



## Filing Crop Insurance Loss Claims for Fumonisin

Kansas Corn Growers Association has been working with Texas Corn Producers Association and the National Corn Growers Association regarding fumonisin affected corn occurring this year in the Texas Panhandle and is now being found in some corn samples in southern Kansas. NCGA and Texas Corn have consulted with RMA on this issue. We want to make sure you have the following information on options available to growers through federal crop insurance for settlements on corn that tests greater than 2.1 ppm. Farmers impacted by fumonisin loss should:

1. File notice of loss with insurance agent
  - a. If you haven't started harvest, contact agent now to file the notice.
  - b. If you already began harvest, you should have already contacted your agent to file the notice.
2. If your grain is sold, prior to 60 days after the calendar date for the end of the insurance period, your reduction in value on your production to count for quality adjustment purposes will be based on the reduced price from your grain purchaser. Your insurance adjuster and/or agent will have information about this.
3. For any production not sold prior to 60 days after the calendar date for the end of insurance period, your claim may be settled based on a .500 discount factor.
  - a. The calendar date for the end of insurance date is Dec. 10.
  - b. Keep in mind, the yield in which your claim is settled as "production to count" will also be the yield that goes into your APH for next year, and may impact your future APH average yield and hence insurance guarantee. Therefore, if you have not sold your grain before 60 days after the calendar date for the end of the insurance period and your claim is settled based on a .500 discount factor your APH yield will be impacted in future years. Your crop insurance agent and/or loss adjuster can explain if you have questions.

Only claims in which the corn crop tests 2.1 ppm or greater, and has not be sold prior to 60 days after the calendar date for the end of the insurance period may be settled based on a .500 discount factor.

Growers are encouraged to work closely with their claim adjuster to ensure all testing procedures are completed. It is imperative that appropriate sampling and testing procedures are accurately followed in order for a crop to be eligible for an insurance claim. The adjuster can work with you on available ways the claim can potentially be settled.

This issue is addressed in [Paragraph 1109 of the RMA Loss Adjustment Manual Standard Handbook](#)

For more information, visit <http://www.kscorn.com/fumonisin>