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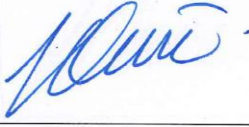
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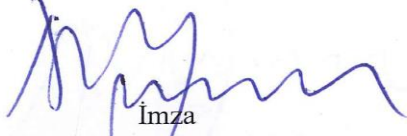
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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFB₁	Aflatoxin B ₁
AFB₂	Aflatoxin B ₂
AFG₁	Aflatoxin G ₁
AFG₂	Aflatoxin G ₂
ELISA	Enzym Linked Immuno Assay
EU	European Union
HACCP	Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points
mL	Mililiter
kg	kilogram
gr	gram
µg	microgram
Nm	Nanometer
ppb	Parts Per Billion
ppm	Parts Per Million
USA	United States of America
WHO	World Health Organization
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
µL	Microliter
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer

ABSTRACT

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Fumonisin are metabolites produced by various *Fusarium* species. Fumonisin are highly toxic to humans. Fumonisin, which are considered carcinogenic to humans, are found in cereal products, especially corn, which are susceptible to mold and mycotoxin formation. This study was carried out in order to determine whether corn offered for sale in certain segments of Istanbul is risky in terms of public health due to fumonisin. The presence of fumonisin in 40 corn samples collected from various regions was tested by ELISA. Accordingly, it has been determined that the amount of fumonisin in all the collected samples is in accordance with the limit determined by the Turkish Food Codex. The lowest amount of fumonisin is 5.7 ppb; the highest amount of fumonisin was determined as 29.3 ppb. The average was 13.4 ppb. The presence of mycotoxin can be high in corn due to *Fusarium* mold. This situation causes serious product losses and causes risky situations in terms of human health. No mold was isolated in culture studies from corn samples. This is in direct proportion to the results. The aim of ensuring the safety of food, the production of healthy and reliable food, and the necessary rules and measures must be taken in the stages of production, transport, storage, distribution and consumption of food. Food safety management systems have been established to ensure the sustainability of healthy and reliable food production, competition and competition. The TSE 13001 standard established by the Turkish Standards Institute is based on HACCP principles. The HACCP system ensures the production of high quality and safe food products at every processing international standard, from production to consumption.

Keywords: Fumonisin, ELISA, corn, mycotoxins

ÖZET

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Fumonisinler, çeşitli Fusarium türleri tarafından üretilen metabolitlerdir. Fumonisinler insanlar için yüksek derecede toksik etkilidirler. İnsanlar için kanserojen olarak kabul edilen fumonisinler küflenmeye ve mikotoksin oluşumuna yatkın tahıl ürünlerinde, özellikle mısırlarda bulunmaktadır. Bu çalışma, İstanbul'da belli kesimlerde satışa sunulan mısırların fumonisin yönünden halk sağlığı açısından riskli olup olmadıklarını saptamak amacıyla yapılmıştır. Çeşitli bölgelerden toplanan 40 adet mısır örneklerinde fumonisin varlığı ELISA ile test edilmiştir. Buna göre toplanan örneklerin hepsinde fumonisin miktarının Türk Gıda Kodeksi tarafından belirlenen limite uygun olduğu tespit edilmiştir. En düşük fumonisin miktarı 5.7 ppb; en yüksek fumonisin miktarı ise 29.3 ppb saptanmıştır. Ortalama ise 13.4 ppb olduğu gözlemlenmiştir. Mısırdaki Fusarium küfü nedeni ile mikotoksin varlığı yüksek olabilmektedir. Bu durum ciddi ürün kayıplarına neden olduğu gibi, insan sağlığı açısından riskli durumların ortaya çıkmasına neden olmaktadır. Mısır örneklerinden yapılan kültür çalışmalarında hiçbir şekilde küf izole edilmemiştir. Bu durum da sonuçlar ile doğru orantılıdır. Gıdaların güvenliği, sağlıklı ve güvenilir gıdaların üretiminin sağlanması amacı ile gıdaların üretimi, taşınma, depolanma, dağıtım ve tüketim aşamalarında gerekli kurallara uyulması ve önlemlerin alınması gerekir. Sağlıklı ve güvenilir gıda üretimi, rekabet ve rekabetin sürdürülebilirliğinin sağlanması amacıyla gıda güvenliği yönetim sistemleri oluşturulmuştur. Türk Standartları Enstitüsü (TSE) tarafından oluşturulan TSE 13001 standardı HACCP prensiplerine dayalıdır. HACCP sistemi, üretimden tüketime kadar her proseste uluslararası standartlarda kaliteli ve güvenli gıda üretiminin gerçekleştirilmesini sağlamaktadır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Fumonisin, ELISA, mısır, mikotoksinler

