Corn Stover

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Pedigree

Location: Boone County, IA
Harvested: 2011
Received at INL: 2012

Harvest Method: Single pass
Sample Preparation: Ground to pass through a 1-inch sieve using a Vermeer BG480 grinder and a Bliss Hammermill with no screen

Composition

Table 1. *Chemical composition[a] of Reference Corn Stover*

%Structural Ash	%Extractable Inorganics	%Structural Protein	%Extractable Protein	%Water Extracted Glucan[b]
2.37	1.48	1.84	0.72	0.62
%Water Extracted Xylan[b]	**%Water Extractives Others**	**%EtOH Extractives**	**%Lignin**	**%Glucan**
0.47	4.46	2.73	16.37	35.45
%Xylan	**%Galactan**	**%Arabinan**	**%Acetic Acid**	**%Total**
22.34	1.54	3.40	1.58	95.37

[a]Determined using NREL "Summative Mass Closure" LAP (NREL/TP-510-48087)
[b]Determined by HPLC following an acid hydrolysis of the water extractives

Proximate, Ultimate & Calorimetry

Table 2. *Proximate, ultimate, and calorific values for Reference Corn Stover (reported on a dry basis)*

Proximate[a]			Ultimate[b]			Calorimetry[c]	
%Volatile	%Ash	%Fixed Carbon	%Hydrogen	%Carbon	%Nitrogen	HHV	LHV
79.0	4.3	16.7	5.7	48.7	0.7	7990	6614

[a]Proximate analysis was done according to ASTM D 5142-09
[b]Ultimate analysis was conducted using a modified ASTM D5373-10 method (Flour and Plant Tissue Method) that uses a slightly different burn profile
[c]Heating values (HHV, LHV) were determined with a calorimeter using ASTM D5865-10

Elemental Ash

Table 3. *Elemental ash composition[a] of Reference Corn Stover*

%Al as Al_2O_3	%Ca as CaO	%Fe as Fe_2O_3	%K as K_2O	%Mg as MgO	%Mn as MnO	%Na as Na_2O	%P as P_2O_5	%Si as SiO_2	%Ti as TiO_2	%S as SO_3
0.28	8.99	1.12	26.38	6.09	0.09	0.08	2.79	51.99	0.01	2.20

[a]Determined as described in ASTM standards D3174, D3682 and D6349

Particle Characteristics

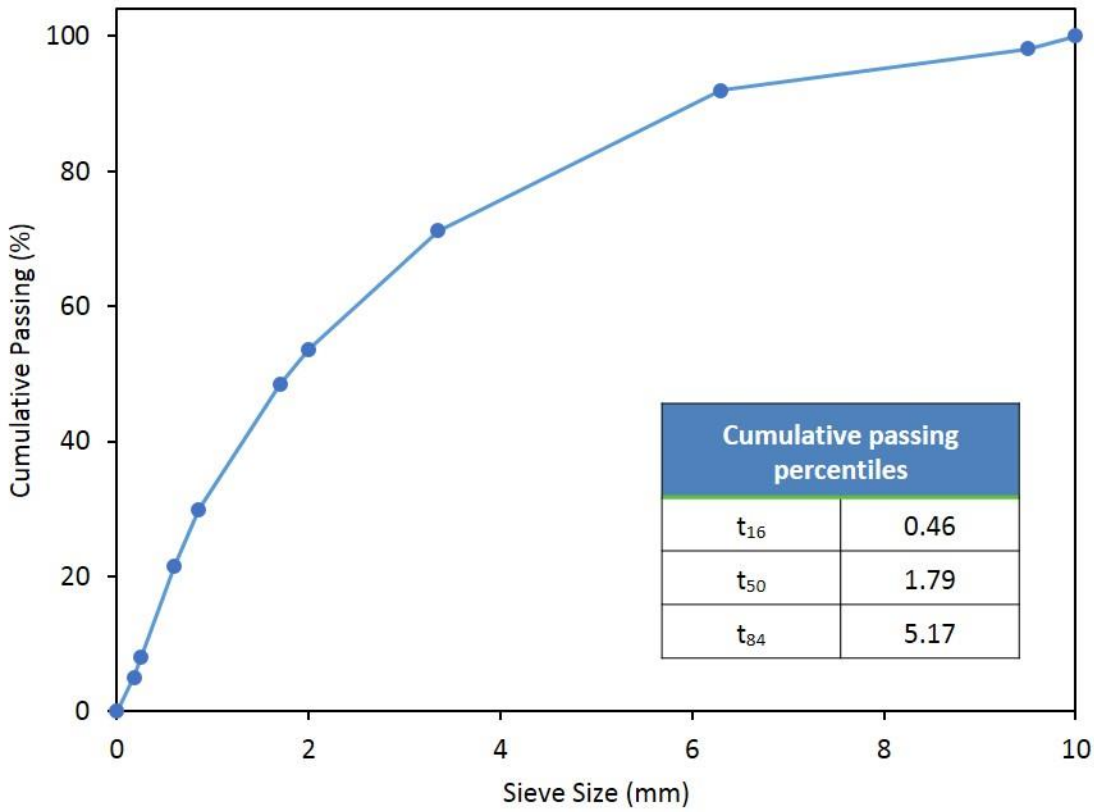

Figure 1. *Cumulative passing percent of 1-inch Reference Corn Stover determined according to ANSI/ASAE S319.4 using a Ro-Tap test sieve shaker (Model RX-29, W.S. Tyler) and a 15 minute total sieving time. The cumulative passing percentile sieve sizes (e.g., t_{16}) were calculated by interpolation and represent theoretical sieve sizes that would retain 16, 50 or 84% of the particles by mass.*

Contact

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