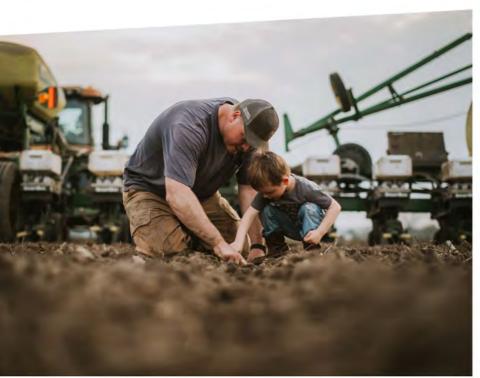
# **2025 Spring Update Training**

Great American Crop Division

Peoria Regional Office















# 2025 Re-Insurance Year Spring Update Training

Welcome to the 2025 Spring Update Training School. Great American would like to thank you for your business.

We strive to provide excellent Crop Insurance products, superior claims handling and customer service. We also provide some of the best technology solutions in the industry, and take pride in being one of the top insurance providers in the industry.

One of our main goals is to provide accurate and detailed training materials, so our agents can help their clients make the best risk management decisions.

This training manual provides information on industry updates, as well as policy, procedure and actuarial information for the 2025 crop year.





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## **2025 MPCI SPRING UPDATE**

## **CLASSROOM TRAINING**

#### WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND TRAINING OBJECTIVES

5 minutes

Welcome attendees and introduce GAI Trainers.

Provide overview of training requirements and objectives for the meeting.

Provide expectations/requirements for State CE credit hours.

#### **INDUSTRY REVIEW AND UPDATES**

(20 minutes Total)

Review current legislative actions if any that have potential impact to the Crop Insurance Program

5 minutes

Review pending Proposed Rule's if any related to Crop Insurance

5 minutes

7 minutes

10 minutes

#### **COMPANY REVIEW AND UPDATES**

(15 minutes Total – No CE)

Review technology offerings (Policy Administration, Quoter, Mobile)

Review reports, procedures, processes that are specific to the Company

5 minutes

#### **CLAIMS REVIEW AND UPDATES**

(15 minutes Total)

Review industry results and emerging issues related to claims 5 minutes
Review loss procedures and handbook updates related to MPCI 10 minutes

Break 5 minutes

## POLICY, PROCEDURE REVIEW AND UPDATES

(60 minutes Total)

Review pertinent changes and updates to Basic Provisions	10 minutes
Review pertinent changes and updates to Crop Provisions	10 minutes
Review pertinent changes and updates to Special Provisions	10 minutes
Review changes and updates to programs	5 minutes
Review pilot programs	5 minutes
Review 508h products released by RMA	10 minutes
Review pertinent changes to the General Standards Handbook	10 minutes

BREAK 5 minutes

## POLICY, PROCEDURE REVIEW AND UPDATES - Cont.

## (45 minutes Total)

Review pertinent changes to the General Standards Handbook cont.	10 minutes
Review pertinent changes to the Crop Insurance Handbook	10 minutes
Review pertinent changes to the Crop Insurance Handbook cont.	10 minutes
Review changes to the Written Agreement Handbook	10 minutes
Review changes to the Document Standards Handbook	5 minutes

#### **CIVIL RIGHTS – COMPANY AND AGENT REPONSIBILITIES**

(10 minutes Total)

Review Civil Rights regulations and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) 5 minutes
Review responsibilities related to Program Outreach Efforts 5 minutes

Break 5 minutes

## **COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND UPDATES**

(15 minutes Total)

Review RMA audit requirements and processes including producer record keeping requirements	5 minutes
Appendix IV reviews and Compliance Forms	5 minutes
Review other program requirements such as IPERA Reviews, mandated by RMA.	5 minutes

## **ACTUARIAL REVIEW AND UPDATES**

## (35 minutes Total)

Review program expansions released by RMA.	5 minutes
Review updates to published T-yields per RMA's Actuarial Data Master	5 minutes
Review updates to published Rates and Prices per RMA's Actuarial Data Master	5 minutes
Review updates to published Subsidy factors, Reference Yields per RMA's Actuarial Data Master	5 minutes
Review updates to published pertinent dates per RMA's Actuarial Data Master	5 minutes
Review updates to published Type/Practice code changes per RMA's Actuarial Data Master	5 minutes
Review to updated Special Provision statements per RMA's Actuarial Data Master	5 minutes

## WRAP UP, REVIEW, QUESTIONS

5 minutes

Review additional training opportunities provided by GAI. Closing Comments

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## **Exhibits**

**Exhibit 1** Approved Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym/	Term/Full Title	Acronym/	Term/Full Title
Abbreviation	•	Abbreviation	•
AAP	Actual Average Percentage	СВР	Customs and Border Patrol
ACT	Federal Crop Insurance Act (Pub. L.	СС	Continuous Cropping
	104-127)		
AD	Actuarial Documents	CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation
AF	Annual Forage	CCD	Contract Change Date
AIB	Actuarial Information Browser	CCIP	Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic
			Provisions
AIP	Approved Insurance Provider	ССРВ	California Cling Peach Board
AMBA	American Malt Barley Association	CEPP	Commodity Exchange Price Provisions
AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service	CES	Cooperative Extension Service
APH	Actual Production History	CFO	RMA Compliance Field Office
AR	Acreage Report	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
ARD	Acreage Reporting Date	CIH	FCIC-18010 Crop Insurance Handbook
ARH	Actual Revenue History	CIMS	Comprehensive Information
			Management System
ARP	Area Revenue Protection	CIS	Citizenship and Immigration Service
ARPA	Agricultural Risk Protection Act of	CLU	FSA Common Land Unit (Field)
	2000 (Pub. L. 106-224)		
ARPHPE	Area Revenue Protection with the	COI	Conflict of Interest
	Harvest Price Exclusion		
ARPI	Area Revenue Protection Insurance	COL	Cause of Loss
202	Policy Basic Provisions		0 0 0
ASA	American Society of Agronomy	СР	Crop Provisions
ATTRA	Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas	СРА	Contract Price Addendum
AUP	American Upland Cotton	CPF	Commingled Production Factor
AYP	Area Yield Protection	CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
BFR	Beginning Farmer and/or Rancher	CSREES	Cooperative Research, Education, and
			Extension Service
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	CTV	Comprehensive Tree Value
BP	Basic Provisions	CWC	Chemical Weed Control
BU	Basic Unit	CY(s)	Crop Year(s)
BUD	Basic Unit Discount	DF	Discount Factor
CAT	Catastrophic Risk Protection	DNP	Do Not Pay
	Endorsement		
Category B	Annual Crops	DO	Dollar Amount of Insurance Plan
Category C	Perennial Crops	DP	Default Percentage
Category D	Dollar Plan Crops	DSSH	FCIC-24040 Document and
			Supplemental Standards Handbook
Category G	Nursery	<b>EBIP</b>	Electronic Business Implementation
			Plan Plan

## Exhibit 1 Acronyms and Abbreviations (Continued)

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Abbreviation		Abbreviation	
EC	Enterprise Unit by Cropping Practice		
EDP	Electronic Data Processing	GSH	FCIC-18090 General Standards
			Handbook
EHA	Early Harvest Adjustment Option	GSI	Growing Season Inspection
EHS	FCIC-14050 External Handbook	GWSS	Glassy Winged Sharpshooter
	Standards		Infestation
EI	Enterprise Unit by Irrigation Practice	Н	Harvest
EIN	Employer Identification Number	HELC	Highly Erodible Land Conservation
ELAP	Emergency Livestock Assistance	HIP-WI	Hurricane Insurance Protection - Wind
	Program		Index
ELS	Extra Long Staple Cotton	HRLEO	High-Risk Land Exclusion Option
EO	Enterprise Unit by Organic Practice	IBR	Inter-tilled Between Rows
EOI(P)	End of Insurance (Period)	IDY	Individual Determined Yields
EPL PPS	Nursery Crops Eligible Plant	INA	Immigration and Nationality Act
	Listing/Plant Price Schedule		
EPLS	Excluded Parties List System	INS	Immigration and Naturalization
	- · · · · · · · · · ·	IDD	Service
ET	Enterprise Unit by Type	IRR	Irrigated
EU	Enterprise Unit	IRS	Internal Revenue Service
EXH	Exhibit	ISH	Insurance Standards Handbook
FAC	Following Another Crop	ISO	International Organization for
545	Final Association	17161	Standardization
FAD	Final Agency Determination	ITIN	Individual Tax Identification Number
FB	Feed Barley	ITM	Information Technology Management
FCI	Federal Crop Insurance	ITS	Ineligible Tracking System
FCIC	Federal Crop Insurance Corporation	LAC	Loss Adjustment Contractor
FGIS	USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service	LAF	Liability Adjustment Factor
FM	Foreign Material	LAM	FCIC-25010 Loss Adjustment Manual
FN	Farm Number	LASH	Loss Adjustment Standards Handbook
FPD	Final Planting Date	LFP	Livestock Forage Disaster Program
FSA	USDA Farm Service Agency	LGM	Livestock Gross Margin
FT	Footnote	LIP	Livestock Indemnity Program
GeoJSON	Geographic JavaScript Object Notation	LMP	Local Market Price
GED		I D	Late Planting
GFP	Good Farming Practices	LP	Late Planting
GIPSA	USDA Grain Inspection, Packers, and	LPD	Late Planting Date
GIS	Stockyards Administration	IDD	Late Dayment of Debt /ITC Oaks)
	Geographical Information System	LPD	Late Planting Period
GPA	Glabal Basitianing System	LPP	Late Planting Period
GPS	Global Positioning System	LPRA	Livestock Price Reinsurance
			Agreement

