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Mycotoxin

Illinois Indiana Michigan Ohio

Mycotoxins are fungal metabolites that are toxic when consumed by animals or humans. They can accumulate in small grains and other feed crops in the field. They can also accumulate in grain during transportation and during improper storage favorable for the growth of the toxin-producing fungus.

If you suspect your insured crop has mycotoxin, contact your crop insurance agent before* you put the grain in storage or deliver it for sale. Your insurance provider will obtain samples for testing and submit them to an approved testing facility for mycotoxin. The impact of high levels of mycotoxin on producers varies from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain.

High levels of mycotoxin may be an insurable cause of loss. Insureds should notify their insurance agent before* harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage if their grain is suspected of containing mycotoxin. Refer to the applicable Special Provisions of Insurance for the most current policy on testing.

*Sample requirements for grain contaminated with *Vomitoxin* state that samples MAY be obtained from a storage structure; therefore, if a sample is infected with vomitoxin, it DOES NOT need to be collected before putting the grain into on farm storage.

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for mycotoxin in **Illinois**, **Indiana**, **Ohio**, **and Michigan** according to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA). This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide. To be an "approved testing facility" for crop insurance purposes, the following criteria must be met. Testing facilities not listed which meet the criteria can be considered "approved testing facilities." Consult with your crop insurance provider for more information.

Criteria for Approved Testing Facilities

- 1. A certified facility must be able to perform quantitative tests on grain, itemizing results in parts per million (ppm) and parts per billion (ppb). Test kits used must be certified by GIPSA.
- **2.** The facility must be a recognized commercial, government, or university testing lab that uses industry-recognized sample sizes, equipment, and procedures for testing mycotoxin.
- **3.** The facility must be a disinterested testing facility unless RMA issues a written authorization to waive this requirement.

Testing facilities in this region include:

Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc.

4007 Sycamore Street Cairo, IL 62914-1037 618-734-0689

Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc.

P.O. Box 3631 Bloomington, IL 61702-3631 Street address: 115 S. Euclid, Bloomington, IL 61701 309-827-7121

<u>Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments,</u> Inc.

209 Wallace Avenue Champaign, IL 61822-1335 217-398-0723

Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc.

P.O. Box 157 Circleville, OH 43113-0157 740-474-3519

Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc.

3460 E. William, Suite 1 Decatur, IL 62521-1649 217-429-2466

Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

P.O. Box 176 Emmett, MI 48022-0176 810-395-2105

East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc.

7020 North Walnut Street Muncie, IN 47303-9796 765-744-6425

Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc.

5233 N. County Road, 200E Frankfort, IN 46041-8061 765-258-3624

Illinois Official Grain Inspection

P.O. Box 1679 707 Range Lane Cahokia, IL 62206 1-618-332-3409 Toll Free 1-800-548-5575

Illinois Official Grain Inspection

202 Orchard St. Wayne City, IL 62895 Phone 618-895-3131

Illinois Official Grain Inspection

116 N Harvestor Teutopolis, IL 62467 217-857-3363

<u>Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service</u>, Inc.

9332 E. 10th Street Indianapolis, IN 46229-2505 317-899-2337

Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc.

P.O. Box 328 Essex, IL 60935-0328 815-365-2268

Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 465

Marshall, MI 490-0465

Street address: 110 High Street, Marshall, MI 49038

269-781-2711

Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc.

2405 W 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733-8728 260-341-7496

Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc.

P.O. Box 6532 Evansville, IN 47719-0532 812-423-9010

Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc.

1301 North Fifteenth Street Springfield, IL 62702-4132 217-522-5233

Titus Grain Inspection, Inc.

1111 East County Road 800 North West Lafayette, IN 47906-9006 765-497-2202

For More Information

See the GIPSA Web site: http://www.gipsa.usda.gov

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