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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

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