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**United States  
Department of  
Agriculture**

**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

Risk  
Management  
Agency

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Kansas or Missouri

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Regional Office

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**SUBJECT:** Vomitoxin in Wheat—Testing Facilities and Salvage Markets

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**BACKGROUND**

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Weather conditions this year have made vomitoxin a threat to this year's wheat crop. High levels of vomitoxin may result in either a discount in price or the requirement to destroy the grain altogether.

Vomitoxin losses are insurable as long as the grain is tested before being moved into commercial or on-farm 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 vomitoxin testing.

Insureds should notify their insurance agent before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage if their grain is suspected of containing vomitoxin. 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.

**ACTION**

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for vomitoxin in Kansas, according to the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide.

Kansas Grain Inspection  
3800 NW 14<sup>th</sup>  
Topeka, KS 66618  
(785) 233-7935

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



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Kansas City, MO-MO Dept of Ag  
718 N. Olive  
Kansas City, MO 64120  
(816) 241-0260 or 0265

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

St. Joseph, MO - MO Dept of Ag  
521 W. Florence Rd.  
St. Joseph, MO 64504  
(816) 238-5658

Marshall MO-MO Dept of Ag  
615 Cherokee, Suite 4B  
Marshall, MO 65340  
(660 ) 886-5549

Ladsonia, MO-MO Dept of Ag  
104 S. Pine  
Ladsonia, MO 63352-0008  
(573) 373-2305

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

We are not aware of facilities other than those listed above; however, additional facilities may be able to perform such tests if the following criteria are met.

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 vomitoxin.
3. The facility must be a disinterested testing facility unless RMA issues a written authorization to waive this requirement.

Below is a list of damaged grain buyers. As indicated earlier, this is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide.

Callan Salvage & Appraisal, Eads, TN 800-238-2632  
Gregerson Salvage & Consulting, Waubay, SD 605-947-4888  
West Side Salvage, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA 800-747-0104  
Houston Grain Trading, Inc., Houston, TX 800-231-2620  
Maks Bak, Canyon, TX, Wichita, KS, and Ellis, KS 800-749-4690  
Pruess Elevator, Lowden, Iowa 800-828-6642

Additional information concerning vomitoxin testing may be found at:

[http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/GIPSA/documents/GIPSA\\_Documents/b-vomitox.pdf](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/GIPSA/documents/GIPSA_Documents/b-vomitox.pdf)

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