I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

It is known that fumonisins are highly toxic to humans and considered as carcinogenic to humans (1). This study was carried out in order to determine whether corn presented to the public in different parts of Istanbul is risky in terms of public health by comparing the values of fumonisin.

I. 1. GENERAL INFORMATIONS

I. 1. 1. Mycotoxins

Mycotoxin is formed by the combination of the myco (fungus) toxin (poison) words, meaning fungus. Mycotoxins are brought to the foliage by mushrooms (molds); it can lead to poisoning and death in animals that eat mycotoxin-containing feed or feedstuffs and in people who consume mycotoxin-containing foods. Some of the mycotoxins important for human and animal health are given in Table 1 (2).

Mushrooms producing mycotoxins can be transported by wind and air currents, including the various layers of the atmosphere (3,4). The level of mycotoxin contamination may vary from season to season, from year to year, depending on climatic conditions, product type and geographical location. It has been reported that one quarter of the world's crops are contaminated with mycotoxin (3)

Table I. 1. Mycotoxins in food and animal feed

aflatoxins	ochratoxin	zearalenone	PR toxin	slaframin
citrinin	patulin	trichothecenes	sporidesm	penicillic acid
kojic acid	fumonisin	rugulosus	citreoviridin	alternariol
tenuazonic acid	rubratoxin	sikloklorotin	luteosikrin	oxalic acid

The clinical picture that develops due to mycotoxin ingestion is called "mycotoxicosis". This clinical picture, however, is a condition that is very difficult to define and is characterized by one or more often multiple illnesses. The symptoms seen in mycotoxicosis may vary depending on the severity, effects, type of illnesses seen, the type of mycotoxin exposed in general, the presence of more than one mycotoxin, as well

as personal characteristics such as body weight, physical and nutritional status. The various effects of some mycotoxins and the diseases they cause are summarized in table 2 (4).

Table I. 2. Various Effects of Some Mycotoxins and Diseases Caused by Some Mycotoxins

Mycotoxin	Producer Type	Effect	Diseases Caused by
Aflatoxin B1	Aspergillus	Carcinogenicity Teratogenicity	Primary liver cancer in human
Citrinin	Penicillium Aspergillus	Nephrotoxicity Neurotoxicity	Turkey-X disease ---
α -Siklopiyazonik acid Ergo	Claviceps	Vasoconstriction Neurotoxicity	Ergotizm
Toxins(ergotamine)	Fusarium	Carcinogenicity	St Anthony Fire in human
FumonisinB1	Aspergillus	Neurotoxicity Carcinogenesis	encephalomalacia in horses
ochratoxinA	Penicillium	Nephrotoxicity	Pulmonary edema in pigs
Patulin	Penicillium	Mutagenicity Antibacterial	Nephropathy in Pigs and Poultry---
Penitrene A	Penicillium	Neurotoxicity	-----
Fomopsin A	Phomopsis	Hepatotoxicity Hepatotoxicity	Lupinosis in sheep
Sporidesm A	Pithomyces	Photosensitivity Dermatotoxicity	Koyunlarda lupinozis
Trichothecenes (T-2 toxin)	Fusarium	Hematopoietic Effect Estrogenism	Alimentary toxic aleukia (ATA)
Zearalenone	Fusarium	Reproductive Disorders	Hyperstrogenism in pigs, Vulvovaginitis and abortions

