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Aflatoxin

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 an insurable cause of loss as long as the grain is tested before being moved into commercial or onfarm storage, or 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 if their grain is suspected of containing aflatoxin before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage. 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 sample of the facilities in **New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas**. This is not a complete list and should only serve as a guide to help in researching testing facility locations. Testing facilities not listed, which meet all the following criteria, can be considered "approved testing facilities."

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 FGIS (Federal Grain Inspection Service, of 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. A disinterested testing facility is one not involved in buying or selling the production in question. Refer to the Loss Adjustment Manual for more information.

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

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

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

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

Farwell Grain Inspections, Inc.
P.O. Box 488
Farwell, TX 79325-04886
806-481-9052

Williamson County Grain
PO Box 31; 504 East Walnut
Taylor, TX 76575
512-352-6343

Oklahoma State University
Disease Diagnostic Lab
P.O. Box 7001
Stillwater, OK 74076-7001
405-744-6623

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

Corpus Christi Grain Exchange
PO Box 9340
Corpus Christi, TX 78408
361-289-0782

SGS North America Inc.
1201 W. 8th Street at Georgia Avenue
PO Box 550
Deer Park, TX 77536
281-479-7170

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