



ALERT

MYCOTOXINS IN MAIZE

Dear AFMA member,

AFMA received the following NOTICE regarding a mycotoxin alert in maize that is causing major problems in ruminants at the moment.

During the last 2 weeks large herds of dairy- and beef cattle have experienced severe production losses (up to 6 liters per cow per day) and in some cases also mortalities due to high levels of Mycotoxins and Diplodia on maize.

The affected maize are of lower quality and are offered in the market at prices lower than Grade 1 maize.

AFMA members are urged to take notice of this Alert and to take the necessary precautions to avoid further losses.

AFMA members are further requested to send suspect maize samples for a full mycotoxin analysis and to submit those results to AFMA in order to determine the scope of the current contamination. It will assist in establishing the need for further action from the Technical Committee for risk mitigation on this matter.

Kind regards,

Kindly note that you may receive this NOTICE more than once due to various distribution lists used to inform all members.