Aflatoxin A mysterious illness in the spring and summer of 1960 is mainly the secondary metabolites of certain strains of *A. flavus* and *A. parasiticus* fungi, although they can also be produced by aflatoxins, *A. nomius* and *A. tamarii* fungi in the northern

and southern regions of the UK. Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1) and AFB2 give blue fluorescence under ultraviolet light and AFG1 and AFG2 give green fluorescence (5). The major aflatoxins AFB1, AFB2, AFG1, and AFG2, with toxins with similar structures. Although these toxins are present in varying amounts in various nutrients and seeds, AFB1 is usually the most efficient one.

Aflatoxins can be divided into two groups according to their chemical structure, difurokumarocyclopentanone and difurokumarolactone. AFB1, AFB2, AFB2a, AFM1, AFM2, AFM2a and aflatoxicol in the group of difurokumarocyclopentanone; In the difurokumarolactone group, there are AFG1, AFG2, AFG2a, AFGM1, AFGM2, AFGM2a and AFB3.

Aflatoxins are common contaminants of corn, peanuts, walnuts, Brazilian peanuts, flaxseeds, other foods with high carbohydrate content, and even plants and spices(4,6). Food can be contaminated at any stage from planting to harvesting, harvesting, transportation, poor storage conditions, production conditions, and even shelf life of the product used as ready food, in short, from planting to consumption (6,7).

The table of toxicity with aflatoxins is called "aflatoxicosis". Humans can be exposed directly to aflatoxins through products obtained from occupational exposures, or especially from animals fed with contaminant feed. Because the results obtained from determinations made on the meat, milk, eggs and some organs of small and large animals such as poultry, small poultry, even a small amount of AFB1 can be passed on to milk and eggs, especially liver and other tissues. In cheese made from contaminate milk, cheese was found to be 3-3.5 times more aflatoxin than the milk made because it is a more concentrated product. In fats, aflatoxin is passed by 0.5-0.7 times as much as it is made.

Unidentifiable cause of an epidemic should be suspicious of aflatoxicosis if the condition is so obvious that it can not be missed and the syndromes are associated with certain types of food, low therapeutic response with antibiotics or other medications, and seasonal epidemic (7).

There are significant differences in acute and chronic toxicity of aflatoxins according to interspecific, individual and sex. To date, no animal species has been found that are completely resistant to toxicity. The maximum levels permitted by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for aflatoxin contamination in some foods are shown in Table 3 (4).

Table I. 3. Accepted maximum levels (ppb) for aflatoxin contamination by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Substrate	Maximum Level (ppb)
Human food and some kind of animal feed	20
Milk	0.5
Livestock animal feed	300
Pig feed (for meat)	200
Milking cow, pig and poultry feed	100

I.1.2. Fumonisin and Fumonisin Formation

Fumonisin are nongenotoxic carcinogens responsible for the etiopathogenesis of different diseases in various species. The optimum conditions for their production are moisture, a temperature of about 20 ° C and a temperature of 11-13 weeks. They were formed by esterification of the 2-amino-12,16-dimethyl polyhydroxyieocosane skeleton with propane-1,2,3-tricarboxylic acid at positions C14 and C15 (8).

I.1.3. Species and Varieties of Fumonisin

Fumonisin are mycotoxins that can be synthesized by fusarium fungi (9,10,11). The toxins produced by Fusarium species are thought to cause toxicity in humans. Fumonisin species collected from literature studies are listed below(1,12,13,14,15).

