



— **NEW** **EU guidance and regulatory limits for mycotoxins**

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New EU guidance values for mycotoxins in feed

In July 2026, the European Commission adopted **Commission Recommendation (EU) 2026/1801**, introducing updated guidance values for the major mycotoxins in animal feed: **deoxynivalenol (DON)**, **fumonisin**, **ochratoxin A (OTA)**, **T-2** and **HT-2 toxins**, and **zearalenone (ZEN)**. The recommendation reflects more than a decade of new occurrence data and scientific risk assessments from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), replacing previous recommendations from 2006 and 2013.

The new recommendation provides stricter guidance levels for many mycotoxins. In some species and categories, it defines guidance levels for certain mycotoxins for the first time.

Mycotoxins continue to pose a significant risk to animal health and, indirectly, to food safety through their potential transfer into products of animal origin. Since the original guidance values were established, EFSA has published a series of updated scientific opinions identifying adverse effects at lower exposure levels in several animal species. In particular, newer assessments led to lower health-based reference points for poultry, horses, ruminants and other sensitive species. The Commission therefore concluded that the existing guidance values no longer fully reflect current scientific knowledge and should be revised to ensure a high level of animal health protection.

The new EU guidance values for mycotoxins in animal feed (2026/1801) will apply from July 1, 2027, while specific values for corn, sorghum, soybean, sunflower, and their products will become relevant from October 1, 2027.

For aflatoxin B₁ and rye ergot alkaloids, maximum allowable concentrations are established under the older EU legislation (Directive 2002/32/EC), which continues to apply.



Sources:

2002/32/EC <https://eur-lex.europa.eu>



2026/1801/EC <http://data.europa.eu>





	Feed material	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	All feed materials	0.02
Deoxynivalenol	Cereals and products derived thereof	4.0
	Corn and corn products	8.0
	Clover meal, green silage, forage meal, green forage and alfalfa (products)	4.0
	Sugar beet products	4.0
	Soybean and products derived thereof	2.5
	Oil seeds, oil fruits, and products derived thereof	0.5
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	Corn grains	20
	Corn products	40
	Cereals and products derived thereof with the exception of corn grains and corn products	2.5
	Soybeans and products derived thereof	1.0
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	Oats (with husk)	1.5
	Cereals, other than oats with husk	0.2
	Oat milling products (including husk), including oat pulp	3.0
	Products derived from cereals other than oat milling products	0.5
	Green silage	0.2

	Feed material	ppm (mg/kg)
Ochratoxin A	Corn/cereals and products derived thereof	0.05
	Oil seeds, oil fruits, and products derived thereof	0.05
	Horse bean and products derived thereof	0.05
	Alfalfa (products)	0.05
Zearalenone	Cereals and products derived thereof with the exception of corn and corn products	1.0
	Corn and corn products	2.0
	Sugar beet products	2.0
	Oil seeds, oil fruits, and products derived thereof except soya hulls	0.5
	Soya hulls	1.0
	Green silage, forage meal, hay and alfalfa (products)	1.0
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Unground cereals	1,000



	Complete feed	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	Young poultry	0.005
	Adult poultry	0.02
Deoxynivalenol	Chickens for fattening and turkeys	1.0
	Other poultry	5.0
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	Turkeys	20
	Ducks	5.0
	Other poultry	2.0
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	Laying hens	0.5
	Other poultry	0.1
Ochratoxin A	All poultry	0.03
Zearalenone	All poultry	2.0
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Compound feed containing unground cereals	1,000



	Complete feed	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	Piglets	0.005
	Adult pigs	0.02
Deoxynivalenol	All pigs	0.7
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	All pigs	1.0
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	All pigs	0.2
Ochratoxin A	All pigs	0.01
Zearalenone	Piglets, animals reared for reproduction	0.1
	Sows, boars, growers/finishers	0.25
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Compound feed containing unground cereals	1,000

Values for aflatoxin B₁ and rye ergot represent a maximum allowed content, while others refer to guidance values.
 Values provided in ppm or mg/kg (ppm) relative to a feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12%.



	Complete feed	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	Calves, lambs, kids, dairy	0.005
	Other ruminants	0.02
Deoxynivalenol	Calves (< 4 months), lambs, kids	2.0
	Other ruminants	5.0
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	Calves (< 4 months), lambs, kids	10
	Adult ruminants	30
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	Ovines	0.05
	Other ruminants	0.2
Ochratoxin A	All ruminants	0.02
Zearalenone	Dairy cattle (including calves), ovines (including lambs), caprine (including kids)	0.5
	Cattle for fattening	1.0
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Compound feed containing unground cereals	1,000



	Complete feed	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	All aquatic animals	0.01
Deoxynivalenol	All aquatic animals	0.5
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	All aquatic animals	5.0
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	All aquatic animals	0.5
Ochratoxin A	All aquatic animals	0.05
Zearalenone	All aquatic animals	0.3
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Compound feed containing unground cereals	1,000



	Complete feed	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	All equines	0.01
Deoxynivalenol	All equines	3.5
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	All equines	1.0
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	All equines	0.2
Ochratoxin A	All equines	0.02
Zearalenone	All equines	1.0
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Compound feed containing unground cereals	1,000

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	Complete feed	ppm (mg/kg)
Aflatoxin B₁	All pet species	0.01
Deoxynivalenol	Dogs Cats Leporids (rabbits) Fur animals Other species	2.0 5.0 4.0 1.0 5.0
Fumonisin B₁ + B₂	Fur animals Leporids (rabbits) Other pet species	30.0 1.0 5.0
T-2 & HT-2 toxin	Cats Other species	0.05 0.2
Ochratoxin A	Cats & dogs Leporids (rabbits) Other pet species	0.01 0.01 0.02
Zearalenone	Puppies, kittens, adult dogs and cats for reproduction Adult dogs and cats other than for reproduction Other pet species	0.1 0.2 2.0
Rye ergot (sclerotia of <i>Claviceps purpurea</i>)	Compound feed containing unground cereals	1,000



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