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LRR	Late Reporting Reduction	PARA or Para	Paragraph
MCEU	Multi-County Enterprise Unit	PASD	RMA, PM, Product Administration and
	Endorsement		Standards Division
MI	Misreported Information	PASS	Policy Acceptance and Storage System
MPCI	Multiple Peril Crop Insurance	PAW	Pre-Acceptance Worksheet
MRIV	Machine Readable Immigrant Visa	PF	Protection Factor
MY	Master Yield	PIL	Policy Issue Log
NAD	National Appeals Division	PLSS	Public Land Survey System
NAICC	National Alliance of Independent	PM	RMA, Product Management
	Crop Consultants		
NAP	FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster	POA	Power of Attorney
	Assistance Program		
NASS	National Agricultural Statistics	PP	Prevented Planting
	Service		
NCIS	National Crop Insurance Services	PPB	Parts per Billion
NDS	Non-Disclosure Statement	PPM	Parts per Million
NFAC	Not Following Another Crop	PPSH	Prevented Planting Standards
			Handbook
NIBR	Not Inter-tilled Between Rows	PRD	Production Reporting Date
NIRR	Non-irrigated	PRF	Pasture, Rangeland, Forage
NISH	FCIC-24090 Nursery Crop	PRH	Production and Revenue History
	Insurance Standards Handbook		
NOAA	National Oceanic and	PRV	Pecan Revenue
NO	Atmospheric Administration	DDWODA	Danas and Danas and Hillitan and Manuel
NOL	Notice of Loss	PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
NOP	National Organic Program	PTC	Production to Count
NPS	National Organic Program	PW	Production Worksheet
NRCS	No Practice Specified USDA Natural Resources		Quality Adjustment Factor
INICS	Conservation Service	QAF	Quality Adjustifient Factor
NRS	Non-Reinsured Supplemental	QL	Quality Loss Option
141.5	policy	Q.	Quality 2000 Option
ОС	Organic Certified	RAN	RMA Assigned Number
OFPA	Organic Foods Protection Act	RI	Rainfall Index
ОТ	Organic Transitional	RIV	Reduction in Value
OU	Optional Unit	RLU	Resource Land Unit (Field)
P/T	Practice/Type	RMA	USDA Risk Management Agency
PAAD	RMA, PM Product Analysis and	RMSD	RMA, Insurance Services, Risk
	Accounting Division		Management Services Division
PACE	Post Application Coverage	RO	RMA, Insurance Services, Regional
	Endorsement		Office
PAIR	Perennial Crop Pre-Acceptance	RP	Revenue Protection
	Inspection Report		

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Abbreviation		Abbreviation	
RPHPE	Revenue Protection Harvest Price Exclusion	UA	Unit Structure Code for WUA
RSA	Representative Sample Area	UAS	Unmanned Aerial System
RSC	Representative Sample of Crop	UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
RSD	RMA, Reinsurance Services Division	UD	Unit Structure Code for Unit Division
			Option
RY	Reinsurance Year	UDO	Unit Division Option
RYAF	Reference Year Adjustment Factor	UDGO	Unit Division by Grid Option
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	UG	Underwriting Guide
SA-T	Simple Average T-Yield	UH	Unharvested
SBI	Substantial Beneficial Interest	US	United States
SCD	Sales Closing Date	U.S.C.	United States Code
SCO	Supplemental Coverage Option	USDA	United States Department of
			Agriculture
SCP	Simplified Claims Process	USGSA	United States Grain Standards Act
SEC	Section	USICE	United States Immigration and
			Customs Enforcement
SF	Summerfallow	USNG	United States National Grid
SIR	Sprinkler Irrigated Rice	USWA	United States Warehouse Act
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio	UUF	Unavoidable Uninsured Fire
SP	Special Provisions	UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
SRA	Standard Reinsurance Agreement	VFR	Veteran Farmer or Rancher
SRH	Summary of Revenue History	WA	Written Agreement
SSA	Social Security Administration	WAH	FCIC-24020 Written Agreement Handbook
SSN	Social Security Number	WC	Wetland Conservation
STAX	Stacked Income Protection Plan	WCE	Winter Coverage Endorsement
Subpara	Subparagraph	WFRP	Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (Pilot)
TA	Trend-Adjusted APH	WSG84	World Geodetic System 1984
TAP	Tree Assistance Program	WU	Whole-Farm Unit
TDO	Tree Based Dollar Amount of Insurance	WUA	Written Unit Agreement
TIN	Tax Identification Number	XML	Extensible Markup Language
TMA	T-Yield Map Area	YA	Yield Adjustment 60%
TS	Tropical Storm	YC	Yield Cup
TW	Test Weight	YE	Yield Exclusion
TWF	Test Weight Factor	YP	Yield Protection
TWPF	Test Weight Pack Factor	ZMV	Zero Market Value
T-Yield	Transitional Yield		



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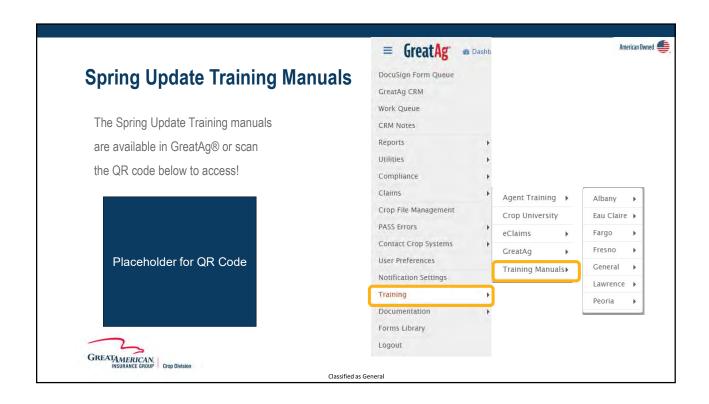
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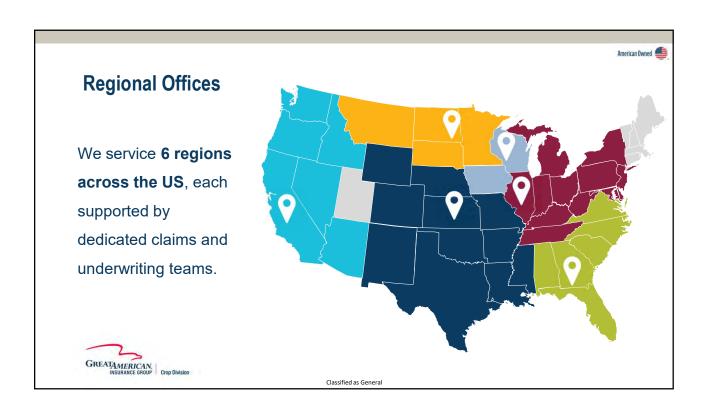
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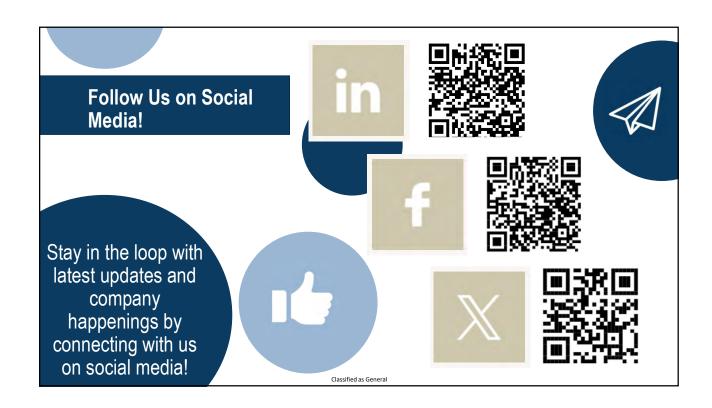
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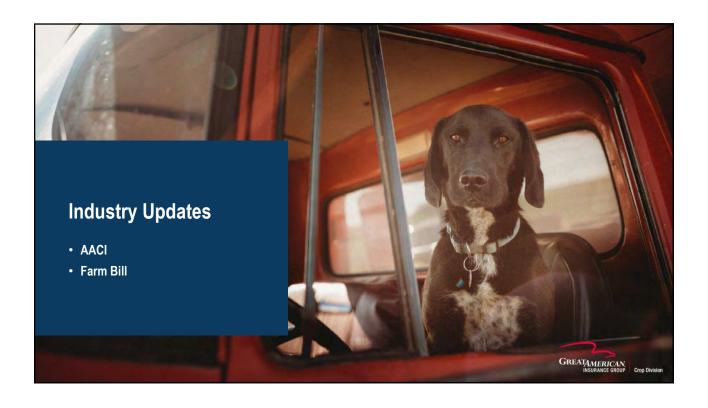


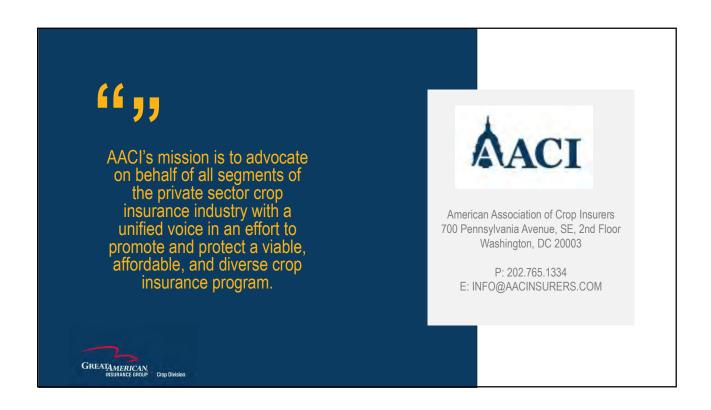
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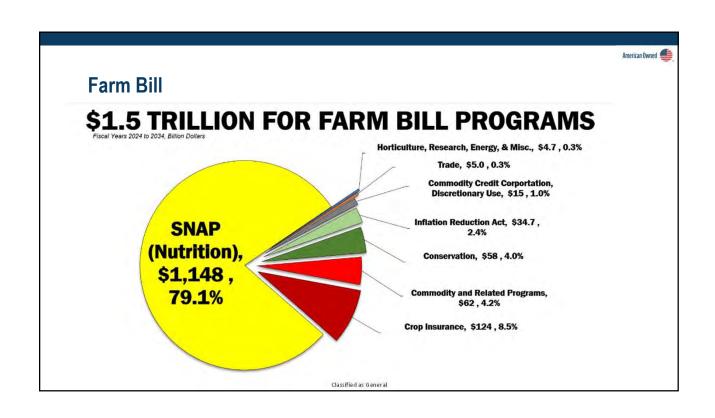








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# **Committee Leadership – 119th Congress**

- · Secretary of Agriculture: Brooke Rollins
- · Senate Ag Committee:
  - Chairman: Senator John Boozman (R-AR)
  - Ranking Member TBD (likely): Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
- House Ag Committee:
  - Chairman: G.T. Thompson (R-PA)
  - Ranking Member TBD



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## 2025 Farm Bill...third time's a charm?