- *Fusarium verticillioides*
- *F. napiforme*
- *F. annulatum*
- *F. succaiase*
- *F. beoiforme*
- *F. dlamin*
- *F. anthophilum*
- *F. moniliforme*

- *F. proliferatum*
- *F. nygamai*

The fumonisins, known as leukoencephalomalacia, have been found to have resulted in years of research and there are seven known types known as A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4 and C1.(16,17). The most abundant fumonisin in the environment is fumonisin B1 (FB1), and it is suggested that this toxin species may be associated with esophageal cancer in humans. This toxin has proven toxic and carcinogenic to the liver. They are also known to be nephrotoxic, immunodepressant and embryo toxic for experimental animals (18). These mycotoxins are found in natural or processed corn varieties, especially used as feedstuffs for human beings and animals (19).

FB1 is not fragmented in a majority of the processing types. Dry milling of corn causes FB1 to break down bran, seed and flour. This is also the case with corn slurry. However, FB1 concentration decreases in wet moist mill processes and corn starch production; because FB1 is water soluble. For many reasons, FB1 can not be removed from food (20).

FB1, discovered in 1988, is the most fumonisin found in nature. It is a natural contagious source of corn and maize in many parts of the world (USA, Canada, South Africa, Nepal, Australia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Mexico, France, Italy, Poland and Spain) There. It is known that FB1 led to great losses in agricultural products during the studies (19,21,22).

There is no regulation for corn FB1 residue levels by European Union (EU). However, some levels are known in general terms. Mean residue levels in various regions related to FB1 found in corn and maize; 0,07-38,5 mg / kg in Latin America, 0,004-330 mg / kg in North America, 0,007-250 mg / kg in maize in Europe and 0,008-16 mg / kg in corn products, 0 , 02-8,85 mg / kg, and Asia 0.01 to 15 mg / kg. The amounts of residues detected in various countries related to fumonisins are given in Table 2 (23).

Table I. 4. Fumonisin levels in corn and corn products detected in various countries

Name of Country	Fumonisin level (mg/kg)
USA	0,08
Switzerland	0,03

Netherlands	0,006-7,1
South Africa	14-440
Canada	0,017-0,089

Fumonisin are mycotoxins prepared by a large number of *Fusarium* species fungi, mainly *F. verticillioides* and *F. proliferatum*; the fungi begin to produce toxins, especially at a temperature of 20 ° C and a relative humidity of > 60% (2,18,23). Fumonisin generally reproduce in corn and prepare mycotoxin (2,18,23).

I.1.4. The Effect of Fumonisin on Human and Animal Health

When the product, food and feedstuffs that are contaminating with mycotoxins are consumed by humans and animals, four types of toxic effects are emerging, acute, chronic, mutagenic and teratogenic, depending on the type of dose received, duration of exposure, toxin response, mechanism of action and defense mechanism (24,25).

Fumonisin in the food chain are a major threat to human and animal nutrition. These low-molecular-weight compounds act as receptors for important molecules in metabolism; affect nucleic acids, protein synthesis, enzymes, hormone activity.

Fumonisin have been reported to cause some important changes in lipid metabolism. Fumonisin affect the sphingolipid mechanism, which plays an important role as a structural component in the membranes of animal and plant cells. The phytotoxic mechanism has been described as affecting ribosome functions, inhibiting protein biosynthesis, and damaging the cell because of physical destruction of the cell membrane (25, 26).

FB1 is one of mycotoxins that has been proven to be hepatotoxic, nephrotoxic, and hepatocarcinogenic in "Group 2B" rats. It has also been described by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as "possible human carcinogenesis". Fumonisin have been associated with leukoencephalomalacia in horses, pulmonary oedema syndrome in pigs, renal diseases (nephrosis) in mice, toxicity in embryos and pulmonary edema in poultry, liver poisoning, immune system disorders and diarrhea (27,28,29,30).

Fumonisin B1 causes diseases such as leukoencephalomalacia in horses and pigs (ELEM) (31) and swine lung edema (PPE) (Harrison et al., 1990; Ross et al., 1991) in pigs.

