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## **Aflatoxin Testing Facilities**

Illinois Indiana Michigan Ohio

Weather conditions have made the mold **aflatoxin** a threat to this year's corn crop. The impact of high levels of aflatoxin on producers varies from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain altogether.

Aflatoxin losses are insurable as long as the grain is tested before being moved into commercial or onfarm storage, or if the insured has arranged with the insurance provider to leave representative areas of unharvested crop from which the adjuster can obtain samples for aflatoxin testing.

Insureds should notify their insurance agent before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage if their grain is suspected of containing aflatoxin. Because mold can worsen in storage, losses attributed to farm storage, or that cannot be determined because proper testing was not completed, are not covered under the crop insurance policy.

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for aflatoxin in **Illinois**, **Indiana**, **Ohio**, **and Michigan** according to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA). This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide. To be an "approved testing facility" for crop insurance purposes, the following criteria must be met. Testing facilities not listed which meet all the criteria below can be considered "approved testing facilities." Consult with your crop insurance provider for more information.

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

Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc. 34007 Sycamore Street Cairo, IL 62914-1037 1-618-734-0689

Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection Departments, Inc. 209 Wallace Avenue Champaign, IL 61822-1335 217-398-0723

Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. P.O. Box 167 Circleville, OH 43113-0167 Street address: 613 S. Washington, Circleville, OH 43113 740-474-3519 FAX 740-477-2787

Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. 3460 E. William, Suite 1 Decatur, IL 62521-1649 217-429-2466

East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. 7020 North Walnut Street Muncie, IN 47303-9796 765-289-1206

Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. P.O. Box 328 Essex, IL 60935-0328 Street address: 702 North East Street Essex, IL 60935 815-365-2268

Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. 14828 First Street Hoagland, IN 46745 260-639-6390 Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc. P.O. Box 6532 Evansville, IN 47719-0532 Street address: 1820 N. St. Joseph Ave. Evansville, IN 47719 812-423-9010

OIGI 707 Range Lane Cahokia, IL 62206 1-800-548-5575

Titus Grain Inspection, Inc. 1111 East County Road 800 North West Lafayette, IN 47906-9006 765-497-2202

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