (orange bars indicate regulated or guideline mycotoxins; red bar indicates a masked mycotoxin). Cut off for all metabolites 1 ppb (except for aflatoxins 0.5 ppb).

**Regulated or guideline mycotoxins**

**Masked and modified mycotoxins**

**15-Acetyl-DON:** fungal metabolite of DON; shown to be converted to DON in intestinal tract of pigs and chickens

**DON-3-glucoside:** plant metabolite of DON (masked DON); less toxic than DON, but it converted back to DON in the gastrointestinal tract of mammals.

**Ergot alkaloids**

**Nivalenol:** Type B trichothecene, more cytotoxic than DON in intestinal cells of pigs and ruminants (*in vitro*)

3 470

Samples

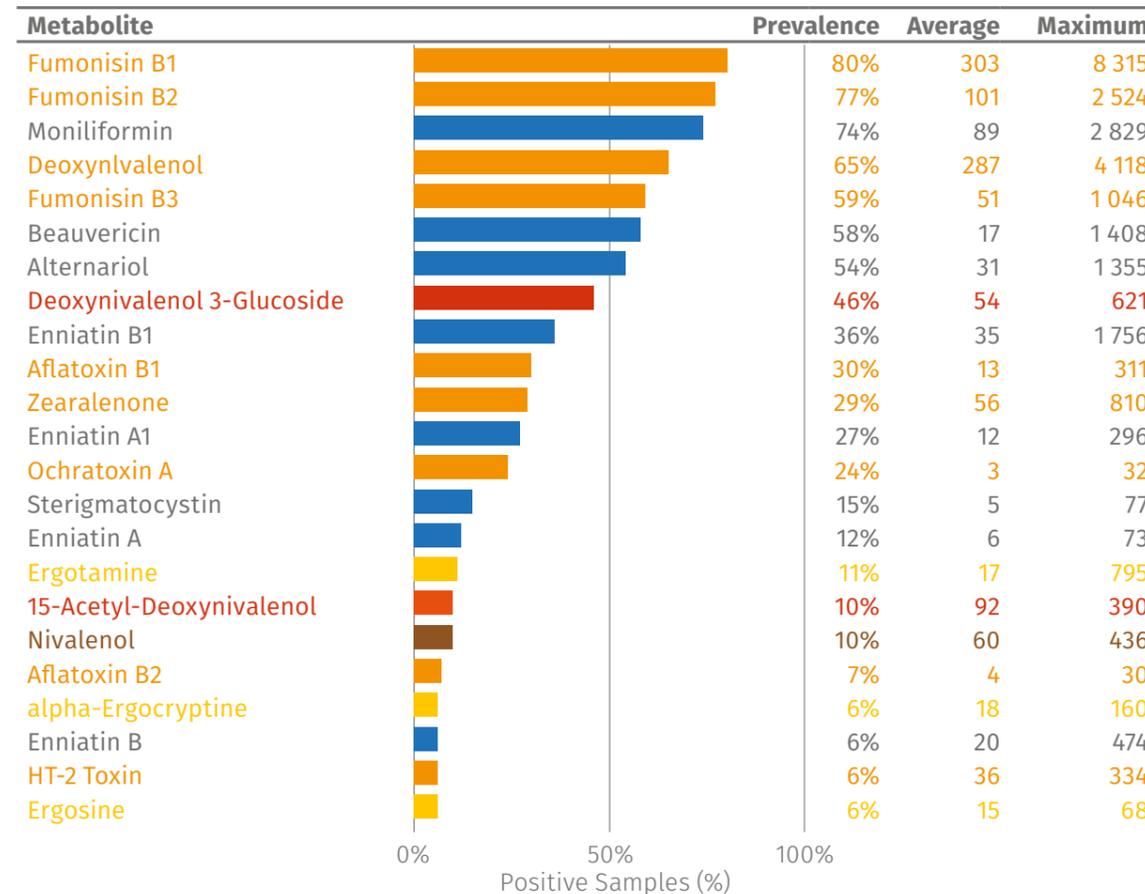
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Analysis points

58

Countries

### FINISHED FEED (n=1261)



Positive Samples [%] for metabolites present in more than 50% of samples (orange bars indicate regulated or guideline mycotoxins; red bar indicates a masked mycotoxin). Cut off for all metabolites 1 ppb (except for aflatoxins 0.5 ppb).

**Emerging mycotoxins**

**Emerging mycotoxins:** frequently found on agricultural commodities, not regulated; toxicity is under investigation, but toxic effects suggested in some scientific literature; EFSA started to publish reports to do a risk assessment for these toxins.

**Moniliformin:** broiler very susceptible, genotoxic, immunosuppressive; causes heart damage, muscular weakness, respiratory distress

**Alternariol:** no acute toxicity, cytotoxic and mutagenic *in vitro*, effects on reproductive & immune system *in vitro*.

**Beauvericin and Enniatins:** effects on immune system: accumulation in fat-rich tissue.

**Sterigmatocystin:** precursor of aflatoxins; causes similar effects as aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub> in animals, but lower acute toxicity; negative effects incl. bloody diarrhea, less milk production, less feed intake, hepatotoxicity, nephrotoxicity

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