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Topeka Regional Office — Topeka, Kansas

## **Aflatoxin Testing Facilities**

Kansas and Missouri

## If you suspect your crop has aflatoxin:

Contact your crop insurance provider **before** you put the grain in storage or deliver it for sale. Crop insurance adjusters are to obtain samples for mycotoxin testing from selected representative sample areas of the fields. The adjuster will submit the samples to an approved testing facility for aflatoxin verification. The impact of high levels of aflatoxin on producers vary from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain altogether.

Because aflatoxin can worsen 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 if the policyholder has arranged with their insurance provider to leave representative sample areas of the unharvested crop from which the adjuster can obtain samples for aflatoxin testing.

Policyholders must notify their insurance provider before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage if they suspect their grain contains aflatoxin. Losses attributed to increases in the aflatoxin level while in farm storage, or that cannot be determined because proper testing was not completed, are not covered under the crop insurance policy.

Approved Insurance Provider's (AIP) have requested a list of certified testing facilities for aflatoxin in the Kansas and Missouri areas according to the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). This list is not complete and is provided as a guide to assist the AIP in locating an approved testing facility. Testing facilities not listed which meet all the criteria below can be considered "approved testing facilities" for crop insurance purposes:

- 1. The 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 aflatoxin.
- 3. The facility must be a disinterested testing Facility.

Consult with your crop insurance provider for more information.

## **Certified Testing Facilities**

Certified testing facilities for aflatoxin in the Kansas, and Missouri area:

Kansas Grain Inspection 110 NE Lyman Rd. Topeka, KS 66608 (785) 233-7063

Kansas Grain Inspection 1111 W 4th, Unit A Concordia, KS 66901 (785) 243-6171

Kansas Grain Inspection 130 N. Superior Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620) 662-3318

Kansas Grain Inspection 1401 Fairfax Traffic Way Bldg. E400 Kansas City, KS 66115 (913) 371-4420 MO Department of Agriculture 716 N. Olive Kansas City, MO 64120 (816) 241-0260 or 0265

MO Department of Agriculture 718 US Hwy 61 New Madrid, MO 63869 (573) 748-5526 or 5890

MO Department of Agriculture 521 E. Florence Rd. St. Joseph, MO 64504 (816) 238-5658

MO Department of Agriculture 615 Cherokee, Suite 4B Marshall, MO 65340 (660) 886-5549

MO Department of Agriculture 104 S. Pine Laddonia, MO 63352-0008 (573) 373-2305

Vet Med Diagnostic Lab University of MO-College of Vet Science 1600 E Rollins Columbia, MO 65205 (800) 862-8635

Cahokia, IL—OIGI 707 Range Ln. Cahokia, IL 62206 (800) 548-5575

Cairo Grain Inspection 34007 Sycamore St. Cairo, IL 62914 (618) 734-0689

Additional aflatoxin testing service providers can be found at: http://www.gipsa.usda.gov Please contact the Topeka Regional Office if you have any further questions at:

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