

Topeka Regional Office — Topeka, KS

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Aflatoxin Testing Facilities

Kansas and Missouri

Drought conditions may make the mold aflatoxin a threat to the corn crop. The impact of high levels of aflatoxin on producers varies from a discount in prices to the requirement to destroy the crop.

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 is 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.
www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/rapidtestkit.aspx
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.

Certified Testing Facilities

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

Kansas Grain Inspection Service
3800 NW 14th Street
Topeka, KS 66618
(785) 233-7935

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. E-400
Kansas City, KS 66115
(913) 371-4420

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

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

Kansas Grain Inspection Service

900 E. 4th
Colby, KS 67701
(785) 462-8347

Keokuk Grain Inspection Service

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

Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc.

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

Missouri Department of Agriculture

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

Missouri Department of Agriculture

401 Illinois Avenue
St. Joseph, MO 64504
(816) 238-5658

Missouri Department of Agriculture

1324 Santa Fe Trail
Marshall, MO 65340
(660) 886-5549

Additional aflatoxin testing service providers can be found at www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/serviceprovider.aspx.

Contact US

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