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TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Oklahoma

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SUBJECT: Aflatoxin in Corn – Salvage Markets in Oklahoma

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### **BACKGROUND**

Weather conditions this year have made aflatoxin a threat to this year's corn crop in Oklahoma. High levels of aflatoxin may result in either a discount in price or the requirement to destroy the grain altogether.

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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 if the policyholder has arranged with their insurance provider to leave representative sample areas of the unharvested crop from which the adjuster can obtain samples for aflatoxin testing.

Policyholders must notify their insurance provider before harvesting and/or placing harvested grain in storage if they suspect their grain contains aflatoxin. Losses attributed to increases in the aflatoxin level while in farm storage, or that cannot be determined because proper testing was not completed, are not covered under the crop insurance policy.

### **ACTION**

Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) have requested a list of potential salvage markets for damaged grain. Below is a list of damaged grain buyers. This list is not complete and is provided as a guide to assist the AIP in locating salvage markets.

Cassidy Grain Elevator, Frederick, OK (580) 335-2104

Honey Grove Grain & Peanut, Honey Grove, TX (903) 378-2287

Northern AG Service, El Reno, OK, (405) 202-9783

Northwest MS Grain, LLC, Noesho Rapids, KS, Attn: Harlan Pruess, (662) 902-8528

Additional information concerning aflatoxin and other grain fungal diseases may be found at: <http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/pubs/mycobook.pdf>

Please contact the Oklahoma City Regional Office if you have any further questions.



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