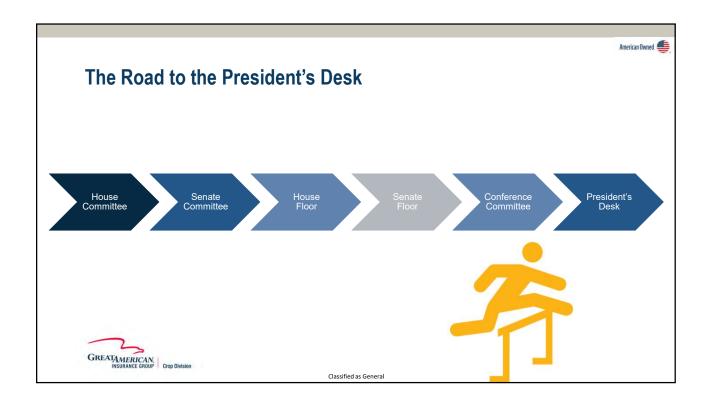
- Progress will likely be delayed in Q1 / Q2
- Q1 Priority will be reorganizing Congress
- Competing legislative priorities
- Restart the hearing process > updated requests

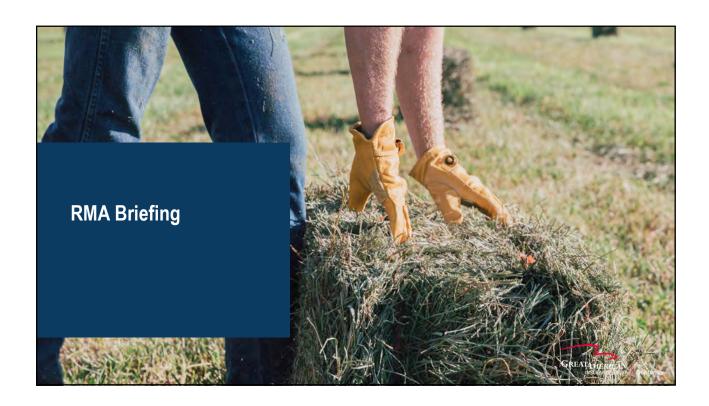
2023 Farm Bill

2024 Farm Bill

2025 Farm Bill









# **Hurricane Relief - Emergency Procedures**

Hurricane Helene and Debby (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia)

- MGR-24-006: Authorized delayed claims, use of reported acreage in lieu of determined acres, expedited claims
  procedures, additional time to pay premium, and other relief
- MGR-24-006.1: Pecan Tree relief including procedures to expedite claims, waiver of acreage reporting, and additional time to pay premium
- MGR-24-006.2: Allowed pecan tree producers to certify they would remove trees so claims can be processed

#### Hurricane Milton (Florida)

 MGR-24-007: Authorized delayed claims, use of reported acreage in lieu of determined acres, waiver of acreage reporting, expedited claims procedures, compliance review exemption, additional time to pay premium, and other relief



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# **November 30 Final Rule**

## PM-24-082 - Flax Revenue and Expanded Unit Options

- Expand revenue protection (revenue protection and revenue protection with harvest price exclusion) to flax, matching available coverage for barley, oats, rye, and wheat
- · Allow enterprise and optional units by organic farming practice in:
  - Green Pea Crop Provisions
  - Processing Sweet Corn Crop Provisions
- Combine written agreement deadlines in the Dry Bean Crop Provisions to reduce confusion and administrative complexity
  when a producer requests a written agreement by more than one criteria
- · Make various clarifications and corrections in:
  - Area Risk Protection Insurance Basic Provisions
  - Central and Southern Potato Crop Provisions
  - Dry Bean Crop Provisions
  - Green Pea Crop Provisions
  - Processing Sweet Corn Crop Provisions
  - Small Grains Crop Provisions
- · FCIC invites you to submit comments on this rule through the close of business on January 27, 2025, at regulations.gov



# **FCIC Board – November Updates**

#### Triticale

## Controlled Environment `

## Nursery Value Select

#### Sesame

#### 508(h) Modification

- Expansion to an additional 257 counties in 16 existing program states and 11 new
- Other minor policy clarifications and updates.
- 6/30/25 CCD

#### **RMA Pilot Modification**

- Expansion to additional counties.
- Add guarantine as a cause of loss if certain conditions
- Increase maximum coverage percentage to 85 percent.
- 1/31/25 CCD

#### **RMA Pilot Modification**

- Align carryover producer reporting requirements with those for new applicants to allow premiums to be prorated based on when coverage commences.
- Add a Peak Inventory Endorsement.
- 1/31/25 CCD

#### **RMA Pilot Modification**

- Establish a fallback price using a one-week average daily settlement price of the futures contract for use in the event the producer does not fix the contract price by the acreage reporting date.
- 11/30/24 CCD







# **Enterprise Units Expansion – 11/30 CCD**

## **Enterprise Units (EU):**

Green Peas, Processing Beans, Processing Sweet Corn, Pumpkins, and Sugar Beets

## **Enterprise Units by Organic Practice (EO):**

· Cabbage, Corn, Cotton, Cotton ELS, Dry Beans, Grain Sorghum, Green Peas, Millet, Mustard, Onions, Popcorn (Yield), Potatoes (Northern), Processing Beans, Processing Sweet Corn, Pumpkins, Sesame, Soybeans, Sugar Beets, Sunflower Seed







# **Quality Loss Option (QLO)**

## 2024 Expansion:

- Figs
- Grapefruit (TX)
- Millet
- Mustard
- Oranges (TX)
- Pears (CA)

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## 11/30 CCD Releases

- PM-24-075 Hemp
  - · Clarify that smoke damage is not a covered cause of loss
  - Allow hemp to be insurable if planted following soybeans in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin

## • PM-24-076 - Processing Pumpkin

- · Allow enterprise units and enterprise units by organic practice
- Increase the maximum coverage level from 80% to 85%
- · Convert the policy from pilot to permanent status
- · Allow written agreements
- · Clarify the establishment of optional units





## 11/30 CCD Releases

#### PM-24-078 - Sesame

Allow the contract price to be derived from a formula

#### PM-24-081 - Weaned Calf Risk Protection

- Extend the calving period from 60 days to 90 days
- Modify the projected price discovery period end date from January 15th to January 14th to be consistent with other policies
- Clarify that only 1 county should be listed on each policy application
- · Clarify notice and reporting requirements for backgrounding, moving, and weaning calves
- Extend the deadline for insurance companies to complete the Pre-Acceptance Inspection Report from 30 days to 60 days



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# **Specialty Crops**

### Tribal Wild Rice (St. Paul Region)

- Contractor completed data gathering and RMA is pursuing program development.
- Draft submission package is due April 2025.

## Production & Revenue History Expansion

- RMA has contracted the research and potential development for PRH Fresh Market Beans and PRH Plums where the APH plan is available as an additional option for growers. Listening sessions to gauge interest are underway.
- RMA is planning to take PRH
  Fresh Market Peppers, Sweet
  Corn, and Tomatoes to the
  February 2025 Board meeting
  for approval

### **EU Expansion**

- RMA has expanded enterprise units to various specialty and non-specialty crops for recent contract change dates—8/31/24, 10/31/24, and 11/30/24
- RMA is continuing to research expanding enterprise units to various crops for 6/30/25

## **Contracted Studies**

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## **Grain Bag Study**

- Agralytica conducted a study of current procedure related to the measurement of production stored in grain bags.
- Agralytica provided recommendations to improve accuracy of measurements. RMA elected the option for development of new/ updated measurement procedures.
- The new procedures would not be incorporated until the 2026 crop year.

## **Corn Conversion Factors**

- Contract with Agralytica to set up field trials to verify the accuracy of the:
- Current FSA silage conversion factor; and
- CIH bushel tonnage conversion calculation for silage.
- Develop factors for corn insured as grain/silage and harvested as earlage/snaplage.
- Completing second year of field trials.

## **Quality Adjustment Factors**

- Study on current discount factors how they were established, how they are currently used, and potential options to more accurately reflect producer discounts.
- The contract was awarded to Agralytica and kicked off in June.
- Agralytica presented to NCIS during the PPLA Committee meeting in October,

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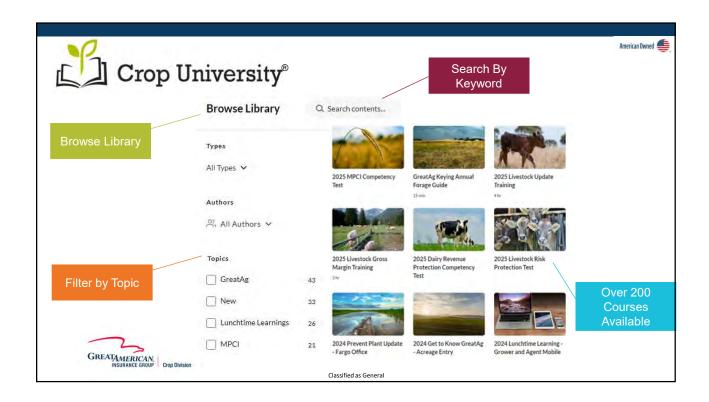
## **Replant Study**

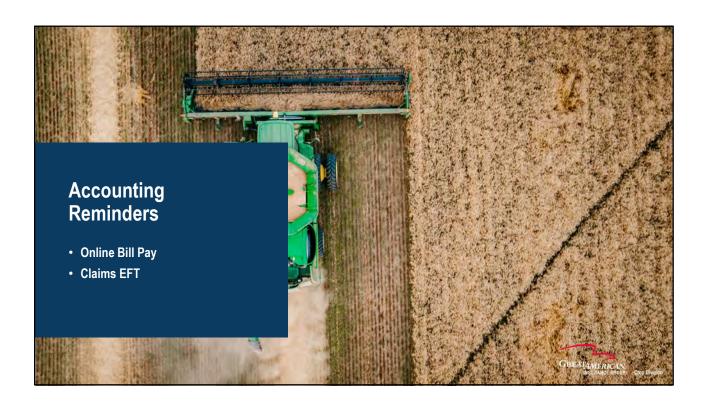
- · Completed by Sigma Ag Risk & Actuarial Services.
  - · Project started in June 2023.
- · Two goals:
  - Review existing factors and recommend updates if appropriate.
  - Recommend methodology for future factor updates.
- Study focused on coarse and small grains: buckwheat, barley, corn, grain sorghum, flax, oats, soybeans, and wheat. Over 90% of the replant payments are made to these crops.
- Based on the study results, RMA determined it is appropriate to increase replant payments.
- RMA plans to announce the new replant payments in the summer of 2025.



