

## Springfield Regional Office — Springfield, IL

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# Aflatoxin

## Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio

The impact of high levels of aflatoxin on producers varies from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain. More information on aflatoxin can be found at: [Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration \(GIPSA\)](#).

If you think your insured crop has aflatoxin, contact your crop insurance agent before you:

- Harvest the grain;
- Put the grain in storage; or
- Deliver it for sale.

Your insurance provider will:

- Obtain samples for testing; and
- Submit them to an approved aflatoxin testing facility.

Because aflatoxin can increase in storage, aflatoxin losses are only insurable if:

- The grain is tested at an approved testing facility before being moved into commercial or on-farm storage; or
- Your insurance provider asks you to leave representative sample areas of the unharvested crop for taking samples for testing.

Losses not covered under the crop insurance policy include:

- Losses due to increases in the aflatoxin level while in farm storage.
- Losses that cannot be determined because proper testing was not completed.

Refer to the applicable Special Provisions of Insurance for the current crop year in [RMA's Actuarial Information Browser](#) for the most current policy on testing.

### 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 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (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.

A list of certified testing facilities may be found using the [GIPSA Service Provider](#). Facilities are listed by state. Testing facilities not listed which meet the criteria can be considered approved testing facilities. Consult with your crop insurance provider for more information.

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