

AFLATOXIN

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Crop Insurance and Aflatoxin

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What Is Aflatoxin?

Aflatoxin is a myco toxin. Mycotoxins are the by-products of fungal activity promoted by environmental conditions. Actual grain yields may or may not be adversely affected by the presence of the organism, but harvestability and grain quality and market value may be adversely affected. Although over 200 mycotoxins have been identified, Aflatoxin has caused insured grain to be unmarketable.

What do I do if I think I have Aflatoxin?

Contact your crop insurance agent **BEFORE** you put the grain in storage or deliver for sale. Crop insurance adjusters are to obtain samples for mycotoxin testing from the selected representative sample areas of the fields. The adjuster will submit the samples to an Insurance Provider Approved Testing Facilities for aflatoxin verification.



Crop Insurance Adjusters obtain aflatoxin samples to send to approved testing facilities **BEFORE grain is put into storage.**

Protect your crop insurance claim

Because aflatoxin damage levels can increase in storage, there will be **no crop insurance coverage** for the quality loss due to aflatoxin if the adjuster has not

had the opportunity to obtain samples of corn for aflatoxin testing prior to the corn being farm stored or commercially stored. For insurance purposes, tests

must be “quantitative”, measuring specific parts per million or billion of aflatoxin, rather than “qualitative”, merely detecting its presence.

What to do if you think you have Aflatoxin

- Contact your crop insurance agent for guidance.
- Wait to harvest until the adjuster has given the release.
- Allow the crop insurance adjuster the opportunity to obtain samples of corn for aflatoxin testing **prior to** the corn being farm stored or commercially stored.
- If having grain tested, use an approved aflatoxin testing facility.

For more information:

Visit the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov

For Approved Testing Facilities please visit: www.usda.gov/gipsa/