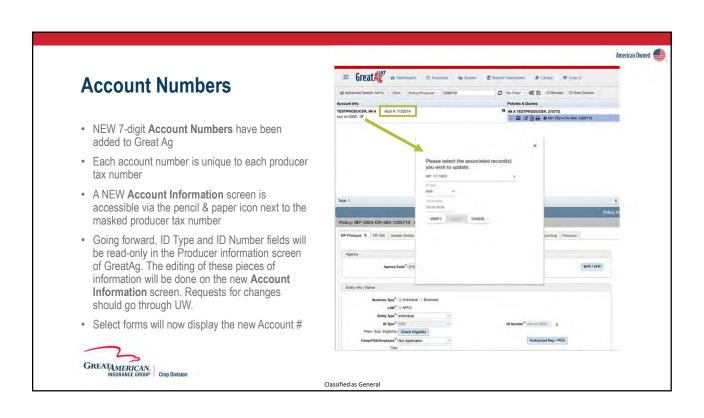


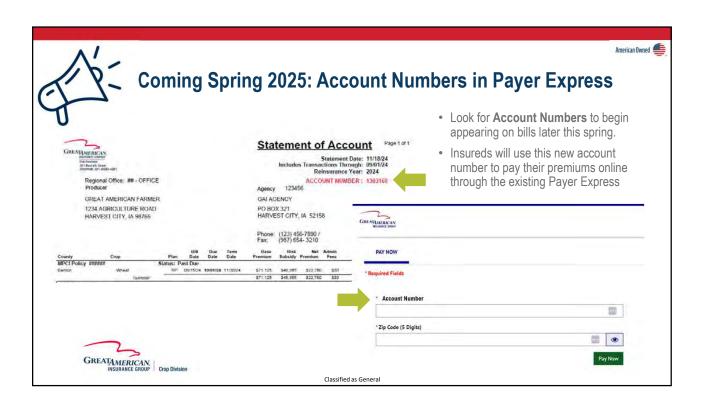




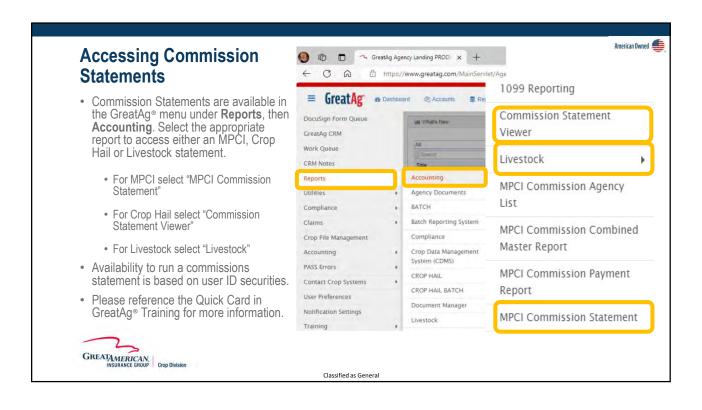




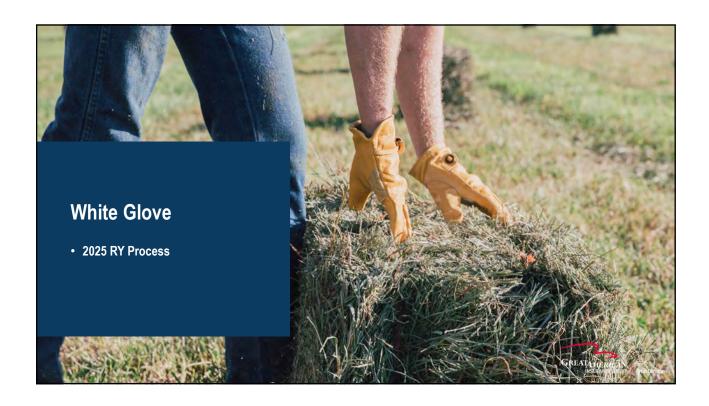












## 2025 White Glove Process

Active policies remaining in AEROS® will automatically be rolled to GreatAg® via the White Glove process. Differing from the 2024RY process, the 2025RY roll to Great American is an automated process, initiated in a tiered approach based on sales closing dates.

## What information is transferred via the white glove process?

- 1) Producer and SBI information
- County/Crop coverage details
   APH information including the 10-year databases
- 4) Acreage line details
- 5) CLU/Legals This will include mapped fields.6) Essential Forms such as POA will be moved over and Authorized Reps will be added

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reminder: Only MPCI Data will roll







## **2025 White Glove Process**

#### Where should production be keyed?

2024 production will be keyed on the 2024 policy in AEROS, utilizing the current production reporting tool. Keyed data will roll to the 2025 APH in GreatAg. GreatAg 2025 APH will be locked down until the 2024 IPR AEROS production has been added.

Any corrections to production should also be keyed in the current year production in AEROS.

#### Will policies require an insured signature?

No, MPCI policies will be transferred to Great American as a temporary policy and underwriting will flip them to permanent. They will **not** require a signature. As with any other sales season signatures would be required for changes, new policies, and crop hail.

#### What communication will be sent to the insured?

A notice PIC change letter will be sent to each policy holder 45 days prior to their earliest SCD.



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## CRS to GA Insured 2024 Production Reporting for 2025 RY

## 2024 AEROS Production Entry

## 2025 GreatAg Updating

## Actual Production Reporting Forms

- Once the 2024 policy has been imported into GreatAg for 2025
- Enter the 2024 production using the AEROS "Current Production Reporting" tool in Quick Key 2024 claim production data will be updated in the 2024 AEROS APH database
- Any 2024 IPR acreage or production revisions must be MADE IN AEROS.
   These changes will be updated to the 2025 GreatAg database
- Policies with zero acreage do not have to be updated in 2024 for insured production reporting purposes, simply book the APH in GreatAg for 2025
- A 2025 AEROS Actual Production History report can be generated showing the 2024 production

- Agents will be locked out of updating the 2025 GA APH database until the 2024 production is entered (step 1 above)
- A nightly file will update the 2025 GreatAg APH database with the 2024 crop year data (including any claim related production)
- Any other changes for the 2025 APH database can then be made in GreatAg and once completed can be booked to establish the approved APH for 2025
- The 2024 production reporting signature form must be uploaded in AEROS under the 2024 policy and can also be uploaded in Great4g under the 2025 policy if
- 2025 GreatAg Approved APH forms can be printed individually or batched



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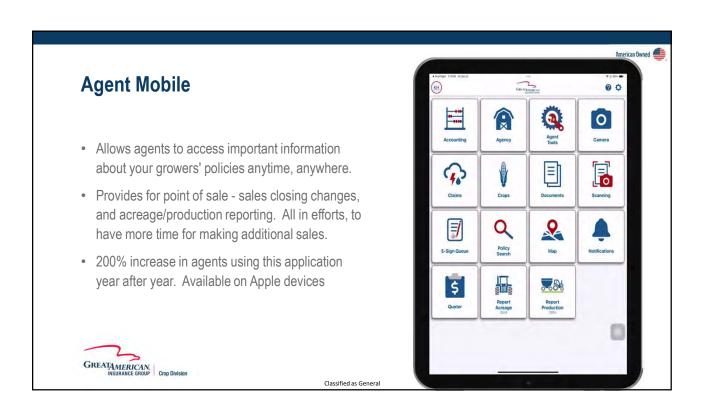




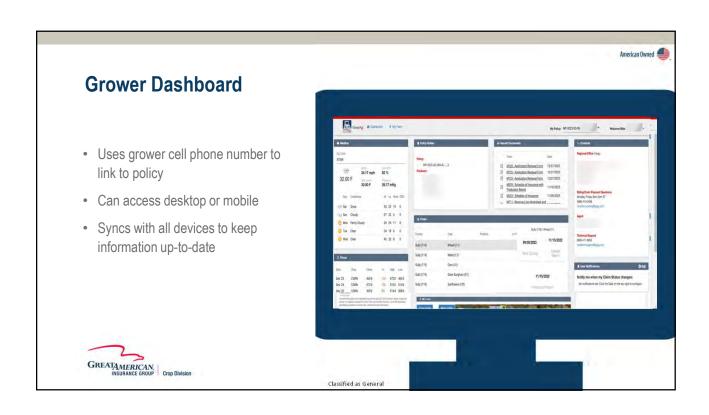
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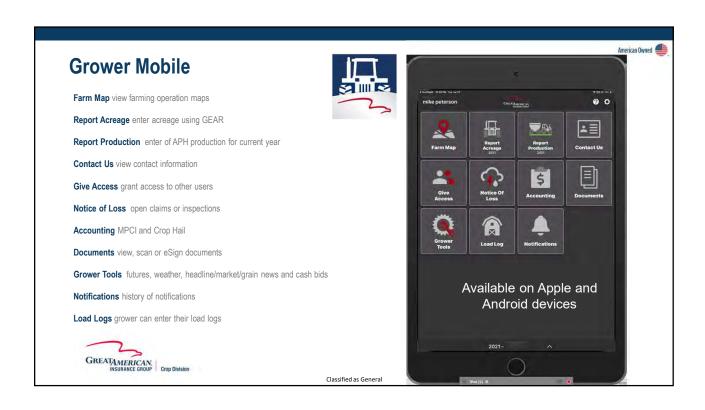
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- Grower Communications
- Training and Compliance

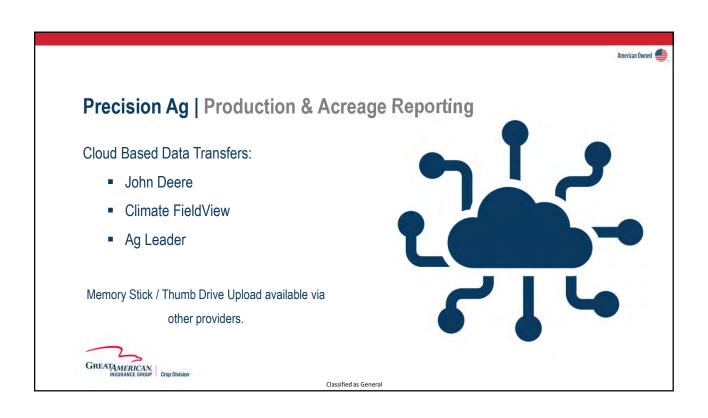
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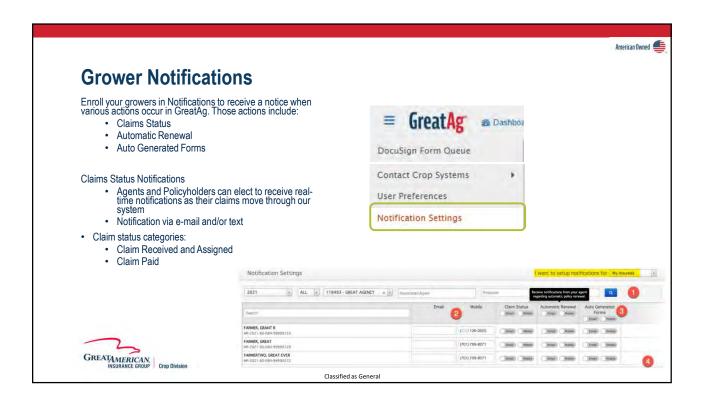


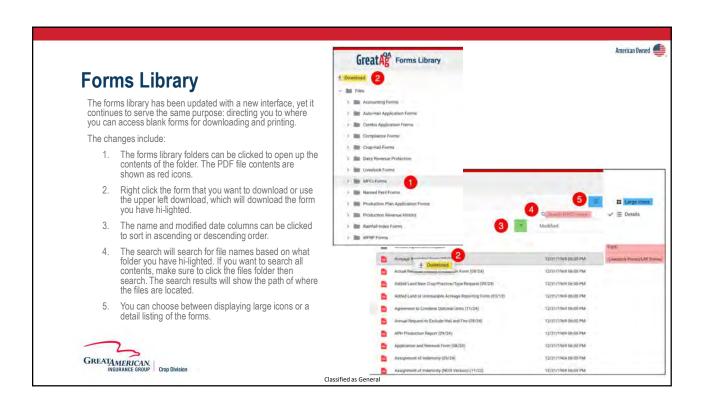














# 2025 Spring Claims Department Update



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# **AGENDA**

- Notice of Loss Deadlines
- Reporting a Claim
- Delayed Notice
- Delayed Claim
- Claim Types
- Agent Dashboard
- Accessing Proof Of Loss
- Replants
- Prevent Plant 1-4 Changes
- Organic Integrity

- 3rd Party Damage
- 180 Day Extensions
- Indemnity Check Processing
- Direct Deposit (EFT)
- Claim Notifications
- DocuSign for Claims
- Claim's Technology
- Adjuster Mobile

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# NOTICE OF LOSS (NOL) DEADLINES

#### **Production Loss**

Must be reported within 72 hours after the discovery of damage, but no later than 15 days after the end of the insurance period

# Revenue Loss (No Production Loss

Must be submitted no later than 45 days after the release of the harvest price.

