



CA LGMA - Romaine Test & Learn FAQs

Sampling and Testing

1. Am I required to test romaine?

No, but if you are testing romaine, you must comply with the LGMA Romaine Test & Learn Program. If you DO NOT test at all, you are not required to start testing, but participation is encouraged in these scenarios.

2. What acreage size is required when sampling?

Answer: Samples must be taken in lots not greater than 10 acres, and actual acreage submitted to the Test & Learn Program (e.g., 1.2 acres, 2.3 acres, 1 acre).

3. What does the sample weight need to be?

Answer: The sample must be a minimum of 375 grams. You must verify with your lab that the whole 375g is analyzed.

4. How many sub-samples need to be taken in the sample area?

Answer: The sample lot must be sub-sampled at least 60 times, and this number must be submitted to the Test & Learn Program.

5. What regions do I need to report?

Answer: The CA LGMA Romaine Test & Learn program is a California only program at this point. All product must provide information on where in CA the product was grown. Origin locations follow this [map](#) for identification.

6. What organisms do I need to test for?

Answer: The sample must be analyzed for *Salmonella*, pathogenic *E.coli* (STEC or EHEC), and *E.coli* O157.

Data Submission

1. Why is my data not being accepted by GreenLink?

Answer: Verify that you are using the most current upload template found [here](#). The upload template has Excel rules that will help guide you to determine what might be missing in your submission, or formatting might be incorrect. See [guide](#) for help.

2. What data do I need to submit into GreenLink?

Answer: You will need to submit all required information for program. Follow the [guide](#) here to help you identify the needed information.

3. How do I submit data into GreenLink?

Answer: Go online to this [website](#) and upload the current template. For step by step instructions, review this [guide](#).

To copy the URL for data submission, please use this address: <https://greenlink.cremedatafoundry.com/>

4. When do I need to submit data into GreenLink?

Answer: It is required to submit quarterly data by the end of the month following the end of the quarter. For example for the quarter of January, February and March it is required to submit data by April 30. Please note data can be submitted at any time and it is encouraged to submit routinely (weekly/monthly) to enhance learnings and ensure your data is always compliant with LGMA programs..

5. What will happen if the auditor makes an observation during my audit?

Answer: The observation will be reviewed by the LGMA's compliance officer. If a non-conformance is found then the member will need to submit a corrective action to the compliance officer.

6. How do I know if the upload was successful?

Answer: If a data submission was successful, it will show up in the Archive Tab of the [login](#) page. If you have an API (Application Programming Interface) with a lab to automatically submit your data, your files will show in the 'Auto Submissions' tab on the same login page.

7. If I am part of the Leafy Green Food Safety Data Sharing Program (LG FSDS) do I need to submit the LGMA template?

Answer: No. If you are part of the LG FSDS, you can work with Crème Global to make sure that all the LGMA requirements are being submitted with your data. Missing elements (e.g., number of grabs, acres, etc.) will need to be added to your normal submission process and Crème Global will ensure that your relevant data for the LGMA program is pulled into that program. No extra submissions or work for you.

8. Who do I contact when I have a problem with GreenLink?

Answer: If you have issues with data submission or the website, you can reach out to Joelle Mosso at Western Growers (jmosso@wga.com or 831-706-1841) and/or reach out to Crème Global directly at help@cremeglobal.com.

9. What are the common issues being found with the Romaine Test & Learn process?

Answer: The most common issues are with omitting information that is required for the LGMA Test & Learn program. For example, not including the number of acres or grabs with the data submission. The next common issues are challenges with the template – please see the most recent template and guide on this website. Always go to the [website](#) and ensure you are using the correct template as changes may have been made before the prior submission.