



# CLAIMS PROCESS - WHEAT VOMITOXIN

Vomitoxin is a naturally occurring mycotoxin produced by several species of fusarium mold. Wet and cool weather from flowering time to maturity promotes infection, resulting in scab or head blight in barley, wheat, oats and rye.

## Vomitoxin Sampling

Appropriate samples must be obtained before the production enters commercial storage. For farm-stored production contaminated with vomitoxin only, samples may be obtained from the storage structure. Analysis of the samples pulled by the insurance provider (or trained and AIP approved disinterested third parties) must be performed by an approved testing facility. Samples submitted for testing will be dictated by the approved facility, including its recommendations for storage and transportation, container composition, provisions for maintaining proper temperature, and any special requirements for high-moisture production. The costs affiliated with vomitoxin testing are the insured's responsibility.

**INSURED'S RESPONSIBILITIES**  
Contact your crop insurance agent within 72 hours after discovering a loss. Failure to do so may jeopardize your claim.

## Quality Adjustment (QA) for Sold Production

All quality adjustments will be applied in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Special Provisions or other applicable provisions.

Category	FDA Advisory Level	Vomitoxin Level (Parts per Billion)
Category 1	No FDA advisory levels for this category (i.e., it is safe for humans and animals)	0.0 ppm - 2.0 ppm
Category 2	No FDA advisory levels for this category	2.1 ppm - 5.0 ppm
Category 3	FDA advisory levels for this category	5.1 ppm - 10.0 ppm
Category 4	Exceeds maximum FDA advisory levels	10.1 ppm or greater

## Testing Facilities

To be an approved testing facility for crop insurance purposes, the following requirements must be met:

- The facility must be able to perform quantitative tests on grain, itemizing results in parts per million and parts per billion. Test kits must be certified by the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).
- The facility must be a recognized commercial, government, or university testing lab that uses industry-recognized sample sizes, equipment, and procedures for testing vomitoxin.
- The facility must be a disinterested testing facility unless RMA issues a written authorization to waive this requirement.

For a complete list of Vomitoxin testing service providers, visit the GIPSA website at [www.gipsa.usda.gov](http://www.gipsa.usda.gov) or contact your crop insurance agent.

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