#### **Prevented Planting (PP) Loss**

Must be reported within 72 hours after:

- The final plant date if there is no intention to plant during the late plant period, or if the late plant period is not applicable; or
- Producer determines they will be unable to plant within any applicable late plant period

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## REPORTING A CLAIM

- When losses are widespread, first discuss with producers whether they may have a claim or not
- It is easier to setup a claim and withdraw it rather than have it be late and denied down the road
- "Claim dumping" a book of business is not permitted.
  - Creates unnecessary work for adjusters which slows claim turnaround time not only for your agency but across the territory.
  - Generates unnecessary expenses for company and can negatively influence adjuster data.



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# **REPORTING A CLAIM**

- For a <u>planted crop</u>, when there is damage or loss of production, you must give us notice, by unit, within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage or loss of production (but not later than **15** days after the end of the insurance period, even if you have not harvested the crop).
  - Example: The final unit of wheat is harvested August 25, 2023 – GAIG must receive notice by September 10, 2023 to be considered timely



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# REPORTING A CLAIM

- For crops for which <u>revenue</u> <u>protection</u> is elected, if there is <u>no</u> <u>damage</u> or loss of production, you must give us notice not later than **45 days** after the latest date the harvest price is released for any crop in the unit where there is a revenue loss.
- Example: Harvest price for corn released November 1, 2023 – GAIG must receive notice by December 16, 2023 to be considered timely.





### **DELAYED NOTICE**



For a <u>planted crop</u> (for production losses and dollar losses under dollar plans of insurance) is within **72 hours** of initial discovery of damage or loss of production but not later than 15 days after the EOIP, even if crop has not been harvested (by unit, for each insured crop in a county).

For crops for which <u>Revenue Protection</u> is elected, if there is no damage or loss of production, not later than **45 days** after the latest date the harvest price is released for any crop in the unit where there is a revenue loss.

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### **DELAYED NOTICE**



For PP notices, the notice must be filed within 72 hours:

 After the Final Planting Date if the insured does not intend to plant during the Late Planting Period, or if a Late Plant is not applicable

OR

 When the insured determines the crop will not be able to be planted within any applicable Late Planting Period.

For <u>perennial crops and other plans</u> of insurance, the specified timeframe for filing notices may differ from the preceding information; refer to the specific policy provisions for these crops.



# **DELAYED NOTICE EXCEPTIONS**



- When there is a companion policy that has a timely NOL or accepted delayed NOL for the same unit/crop, the information from the companion claim may be used to complete the insured's claim
- 2. The insured has other units of the same crop in the county having a timely NOL or an accepted delayed NOL that is not past the time specified for submitting claims.

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### **DELAYED NOTICE**



# Note:

- Accepting a delayed NOL does not constitute acceptance of the insured's claim. Acceptance of the insured's claim is still dependent upon whether all loss determinations are satisfactorily made.
- Adjuster will not sign the Production Worksheet



## **DELAYED CLAIM**



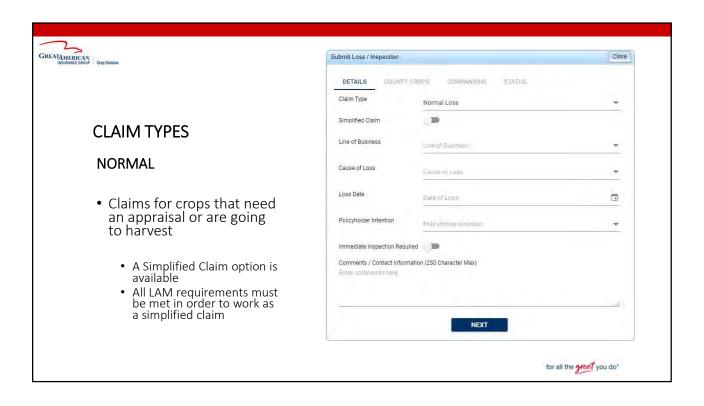
- If the claim is not completed in the 60 days, it becomes a "Delayed Claim"
- · Acceptable Reasons to go past the 60 days:
  - Adjuster workload
  - Production evidence not available (poor quality production not sold)
  - Quality adjustment delays (Mycotoxins over limit)
  - Harvest extension

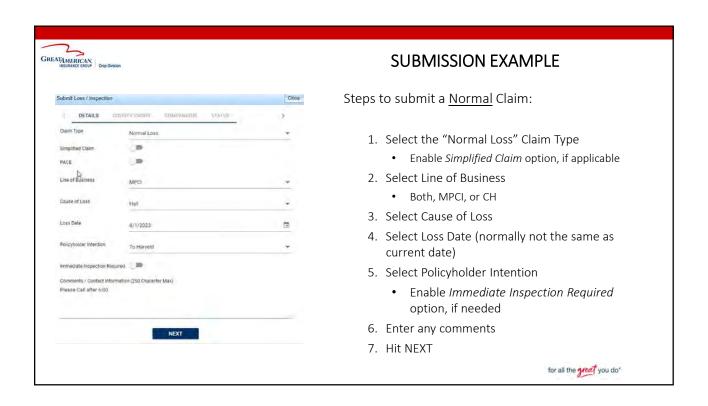
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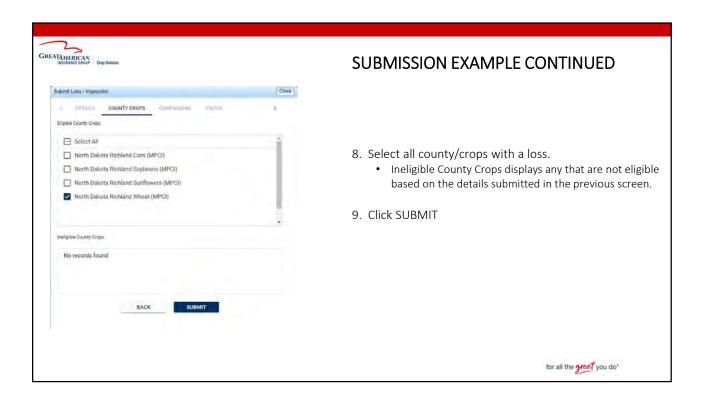


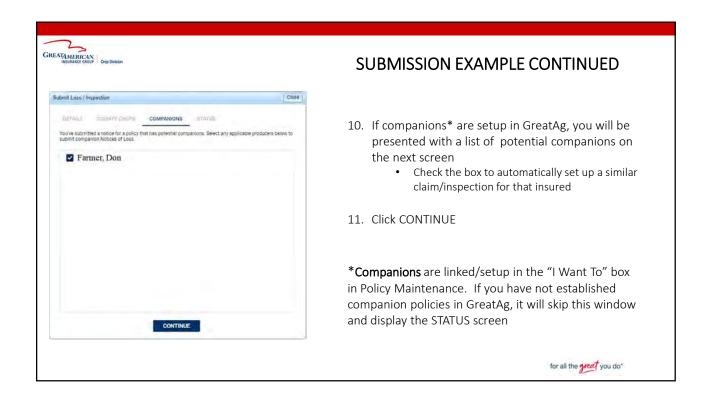
## **CLAIM TYPES**

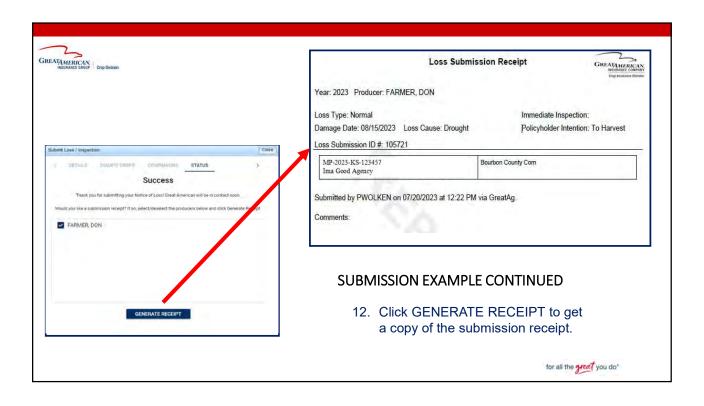
- The entry screens will change or adjust based on the Claim Type selected
- The available Claim Types are:
  - Normal
  - Prevented Plant
  - Replant
  - Inspection
- Examples of each type are illustrated in the next slides

