

Quality Adjustment FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions Answered



Crop Division

? Where should samples be pulled?

QA samples (including Vomitoxin and Ergot) may be pulled from storage by the adjuster.

Mycotoxins other than Vomitoxin must be pulled prior to entering storage.

? Who can pull and submit samples?

An **adjuster** can pull samples from 1) storage, 2) unharvested production from the field, or 3) harvested, but undelivered samples from sources such as combine, truck, wagon, etc.

An **approved elevator employee** can pull samples from truckloads and either 1) submit for testing, or 2) hold for the adjuster to pick up and submit for testing.

A **licensed elevator** can **not** test for mycotoxins.

? Who can test samples?

Mycotoxin testing must be performed by a licensed grain grader or other authorized, disinterested testing entity. Mycotoxin results completed solely by an elevator, without a disinterested third-party grader, may not be acceptable for quality adjustment purposes.

? What documentation is needed?

A test certificate with load/units identified. The insured's name and weight ticket numbers must match the load/unit numbers on the certificate.

? Can samples from multiple loads be combined?

The elevator employee may blend multiple truckload samples when they are representative of the same field and quality condition. However, samples must still be separated by field, regardless of unit structure.

? When does the sample need to be submitted to the testing site?

Within 4 days of pulling the sample (15 days for Vomitoxin) it needs to reach the testing facility—either mailed or transported by the adjuster. If sampling, timing, documentation, or testing requirements are not met, a quality adjustment may not be allowed.

? When should samples be pulled?

Samples must be pulled within 60 days of the End of Insurance Period. Sampling requirements are not extended when delayed measurement of farm-stored production is elected.

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