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In November of last year, Wenger Feeds issued a statement regarding elevated mycotoxin levels in the 2009 corn crop. While we had been testing for toxins previously, the decision was made to increase corn monitoring in December.

Vomitoxin (or DON) has been identified to be the most common toxin in corn from last year's harvest. Poultry can generally tolerate levels of vomitoxin up to 5 parts per million (ppm), while hogs can be affected at 1 ppm.

Results of initial testing convinced us more frequent evaluation of incoming corn is required. A new mycotoxin testing program was implemented in our mills and laboratory. Vomitoxin levels of grain exceeding 5 ppm in swine feed and 10 ppm in poultry feed are required to be reported to the Food and Drug Administration. We have not yet had any samples exceed either of these FDA advisory levels.

As a Wenger Feeds customer, you have an option to further protect your flock or herd from the negative effects of mycotoxins. Wenger's has access to a variety of toxin binders that can be added to your feed. For mycotoxin binder options and pricing, please contact your account leader or technical services.

Together, with our monitoring program and your management decisions, your animals will receive Quality Feed for Quality Food.