

Table 1. Color, physicochemical traits, and 22-h *in situ* DM digestion for Brazilian (BR), Argentinian (AR), and North American (US) corn kernels.

Traits	Corn origin ¹			P-value
	BR	AR	US	
<i>n</i> ²	4	29	15	-
Hue angle ³ , °	70.7(3.27) ^{ab}	66.7(1.22) ^a	75.4(1.97) ^b	0.0019
Crude protein, %	8.2(0.34) ^a	9.3(0.13) ^b	7.4(0.18) ^a	<0.0001
Thousand kernels weight, g	358(11.5) ^a	286(4.3) ^b	310(5.9) ^c	<0.0001
Test weight, kg/hL	81.6(0.83) ^a	77.4(0.31) ^b	73.3(0.43) ^c	<0.0001
Floaters, %	5(5.7) ^a	21(2.1) ^b	79(3.5) ^c	<0.0001
Kernel density, g/cm ³	1.29(0.014) ^a	1.28(0.005) ^a	1.21(0.007) ^b	<0.0001
Vitreousness ⁴ , %	75.0(3.93) ^a	73.2(1.46) ^a	53.4(2.03) ^b	<0.0001
Coarse-to-fine milling ratio ⁵ , g/g	2.54(0.108) ^a	2.59(0.040) ^a	1.60(0.056) ^b	<0.0001
0-h DM disappearance, %	5.6(0.40) ^a	7.0(0.32) ^b	12.1(0.33) ^c	<0.0001
22-h <i>in situ</i> DM digestion, %	47.1(1.89) ^a	50.7(1.74) ^b	61.5(1.77) ^c	<0.0001

¹Numbers within parentheses represent standard error of treatment means

²Four US samples were ruled out for Hue angle and floaters analyses due to the presence of few superficial fungi colonies; measurements were carried out in duplicate

³Measured visually by contrasting the kernels with a color card (DiMartino et al., 2003) provided with 22-coordinates according to Hunter Lab three-dimensional (*L*, *a*, and *b*) color space. Hue angle was calculated as $\tan^{-1}(b/a)$ and ranged from 0° to 90°, indicating a progressive change from pure red to pure yellow

⁴Estimated based on observed kernel density (KD) as follow: $-283.2 + 278.2 \times \text{KD}$ ($R^2 = 0.76$, $P < 0.001$; KD ranged from 1.169 to 1.292 g/cm³; Correa et al., 2002)

⁵Tested grounding 50-g of whole grains for 12 s in a Stein mill, sifting for 1 min, and weighing coarse material retained by the 1.0-mm sieve and fine material passing through the 0.5-mm sieve

^{abc}Means with uncommon letters differ ($P \leq 0.05$)