

Bin inspections

Bin inspections were introduced by the federal government to ensure program integrity. Grain pledged on the advance application is the security on which the cash advance is based. The CWB has a responsibility to ensure the grain exists. By signing the cash advance application form, applicants agree to bin inspections.

Bin inspections are conducted by agents appointed by the CWB. The inspector contacts the applicant to make arrangements to measure the bins and determine the amount of grain each bin contains. The report the inspector submits to the CWB is compared to the advance application to determine if the applicant has sufficient grain to repay the advance at the advance issuance rate.

There are two types of bin inspections

Pre-issuance

- Bin inspections are required before issuing an advance when stocks claimed on the After-harvest advance application exceed the area average yield (accounting for the applicants who have irrigated acres and have completed the Application for Irrigation Rate form).
- The applicant must have enough grain to cover the amount of the requested advance at the advance payment rate.
- Applicants who refuse a bin inspection are not eligible for an advance. If the applicant reduces the amount of the requested advance to the area average yield, a bin inspection will not be required.

Post-issuance

- Bin inspections can be done at any time during the year after an advance has been issued.
- Post-issuance bin inspections are either done at random or for selected applicants who are considered high risk, based on their advance payment history.

Failed bin inspections

An applicant's account will be placed in default if:

- they fail or refuse a bin inspection
- the shortfall upon inspection is more than 10 per cent of the issued amount calculated at the advance rate.

Applicants can contact the CWB to appeal a failed bin inspection. If an applicant disagrees with the inspection report or thinks the inspector did not inspect all relevant bins, we will review and may grant a re-inspection. Appeals should be requested immediately after the failed bin inspection was conducted.

Questions about bin inspections?

If you or the applicant has any questions about a bin inspection, call us at 1-800-275-4292.