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# Plant exports guide—hay and straw inspection techniques

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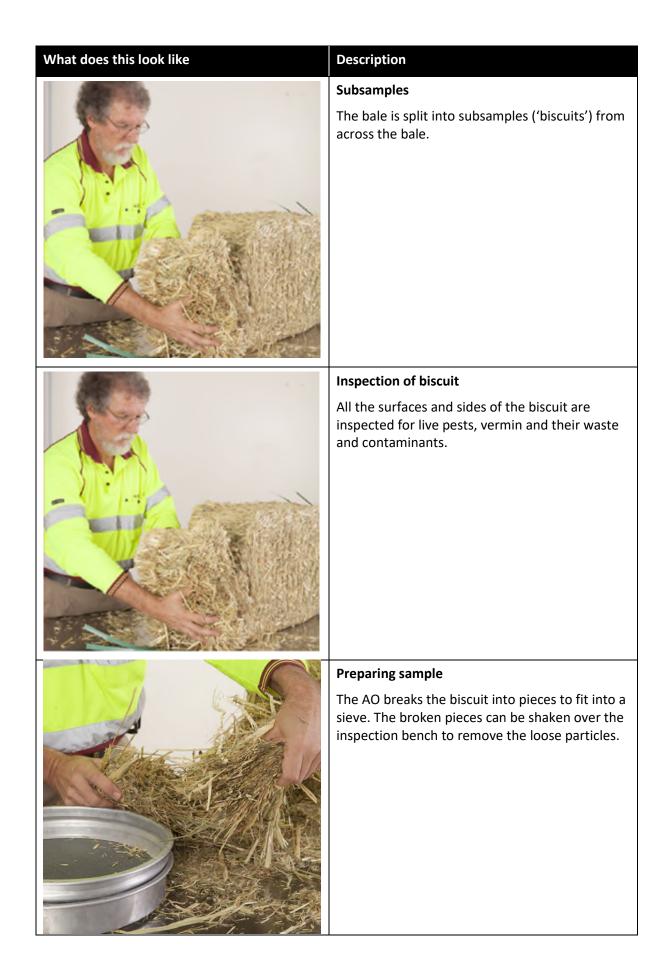
# Purpose of this document

This document has been written for authorised officers (AOs) as a reference guide on techniques to use when inspecting hay and straw for export.

# Inspecting hay and straw

The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of hay and straw bales for inspection.





What does this look like	Description
to the second	Sieving sample
	The remainder of the sample is placed in the sieve.
-	Sieving sample
	The sieve is shaken vigorously for at least 30 seconds, but preferably longer (to 1 minute). The sieve is moved in all directions until all fines are in the pan.
	Inspect contents and fines
	The contents of the top section of the sieve and the lower pan of the sieve are inspected separately for live pests, vermin waste and contaminants.

#### What does this look like



#### Description

#### **Closer examination**

The sample in the sieve pan is spread over a large, clean area on the inspection bench for detailed examination using a magnifying lens and torch, if necessary.

# **Related material**

- Export Control Act 2020
- Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021
- Manual of Importing Country Requirement (Micor Plants)
- Plant exports operations manual (PEOM)
  - o Guideline: Inspection of hay and straw for export
  - o Work Instruction: Inspecting hay and straw bales for export in-line and end point
  - Reference: Plant exports guide equipment
  - o Reference: Plant exports guide specimen collection

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