

# Corn Stover

REFERENCE MATERIAL

## Pedigree

Location: Story County, Iowa      Harvest Method: Multi pass  
 Institution: DuPont                      Sample Preparation: Ground to pass through a 2-inch sieve using a Vermeer  
 Harvested: October, 2014              BG480 grinder followed by a 1-inch sieve using a Bliss Hammermill

## Composition

**Table 1.** Chemical composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Corn Stover (mean of analyses completed 11/2015 & 12/2015)

%Structural Ash	%Extractable Inorganics	%Structural Protein	%Extractable Protein	%Water Extracted Glucan <sup>b</sup>
3.46	2.23	1.58	0.96	0.53
%Water Extracted Xylan <sup>b</sup>	%Water Extractives Others	%EtOH Extractives	%Lignin	%Glucan
0.26	2.36	2.62	16.52	37.52
%Xylan	%Galactan	%Arabinan <sup>c</sup>	%Acetate	%Total
21.77	1.66	3.37	2.45	97.28

<sup>a</sup>Determined using NREL “Summative Mass Closure” LAP (NREL/TP-510-48087)

<sup>b</sup>Determined by HPLC following an acid hydrolysis of the water extractives

<sup>c</sup>%Arabinan value includes %mannan, because arabinose and mannose co-elute on the HPLC column

## Proximate, Ultimate & Calorimetry

**Table 2.** Proximate, ultimate, and calorific values for Reference Corn Stover (reported on a dry basis; completed 1/2016)

Proximate <sup>a</sup>			Ultimate <sup>b</sup>			Calorimetry <sup>c</sup>	
%Volatile	%Ash	%Fixed Carbon	%Hydrogen	%Carbon	%Nitrogen	HHV	LHV
77.82	6.91	15.27	5.59	45.74	0.62	7974	6581

<sup>a</sup>Proximate analysis was done according to ASTM D 5142-09

<sup>b</sup>Ultimate analysis was conducted using a modified ASTM D5373-10 method (Flour and Plant Tissue Method) that uses a slightly different burn profile

<sup>c</sup>Heating values (HHV, LHV) were determined with a calorimeter using ASTM D5865-10

## Elemental Ash

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**Table 3.** *Elemental ash composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Corn Stover (completed 12/2015)*

%Al as Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%Ca as CaO	%Fe as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%K as K <sub>2</sub> O	%Mg as MgO	%Mn as MnO	%Na as Na <sub>2</sub> O	%P as P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%Si as SiO <sub>2</sub>	%Ti as TiO <sub>2</sub>	%S as SO <sub>3</sub>
3.51	7.73	1.27	13.01	3.64	0.13	0.61	1.22	65.31	0.15	1.27

<sup>a</sup>Determined as described in ASTM standards D3174, D3682 and D6349

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