It is also reported that FB1 is carcinogenic in horses and in some parts of Africa people are reported to be linked to cancers of food borne(32). It is observed that decrease performance and immune response in calf. The effects of FB1 in poultry species are well defined. FB1 effects are in chicks; poor performance, increased organ weights, decreased immunoreactivity, and organ lesions (33,34,35). It causes toxic effects similar to the effects on chicks in turkey poultry and ducklings (34).

One of the most important reasons for contamination from mycotoxins is storage conditions. In this study, it is observed that the number of fodder samples contaminated with fumonisin increases especially during heavy rainfall periods. That is, although FB1 is detected in 19 of the 20 samples taken in the first three months of the year and 18 in 20 of the samples taken in the last three months, 9 of the 20 samples taken in the spring, and 20 samples taken in the summer are FB1 detected. When the literature is evaluated, it will be seen that the frequencies and ratios of fumonisins among countries with different climatic conditions vary. Therefore, it is important to assess the factors that contribute to this development and to take measures against it at the national level.

The consumption of high-contaminated corn is thought to be closely related to the frequency of laryngeal cancer encountered in humans in these regions. The factors responsible for the reproduction and development of the fungi that produce fumonisin are not fully known; therefore, the frequency with which these toxins are found varies with countries and different climatic conditions (36).

I.1.5. Corn Cultivation and Usage Areas

Corn (*Zea mays* Linnaeus) is an important plant for our country in terms of its contributions to human and animal nutrition through its nutrients, the benefits it brings to the soil and the basic raw material source for the industrial sector. Corn has been successfully produced in many countries around the world as a grain crop, a popular plant used in the construction of silage. With the expansion of breeding practices and areas of use, corn production has spread rapidly throughout the world. In our country, wheat and

corn, which has the widest planting area after harvest, is corn, which is produced as the main crop and second crop in irrigable fields (37)

Corn, a cereal, grown in significant quantities in our country, especially in the Black Sea Region, is a nutrient that has the proper medium for the growth of mycotoxins and mycotoxins. The corn that can be consumed freshly (boil and grill) is also served in corn custard, corn flour, corn flour, corn chips, popcorn, etc. Various products of the food industry such as corn starch, edible oil, alcohol and high fructose corn syrup are also included in the composition of various foods. Corn is consumed extensively in some parts of our country especially in the form of corn flour for use in making bread. However, due to changing eating habits, a rapid increase in the consumption of corn-based foods (maize preserves, cornflakes, etc.). Despite the presence of an important mycotoxin, the legal limits that determine maximum levels of fumonisin in our country have only been published in 2008. The maximum limits are 4000 µg / kg for unprocessed corn, 1000 µg / kg for maize based products, 800 µg / kg for corn-based breakfast cereals and cookies, 200 µg / kg for baby foods, according to the Communiqué on Maximum Limits of Contaminants in Foodstuffs Turkish Food Codex (2008/26) / kg and 2000 µg / kg in corn flour (38).

II. MATERIAL VE METHOD

II.1. MATERIAL

The corn specimens were assembled in such a way that they would be 50 gr from the open markets of various districts of Istanbul. A total of 40 samples were collected. Sterile packages were brought to the laboratory under sterile conditions and kept at 2-8 °C until the day of operation

II.2. METHOD

The study was carried out in Yeditepe University Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and Faculty of Medicine Medical Microbiology Laboratory. The following tools / tools have been used;

- Laminar Cabin: To process samples without contaminants.
- Shaker incubator: For homogenization of samples.
- Elisa washer (Biotech 50): For washing in Elisa.
- Elisa Reader (Beckman): For reading Elisa results.
- Fume oven: For the preparation of chemicals.

Micro Incinerator: For cultivation on sterile conditions.

