

Springfield Regional Office — Springfield, IL

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Mycotoxin

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and 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, during transportation and in storage.

High levels of mycotoxin may be an insurable cause of loss. If you suspect your crop has mycotoxin, contact your crop insurance agent before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage. Your insurance provider will obtain samples for testing and submit them to an approved testing facility. More information on mycotoxins can be found at: [Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration \(GIPSA\)](#).

The impact of high levels of mycotoxin on producers varies from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain. 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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