

## St. Paul Regional Office — St. Paul, MN

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# Aflatoxin Testing

## Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

The impact of high levels of aflatoxin varies from a discount in price to the requirements to destroy the grain.

If you think your insured crop has aflatoxin, contact your crop insurance agent before:

- You harvest the grain;
- You put the grain in storage; or
- You 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; and
- 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.

- 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). Visit the GIPSA website for more information at [www.gipsa.usda.gov/default.aspx](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/default.aspx).

- The facility must be a recognized commercial, government, or university testing lab that uses industry-recognized sample sizes, equipment, and procedures for testing aflatoxin.
- 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.

### 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) 341-6733

**State Grain Inspection, Inc.**

12100 Yosemite Avenue  
Savage, MN 55378  
(952) 808-8566

**North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc.**

2601 N. University Dr.  
Fargo, ND 58102  
(701) 293-7420  
(888) 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  
[www.gipsa.usda.gov/default.aspx](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/default.aspx).

**Where to Buy Crop Insurance**

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA service centers and on the RMA website at [www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/](http://www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/).

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