II.2. 1. Fumonisin Reaction with Elisa Method

The amount of fumonisin in the collected samples was determined by elisa method using AgraQuant Fumonisin (0.25-5.0 ppm) kit. This kit is a competing direct enzyme-binding immunosorbent assay. Fumonisin, which is liberated by 70% methanol, is detected by wells coated with enzyme-conjugate. The procedure recommended by the manufacturer was followed. First of all, the samples were prepared in accordance with the following procedure to be used in ELISA method.

- The samples were weighed as 20 gr individually for analysis (Figure II. 1) .



Figure II. 1: The samples were weighed as 20 gr individually for analysis

- Then the mixture of Methanol-distilled water in the fume oven was prepared at 70/30 ratio. This was added to the sample as 100 ml on each sample (Figure II.2).

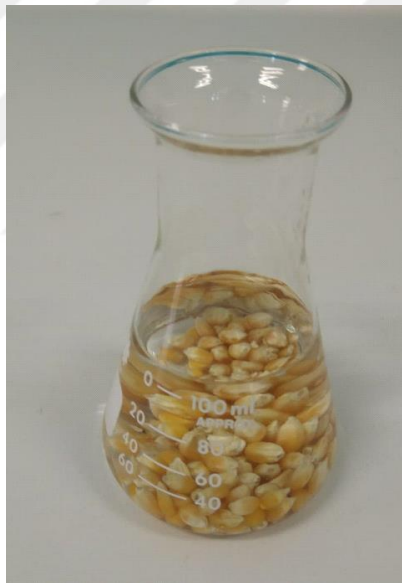


Figure II. 2: Preparation phase of corn samples

- The samples were then shaken in a 3 min shaker incubator (Figure II. 3).



Figure II. 3: Shaking the samples

- In the next step, samples were filtered using Whatman No: 1 filter paper (Figure II. 4).



Figure II. 4: Filtering proces for samples

50 μL of the final eluate was used in the ELISA test.

In order to study the Elisa test, the kit components were first brought to room temperature (Figure 5). As the standards in the kit are ready for direct use, without dilution.



Figure II. 5: Appearance of fumonisin kit components

The following procedure was used for the Elisa test.

- In the first step, the samples were diluted 1:20. For example, 50 μL sample; A dilution of 950 μL of water was made.
- The dilution plate was pipetted with 100 μL of the diluted samples and standards with 200 μL of conjugate. The plate was then shaken carefully.
- In the next step, 100 μL was transferred from the dilution plate to the antibody-coated plate with the help of a multi-channel pipette.
- The plate was incubated for 10 min at room temperature.
- At the end of the incubation, the plate was washed 5 times in an automatic elisa washer. This device minimizes false positives caused by contamination between samples and manual washing.
- In the next step, 100 μL substrate was added to all wells by automatic pipetting.

- incubation for 5 min at room temperature and darkness.
- In the final step, 100 µL stop solution is added and Elisa completes the test.
- The elisa plate was then elisa read on a 450 nm filter (with a 630 reference filter) and absorbance values were taken. The fumonisin values of the samples were quantitatively determined by drawing a standard curve graph using the instrument's program.

II.2. 2. Culture Method

Sabouraud 4% Dextrose Agar (SDA) (Merck, Germany) was used for the culture method. Corn samples were plated on SDA medium and left for 7-10 days in incubation. Each colony breeding at the end of the incubation was passed through the SDA and left for 7-10 days of incubation. The colonies obtained at the end of incubation and the preparations prepared with lactophenol cotton blue were evaluated under the microscope.

III. RESULTS

Forty different corn samples sold in different regions of Istanbul were tested for their fumonisin content by ELISA method. The corns tested were evaluated according to the Communiqué on Maximum Limits of Contaminants in the Turkish Food Codex Food Items. None of the 50 g corn samples collected showed the presence of fumonisin above the limits specified in the notification (4000 µg / kg) (Table 3).

