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Aflatoxin Testing

New Mexico Oklahoma Texas

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).

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.

*Talk to your crop insurance provider for more information.

Approved Testing Facilities

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for aflatoxin in **New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas**. This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide.

A&A Laboratories, Inc.

1100 Backus
Springdale, AR 72764
(800) 962-7120

Ag Lab

Oklahoma State Dept. of Agriculture
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
(405) 521-3864

Amarillo Grain Exchange

1300 S. Johnson St.
Amarillo, TX 79101
(806) 372-8511

Enid Grain Inspection Co.

P.O. Box 229
Enid, OK 73702-0229
(580) 233-1121

Farwell Grain Inspections, Inc.

P.O. Box 488
Farwell, TX 79325-04886
(806) 481-9052

Oklahoma State University

Disease Diagnostic Lab
P.O. Box 7001
Stillwater, OK 74076-7001
(405) 744-6623

Plainview Grain Inspection

1100 N. Broadway
Plainview, TX 79072
(806) 293-1364

Corpus Christi Grain Exchange

PO Box 9340
Corpus Christi, TX 78408
(361) 289-0842

SGS North America Inc.

1201 W. 8th Street at Georgia Avenue
PO Box 550
Deer Park, TX 77536
(281) 479-7170

Williamson County Grain

PO Box 31; 504 East Walnut
Taylor, TX 76575
512-352-6343

Gulf Country Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

624 Burlington Road
Saginaw, TX 76179
(817)306-5900

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