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Aflatoxin Testing Facilities

Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska

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

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:

- take samples for testing; and
- submit them to an approved aflatoxin testing facility.

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
- 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 most current policy on testing.

Criteria for Approved Testing Facilities

Testing facilities meeting the criteria below can be considered "approved testing facilities" for crop insurance.

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 the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). Test kits used must be certified by GIPSA (http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/svcpro.html).

- **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 unless RMA issues a written authorization to waive this requirement.

Approved Testing Facilities

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for aflatoxin in **Colorado**, **Kansas**, **Missouri**, **and Nebraska**. This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide.

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

3800 NW 14th Street Topeka, KS 66618 (785) 233-7063

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

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

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

1407 E Trail Dodge City, KS 67801 (620) 225-4931

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

1401 Fairfax Traffic Way Bldg. E400 Kansas City, KS 66115 (913) 371-4420

^{*}Talk to your crop insurance provider for more information.

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

863 W 29th St North Wichita, KS 67204 (316) 832-1272

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

4600 E 64th Ave PO Box 1234 Commerce City, CO 80022 (303) 853-9646

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

P.O. Box 721 517 13th Ave Sidney, NE 69162 (308) 254-3975

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 or (816) 398-5620

MO Department of Agriculture

615 Cherokee, Suite 4B P.O. Box 596 Marshall, MO 65340 (660) 886-5549

Vet Med Diagnostic Lab

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

Cairo Grain Inspection

4007 Sycamore St. Cairo, IL 62914 (618) 734-0689

Fremont Grain Inspection

603 E Dodge St Fremont, NE 68025 (402) 721-1270

Hastings Grain Inspection

306 E Park St. Hastings, NE 68901-6303 (402) 462-4254

Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc.

505 Garfield St. Lincoln, NE 68502 (402) 435-4386

Omaha Grain Inspection

2525 S. 13th St. Omaha, NE 68108-1521 (402) 341-6739

Keokuk Grain Inspection Service

2626 Belmont Rd. Keokuk, IA 52632 (319) 524-6482

Sioux City Inspection & Weighing Svc

840 Clark Street Sioux City, IA 51101 (712) 255-8073

Additional aflatoxin testing service providers can be found at: http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/svc_provid/ providers.html

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