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Aflatoxin Testing

Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming

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. Approved facilities 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).

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.

Contact your crop insurance provider for more information.

Approved Testing Facilities

Following is a list of approved testing facilities for aflatoxin in **Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming**. This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide.

Montana Department of Agriculture

State Grain Lab
821 North 17th Street
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 452-9561

Montana Department of Agriculture

State Grain Lab
121 North Main Street, Suite 2
Plentywood, MT 59254
(406) 765-1005

Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc.

15 South Dakota
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 225-8485

Grain Inspection, Inc.

314 2nd Street, NW
Jamestown, ND 58401-3119
(701) 838-1734

Minot Grain Inspection, Inc.

1804 Valley Street
Minot, ND 58701-6076
(701) 838-1734

North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

2601 North University Drive
Fargo, ND 58102-1303
(701) 293-7420

Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

110 N. 43th Street
Grand Forks, ND 58203
(701) 772-2414

Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Co.

840 Clark Street
Sioux City, IA 51101-2037
(712) 255-8073

For More Information

See the GIPSA Web site: <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov>

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