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### THE OVERVIEW ON THE FUMONISINS PRESENCE IN DURUM WHEAT GRAIN IN SERBIA DURING THE PERIOD 2015-2019

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#### **Abstract**

Durum wheat is a cereal with high range of vitamins, minerals and other nutritional compounds which are important in human nutrition. Durum wheat selection programs in Serbia are smaller in scope compared to bread wheat, but this does not diminish their importance. Good grain quality is essential for the grinding and food industry. Therefore, it is important that durum wheat is safe to consume. Fumonisins are mycotoxins synthesized mainly by fungi of the genus Fusarium. These toxins occur usually in maize and maize products, although their presence has also been reported in other cereals such as wheat and barley. In a five years period, 2015-2019, durum wheat samples were tested for the presence of fumonisin. Samples were collected from different plots in the Zemun Polie. Each year, 10 randomly selected durum wheat grain samples were tested. The grains were dried, ground and analyzed for the presence of fumonisin. The analysis was performed by ELISA (Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) using a kit for fumonisin, Tecna, Italy. The highest concentrations of fumonisin were recorded in 2016 when the values ranged 30.602-43.930 ppm. Medium concentrations (8.872-18.477 ppm) of synthesized fumonisin were recorded in 2015, while in other years (2017, 2018 and 2019) fumonisins were observed in low concentrations (0.024-6.124 ppm). Since previous analyzes have shown that fumonisins are present in durum wheat every year, it is necessary to continue monitoring their appearance in durum wheat, as well as in other small grains.

**Key words:** Durum wheat, Fumonisins, Fusarium, Serbia.