

Aflatoxin Testing

Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin

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). (<http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/svcpro.html>)

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. The facility must not be involved in buying or selling the type of grain that is being tested.

*Talk to your crop insurance provider for more information.

Approved Testing Facilities

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for aflatoxin in **Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin**. This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide.

Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

P.O. Box 250
317 S. Oak Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-3467

Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc.

1908 South Stark Street
Davenport, IA 52802
(563) 322-7149

Keokuk Grain Inspection Service

2626 Belmont Road
Keokuk, IA 52632
(319) 524-6482

Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc.

5435 Waconia Lane SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
(319) 363-0239

D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc.

P.O. Box 213
219 River Avenue North
Belmond, IA 50421
(641) 444-3122

Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company

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

John R. McCrea Agency, Inc.

P.O. Box 166
Clinton, IA 52733
Street Address:
91125 22nd Ave
Fulton, IL 61252
(815) 589-9955

Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc.

603 East Dodge Street
Fremont, NE 68025
(402) 721-1270

Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc.

P.O. Box 22724
Lincoln, NE 68542
Street Address:
505 Garfield Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 435-4386

Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

2525 South 13th Street
Omaha, NE 68108
(402) 341-6739

State Grain Inspection, Inc.

12127 Lynn Avenue
Savage, MN 55378
(952) 808-8566

North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

2601 N. University Dr.
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 293-7420

Grain Inspection, Inc.

P.O. Box 1652
Jamestown, ND 58402
Street Address:
314 2nd Street, N.W
Jamestown, ND 58401
(701) 252-1290

Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc.

P.O. Box 13217
Grand Forks, ND 58208
Street Address:
1110 N. 43th Street
Grand Forks, ND 58203
(701) 772-2414

Additional aflatoxin testing providers can be found at: http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/svc_provid/providers.html

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