



For questions or to report concerns about a grain business, please contact the Grain Regulatory Services Program at (573)-751-4112 or grain@mda.mo.gov. For complete information on Missouri grain laws and how we can help you, visit mda.mo.gov.



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The Missouri Department of Agriculture's Grain Regulatory Services Program licenses and regulates grain warehouses and grain dealers in Missouri to help protect farmers. Any person or business purchasing grain from producers must have a valid grain dealer license, and any elevator in Missouri that stores grain must have a valid state or federal grain warehouse license.

Auditors with the Department conduct random, unannounced examinations to verify grain inventory and ensure licensees are fiscally sound and in compliance with the law.

Missouri law requires licensees to post minimum bonds or other securities to help protect farmers who sell or store grain with a licensed dealer or warehouse.

If a grain dealer or warehouse becomes insolvent, grain inventory and other assets along with the posted security can be used to settle storage claims and outstanding grain checks.

Marketing Your Grain

Regardless of the method you use or if you are simply storing your grain, it is always important to conduct all transactions using sound business practices.

- Always obtain signed paperwork that accurately describes the type of transaction and the payment terms.
- Keep detailed records of all transactions.
- Report any discrepancies or suspected problems immediately by calling the Grain Regulatory Services Program at (573) 751-4112.

Protecting Yourself

The minimum bonds and other securities required by law may not cover all losses in the event of an insolvency, so you must protect yourself.

- Deal only with licensed businesses and check each step in any grain transaction. To verify if a grain buyer or warehouse is properly licensed, visit mda.mo.gov/grains or call (573) 751-4112.
- Make sure your grain has been properly weighed and you receive a scale ticket that includes the name and address of the buyer or storing elevator, applicable discount factors concerning the grade, the gross, tare and net weights and verify the method of payment for the transaction.
- Always get written documentation from the driver when grain is picked up on the farm.
- All grain delivered that has not had the purchase price established is considered storage grain unless a valid delayed pricing or minimum pricing contract is completed.
- Delayed pricing agreements, where the purchase price is not established at or before delivery, are not covered by either the warehouse or dealer bonds.

Visit mda.mo.gov to search for licensed grain warehouses and dealers in Missouri.

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