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Mycotoxin

Illinois Indiana Michigan Ohio

Mycotoxins are fungal metabolites that are toxic when consumed by animals or humans. They can accumulate in small grains and other feed crops in the field. They can also accumulate in grain during transportation and during improper storage favorable for the growth of the toxin-producing fungus.

If you suspect your insured crop has mycotoxin, contact your crop insurance agent before you put the grain in storage or deliver it for sale. Your insurance provider will obtain samples for testing and submit them to an approved testing facility for mycotoxin. The impact of high levels of mycotoxin on producers varies from a discount in price to the requirement to destroy the grain.

High levels of mycotoxin may be an insurable cause of loss. Insureds should notify their insurance agent before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage if their grain is suspected of containing mycotoxin. Refer to the applicable Special Provisions of Insurance for the most current policy on testing.

Following is a list of certified testing facilities for mycotoxin 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 the criteria can be considered "approved testing facilities." Consult with your crop insurance provider for more information.

Criteria for "Approved Testing Facilities"

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 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 mycotoxin.

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

Testing facilities in this region include:

Cairo Grain Inspection Agency, Inc.
4007 Sycamore Street
Cairo, IL 62914-1037
618-734-0689

Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc.
P.O. Box 3631
Bloomington, IL 61702-3631
Street address: 115 S. Euclid,
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-827-7121

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

Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc.
P.O. Box 157
Circleville, OH 43113-0157
740-474-3519

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

Detroit Grain Inspection Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 176
Emmett, MI 48022-0176
810-395-2105

This fact sheet gives only a general overview of the crop insurance program and is not a complete policy. For further information and an evaluation of your risk management needs, contact a crop insurance agent.

East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc.
7020 North Walnut Street
Muncie, IN 47303-9796
765-744-6425

Frankfort Grain Inspection, Inc.
5233 N. County Road, 200E
Frankfort, IN 46041-8061
765-258-3624

Illinois Official Grain Inspection
P.O. Box 1679
707 Range Lane
Cahokia, IL 62206
1-618-332-3409
Toll Free 1-800-548-5575

Illinois Official Grain Inspection
202 Orchard St.
Wayne City, IL 62895
Phone 618-895-3131

Illinois Official Grain Inspection
116 N Harvestor
Teutopolis, IL 62467
217-857-3363

Indianapolis Grain Inspection & Weighing Service, Inc.
9332 E. 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229-2505
317-899-2337

Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc.
P.O. Box 328
Essex, IL 60935-0328
815-365-2268

Michigan Grain Inspection Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 465
Marshall, MI 490-0465
Street address: 110 High Street, Marshall, MI 49038
269-781-2711

Northeast Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc.
2405 W 1100 N
Decatur, IN 46733-8728
260-341-7496

Ohio Valley Grain Inspection, Inc.
P.O. Box 6532
Evansville, IN 47719-0532
812-423-9010

Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc.
1301 North Fifteenth Street
Springfield, IL 62702-4132
217-522-5233

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

For More Information

See the GIPSA Web site: http://www.gipsa.usda.gov

Please contact us if you have any further questions:

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