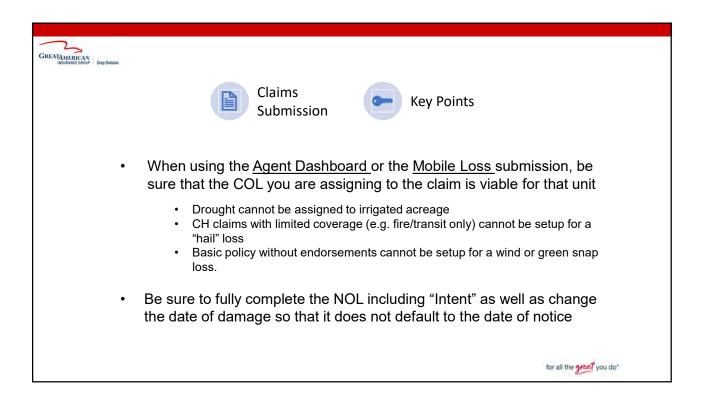


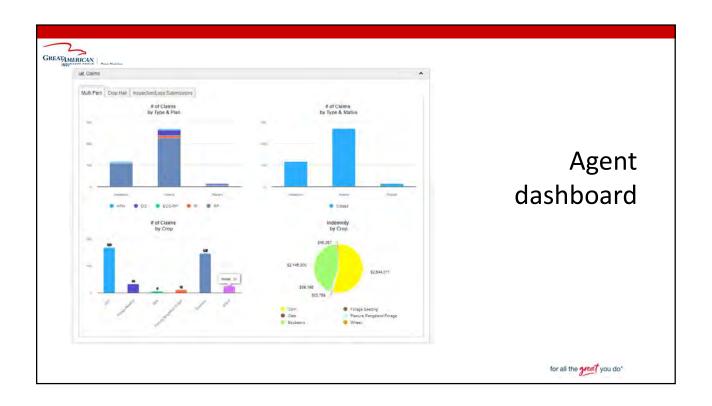




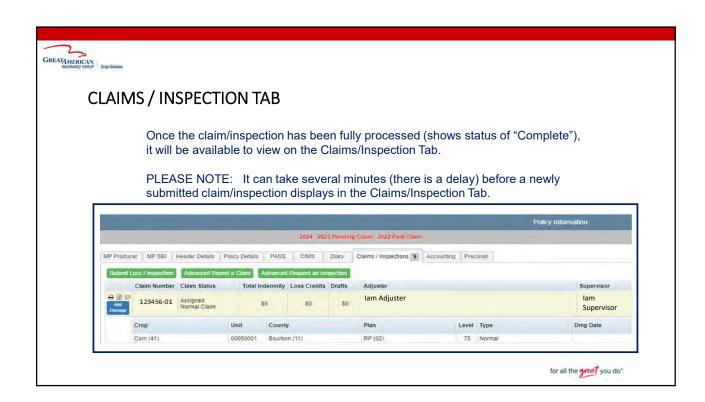


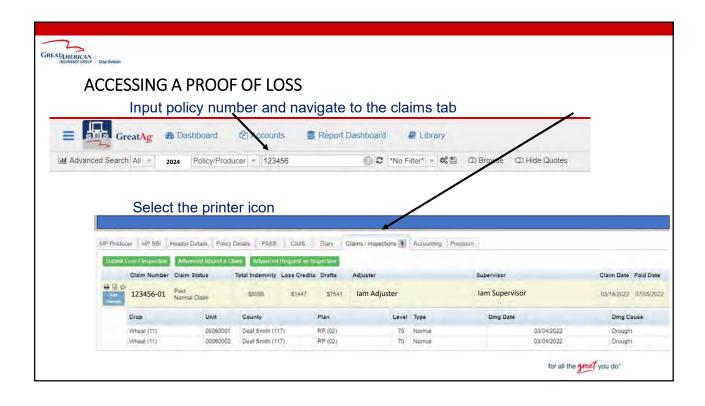


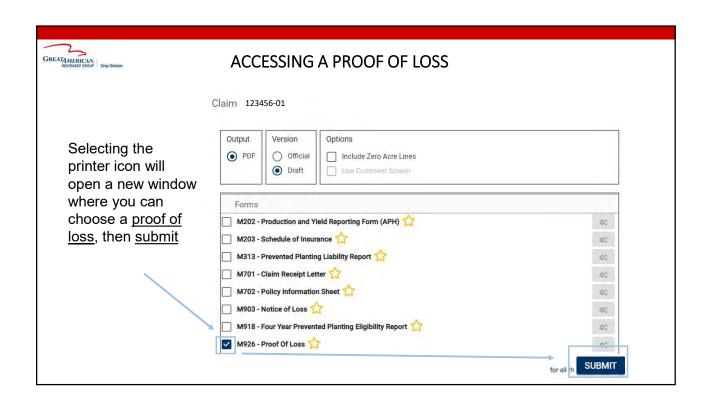


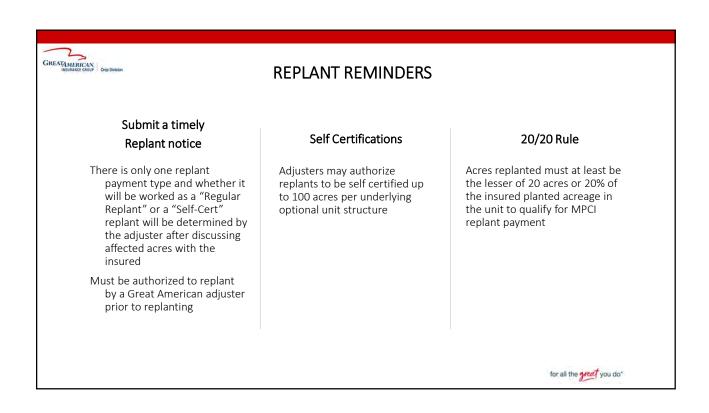














# Replant payments must meet the requirements as outlined in the Basic Provisions:

- 20/20 rule on a unit basis (MCEU

   determined based on the entire unit)
- Can only receive one replant payment on the acreage
- Must have Prior Authorization before Replanting

### **REPLANTS**

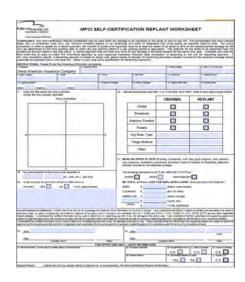






### **REPLANTS – SELF CERTIFIED**

- Self certified replants are a streamlined option when the farmer qualifies
  - Up to 100 gross acres OU and up to 100 gross acres on a BU/EU basis for underlying databases
- Insureds must complete the SCRP form and provide receipts for the seed they used to replant the crop
- All SCRP are assigned to an adjuster so they can field any questions an insured may have
- Must have Prior Authorization before Replanting





# **PREVENT PLANT 1-4 CHANGES**



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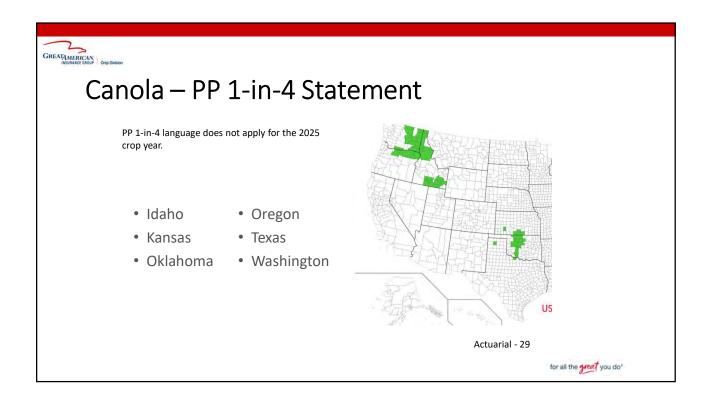
# Barley – PP 1-in-4 Statement

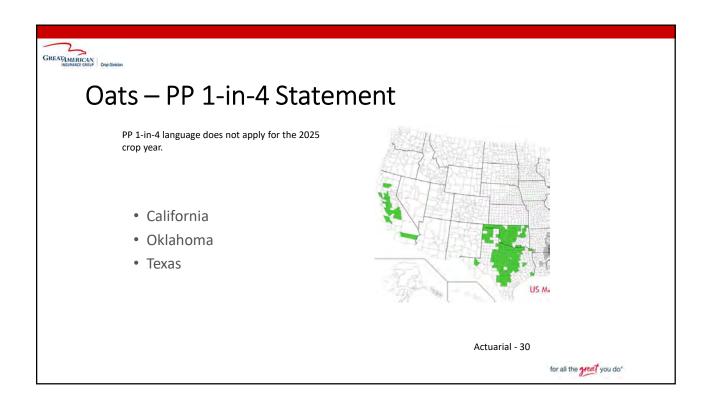
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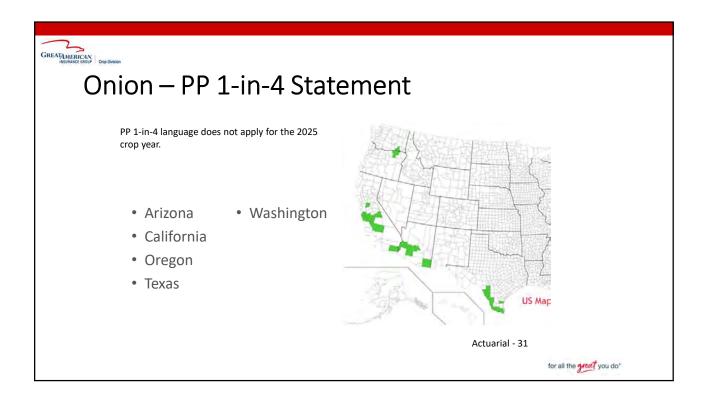
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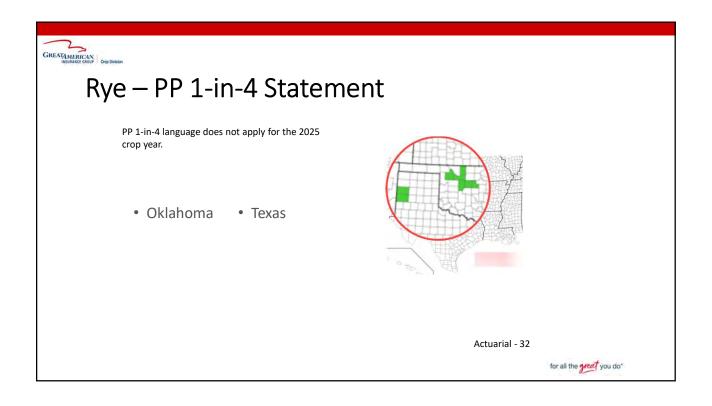


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# Triticale – PP 1-in-4 Statement

PP 1-in-4 language does not apply for the 2025 crop year.

- Arizona
- Nevada
- California
- Oklahoma
- Colorado
- Oregon
- Idaho
- Texas
- Kansas
- Utah
- New Mexico Washington



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# Wheat - PP 1-in-4 Statement

PP 1-in-4 language does not apply for the 2025 crop year.

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- Oklahoma
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- New Mexico
   Washington



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# Organic Integrity Database

- Worked with Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to utilize National Organic Program's INTEGRITY database certificate as an acceptable organic and transitional record. <a href="https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity">https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity</a>
  - Find a specific certified organic farm or business, or search for an operation with specific characteristics. Listings come from USDA and Trade Partner-Accredited Certifying Agents. Only certified operations can sell, label or represent products as organic, unless exempt or excluded from certification.