Table III. 1. Fumonisin values of corn collected in various regions of Istanbul

Sample No	Results (µg/20 gr)	Results (µg/kg)
1	0.1147	5.735
2	0.13	6.5
3	0.1147	5.735
4	0.1147	5.735
5	0.1147	5.735
6	0.191	9.55
7	0.135	6.75
8	0.1147	5.735
9	0.432	21.6
10	0.1147	5.735
11	0.366	18.3

12	0.586	29.3
13	0.151	7.55
14	0.152	7.6
15	0.155	7.75
16	0.136	6.8
17	0.315	15.75
18	0.34	17
19	0.276	13.8
20	0.479	23.95
21	0.386	19.3
22	0.276	13.8
23	0.286	14.3
24	0.286	14.3
25	0.277	13.85
26	0.378	18.9
27	0.313	15.65
28	0.398	19.9

29	0.326	16.3
30	0.3	15
31	0.286	14.3
32	0.313	15.65
33	0.278	13.9
34	0.27	13.5
35	0.291	14.55
36	0.337	16.85
37	0.321	16.05
38	0.265	13.25
39	0.396	19.8
40	0.256	12.8

IV. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

40 corn samples for sale in various regions of Istanbul were tested by ELISA for the content of fumonisin and evaluated according to the Communiqué on Maximum Limits of Contaminants in Turkish Food Codex Foods. The results of the corn samples tested in the study were negative. The values found in our research are suitable for fumonisin.

Studies conducted by different researchers found that fumonisin was present at a high rate of corn. The presence of FB1 in corn raw materials used in feed production in Konya province was investigated. As a result of the study, 63% of the analyzed samples had an average of 0.952 ± 0.204 ppm FB1 and it was stated that the determined quantities would not cause any adverse effects on animal and human health. There is no seasonal evaluation in this study. Such a similarity can be explained by the fact that the regions where the samples are collected are close to each other as climate (39).

In another study, fumonisin was investigated in maize and corn products in the market in Istanbul. In 25% of the analyzed samples, FB1 was detected in the range of 0.25-2.66 ppm, and 0.55 ppm FB2 was detected in only one of the samples (40).

In a study in Italy, FB1 and FB2 residues were investigated in corn and corn based foods. In maize-based dishes, the highest fumonisin contamination level (6,100 $\mu\text{g} / \text{g}$) was determined in raised corn. FB1 levels in other maize varieties ranged 0.042-3.760 $\mu\text{g} / \text{g}$. FB1 was determined at 0.060-0.079 $\mu\text{g} / \text{g}$ in all milk samples tested. These findings have shown that fumonis exposure to humans is very high in Italy when corn-based foods are eaten (41).

In another study, 193 maize samples were investigated by fumonisins in USA in 1990 by thin layer chromatography. FB1 was detected in 15% of corn samples (42).

Although colonies of *Fusarium* are present at product, fumonisin does not always reproduce. The factors that promote fumonisin development are not fully explained. However, the drought situation after warm and rainy periods is especially important for this breeding. Likewise, the presence of insects in the urine is a helpful factor.

A comprehensive risk assessment for fumonisin is of utmost importance for human and animal health. Contamination of corn and corn based products with fumonisins is seen in many countries.

The aim of ensuring the safety of food, the production of healthy and reliable food, and the necessary rules and measures must be taken in the stages of production, transport, storage, distribution and consumption of food. Food safety management systems have been established to ensure the sustainability of healthy and reliable food production, competition and competition. The TSE 13001 standard established by the Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) is based on HACCP principles. The HACCP system ensures the production of quality and safe food products at every production stage, from production to consumption.

Studies on fumonisin in our country have been limited in number, and quantities of fumonisin present in raw materials used in foodstuffs and in foodstuffs, especially in feedstuffs, have not yet been determined to cause harmful effects. Looking at the risks in terms of human and animal health, more work on this issue should be made and more measures taken by the relevant ministries.

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