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Aflatoxin Testing Facilities

New Mexico Oklahoma Texas

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 **New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas** according to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards 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.

A&A Laboratories, Inc.
1100 Backus
Springdale, AR 72764
800-962-7120

Amarillo Grain Exchange
1300 S. Johnson Street
Amarillo, TX 79101
806-372-8511

Enid Grain Inspection Co.
P.O. Box 229
Enid, OK 73702-0229
580-233-1121

Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc.
3902 Sandshell Drive
Fossil Creek Business Park
Ft. Worth, TX 76137
817-306-5600

Plainview Grain Inspection
1100 N. Broadway
Plainview, TX 79072
806-293-1364

Ag Lab
Oklahoma State Dept of Ag
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
405-521-3864

Corpus Christi Grain Exch.
P.O. Box 9340
Corpus Christi, TX 78408
361-289-0782

Farwell Grain Inspection, 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

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