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3RD PARTY / UUF DAMAGE

Damage to a crop that results from the actions of a  $3^{\rm rd}$  party, outside of the control of the insured

- The insured must be able to document
- Example: a neighbor negligently applies chemicals, and the resulting spray drift damages the insured's crop





# 3RD PARTY / UUF DAMAGE

- Must submit a claim as soon as potential damage is evident
- Adjuster will inspect field to see if there is potential damage
- U/W will rely on claims documentation (usually from 3<sup>rd</sup> party) to verify if yield can be ignored at reporting time
- Harvest yield will be used for APH if claims department is not notified in time to assess potential field damage



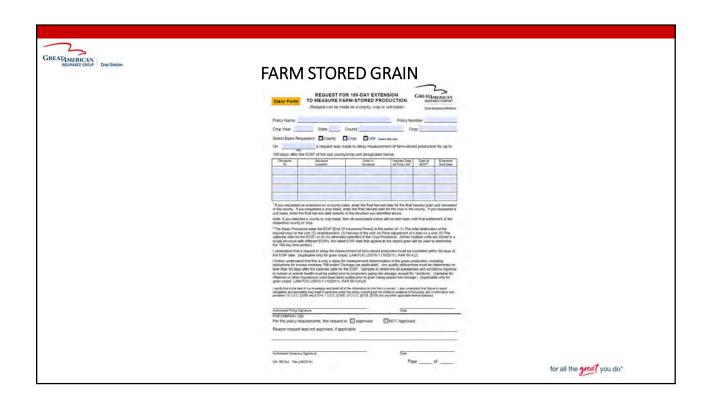


### **FARM STORED GRAIN**

- May request in writing to delay measurement of farm stored grain up to 180 days after the EOI to haul grain out.
- This must be done during the 60 days to submit a timely claim.
- OTHERWISE- GRAIN BIN MEASUREMENTS ARE FINAL WHEN THE CLAIM IS SIGNED - unless we can prove later that incorrect diameters were used









# THREE OPTIONS FOR AGENCIES TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS

- 1. Receive MPCI and Private Product (CH, Livestock, etc.) checks at the agency location
- 2. Checks mailed directly to all insureds
- 3. Payments received via EFT (direct deposit)
- \*EFT is the fastest and most secure sign up insureds anytime!
- \*\*An agency can have MPCI sent to their location and Private Product sent to insureds or vice versa but CANNOT elect based on policy





### OPTIONS FOR INDEMNITY CHECK DISTRIBUTION

Note: Proof of Losses (POL) and File copies will not be mailed out with the checks regardless of which election is made.

- POLs can be accessed by any agency and by insureds who are signed up for Great Ag access anytime after the claim has been paid.
- If either the agent or insured wishes to receive up-to-date notifications of their claim status, these can be setup in Great Ag so they know when to access their POL.
- Processing and claims systems are being modernized to facilitate additional batch printing options for POLs by agency.



# **Options for Indemnity Check Distribution**

- Claim checks sent to agencies are based on a daily combined agency total for all check amounts and are mailed accordingly:
  - Under \$50K Checks are sent regular USPS mail
  - \$50K \$1M Checks are sent Priority Mail (Tracking #)
  - \$1M + Checks are sent UPS Overnight
  - \*\* We have limited control over these guidelines as they are set at the Corporate level.





# DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR CLAIMS (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER)

Direct Deposit is the most quick and efficient way for producers to receive claim payments

• Eliminates mail time and your time to hand deliver checks

Electronic funds are directly wired into checking, savings, line of credit accounts

- Funds are immediately accessible to producer and not subject to a bank hold when depositing paper checks
- Producer (and agent) will receive email confirmation when funds have been deposited

### **One-Day Review Period**

- · Gives opportunity to review claims prior to funds being transferred
- Example: if a claim is released at 9:00 AM today, the funds transaction will be initiated 4:30pm tomorrow

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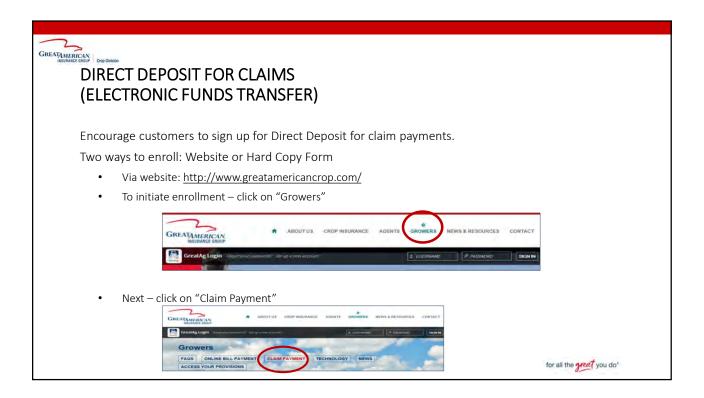


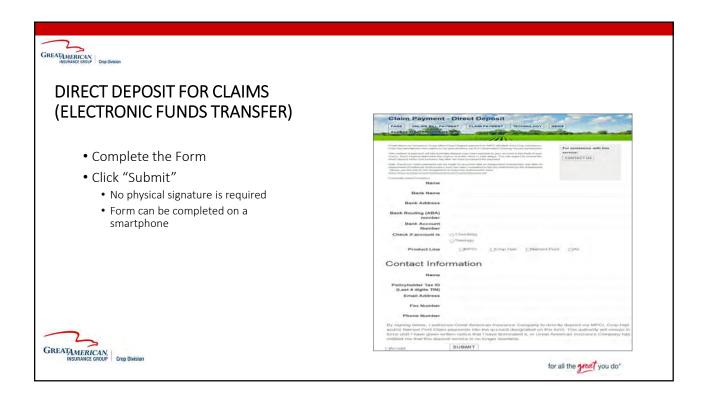
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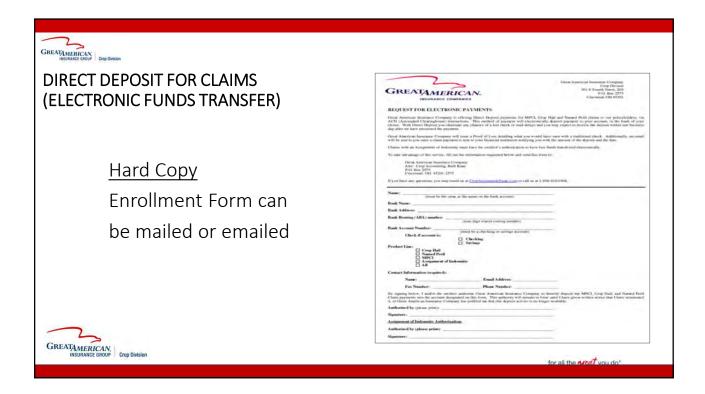
# Sales Closing and Acreage Reporting

is the ideal time for insureds to sign up for Direct Deposit

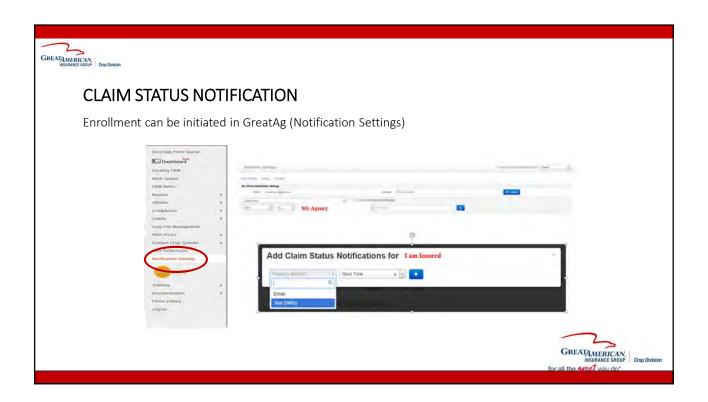
Insured must have email address for setup process

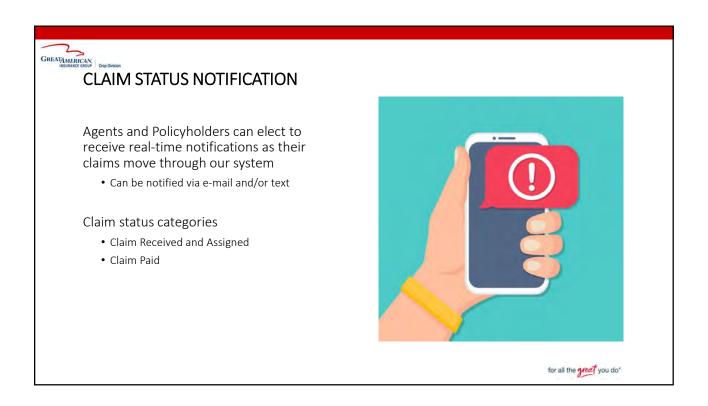


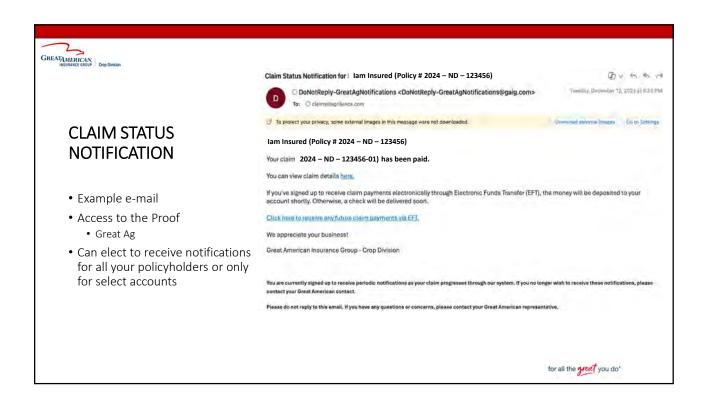


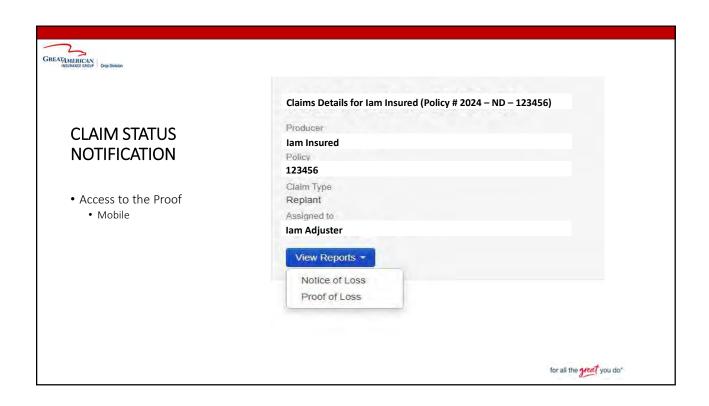














## **DOCUSIGN FOR CLAIMS**

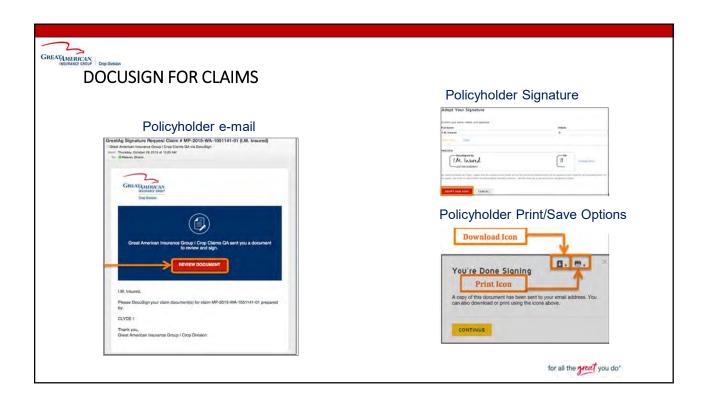
Benefits to Agents and Policyholders

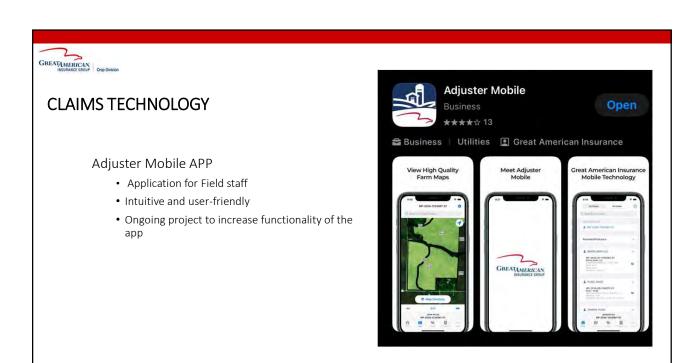
- Significantly speeds up the claim process
- Eliminates having to schedule another trip to field for final signatures
- Efficient process for long-distance landlords
- Documents can easily be signed on mobile device or computer
- Policyholder can print and/or save final e-signed claim documents

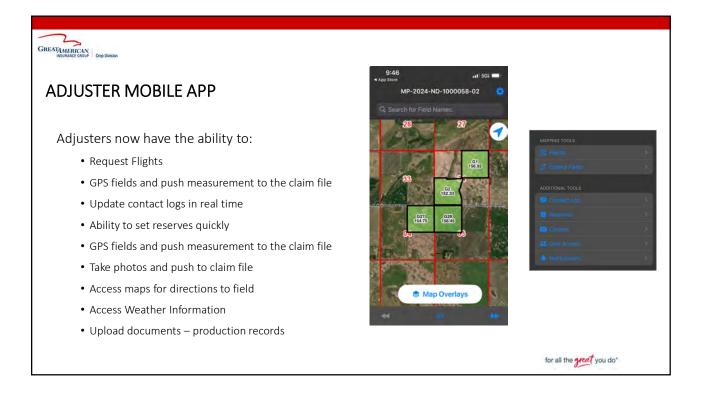
Adjuster will ask if policyholder would like to have the claim finalized through this process

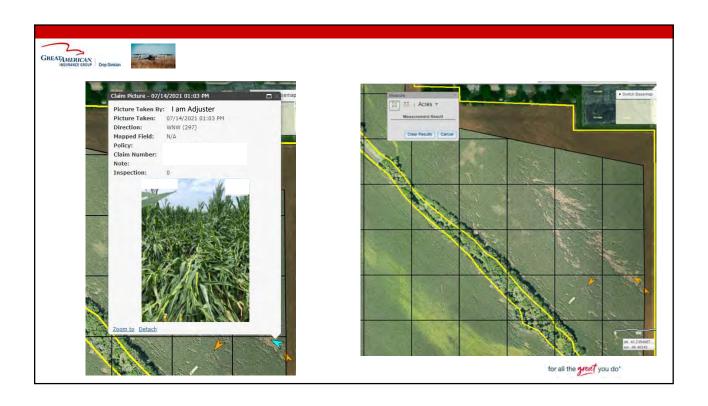
• Adjuster will have a quick-card available to help walk through this process with the policyholder







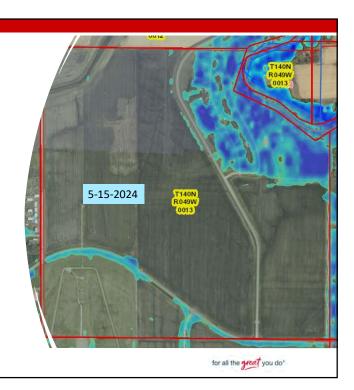


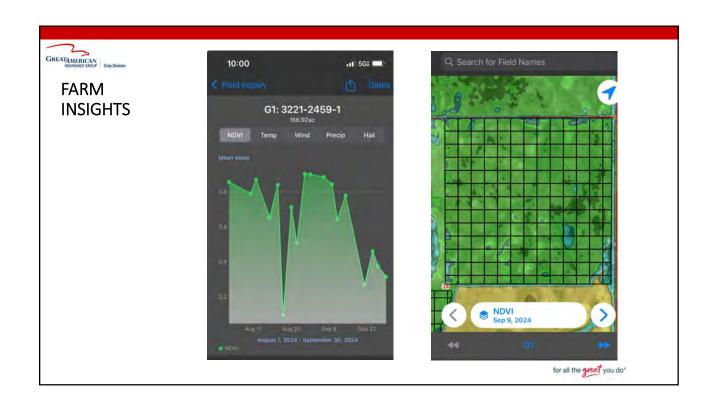




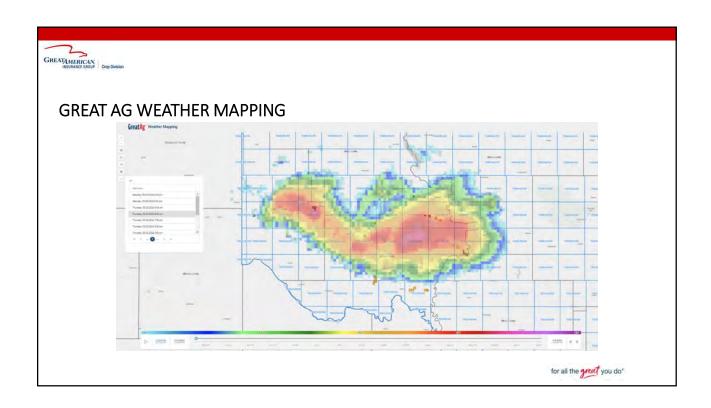
# CLAIMS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE IMAGERY (NDVI, SAVI, MOISTURE INDEX)

- Gives real time imagery. (Every 3 Days)
- Shows areas of the fields with declining production.
- Ability to pinpoint adjuster location in field.
- Giving the adjuster ability to accurately adjust claim in the given location.
- Comparison of multiple days (shows if crop is declining or improving).











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# Administrative and Servicing Requirements Duplicate Policies

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# If duplicate policies are discovered:

- One is an additional coverage policy, and one is a CAT policy
  - The additional coverage policy will apply, and the CAT policy will be void
  - Insured with different AIPs and both AIPs disagree.
    - The policy with the earliest Application date will be in force and the other policy will be void



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# Administrative and Servicing Requirements Duplicate Policies



# If duplicate policies are discovered:

- Both are additional coverage policies or both are CAT policies, the policy with the earliest application date will be in force and the other policy will be void, unless both policies are with:
  - The same AIP
    - The AIP agrees to void the policy with the earliest application date
  - Different AIPs
    - After consulting with the insured, both AIPs agree to void the policy with the earliest application date

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# Policy Servicing Requirements Assignment of Indemnity

- · A. Signature Requirements
- · If an Assignment of Indemnity is:
  - (1) digitally signed by the insured, the witness requirement is waived.
    - The AIP still has the option to request proof of debt or other pecuniary obligation before the Assignment of Indemnity is accepted.
  - (2) signed by the insured with pen-and-ink, either:
    - (a) a witness signature is required; or
    - (b) the AIP is required to obtain and maintain documentation for proof of debt or other pecuniary obligation before the Assignment of Indemnity is accepted.

The above applies to the lender signature also.



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# Policy Servicing Requirements Assignment of Indemnity

The assignee has the right to submit the forms and claims for indemnity when the insured has failed to do so. The assignee then assumes dispute resolution rights and obligations for the policy.

- (2) Any assignee will have the right to submit all loss notices and forms as required by the policy if you fail to do so. If you have suffered a loss from an insurable cause and fail to submit a claim for indemnity within the period specified in section 14(e):
  - (i) An assignee may submit the claim for indemnity not later than 30 days after the period for filing a claim has expired.
  - (ii) No indemnity will be paid if we determine that we do not have the ability to accurately adjust the loss for any claim for indemnity. You or any assignee may not dispute the determination.
- (e) If an assignee submits a notice of loss or claim for indemnity because of your failure to timely do so, the assignee assumes any rights and responsibilities you may have under section 20 to dispute determinations related to the notice of loss or claim for indemnity, except for determinations made in accordance with section 29(d)(2)(ii).



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# Policy Servicing Requirements Assignment of Indemnity

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Added language to provisions to provide flexibility for an indemnity payment to be issued to a single party if all assignees and insured agree in writing.

- If we receive a properly executed assignment of indemnity form:
  - Only one payment will be issued jointly in the names of all assignees and insured, unless all assignees and insured agree in writing for the payment to be issued to a single payee; and





BP - Sec 29(d)(1) and ARPI - Sec 16(d)

# Policy Servicing Requirements Assignment of Indemnity

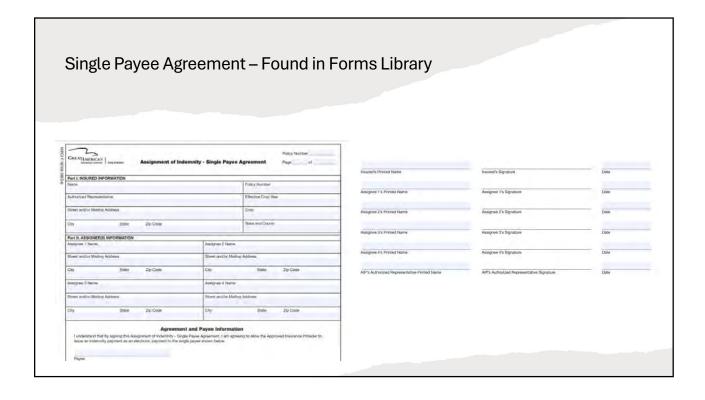


Single Payee Agreement Form

- Must be completed before each payment is issued when a single payee is preferred
- The new form must be completed in addition to completing the AOI form
- All assignees and the insured must agree in writing
- Electronic indemnity payment will be made to a single payee



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# Policy Servicing Requirements Signatures A pen-and-ink signature is required, or an acceptable digital signature based on the AIPs EBIP (E-Business Implementation Plan) Insured signature must be obtained at the time of collection for each crop insurance document Acreage report must be signed by the ARD Production report must be signed by the PRD, etc.



# Policy Servicing Requirements Signatures

- Rubber signature stamps and date stamps are not acceptable
- New language was added to prohibit the copying of a signature from any document and pasting or affixing the signature to any crop insurance document in any format on any platform such as Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Word, etc.



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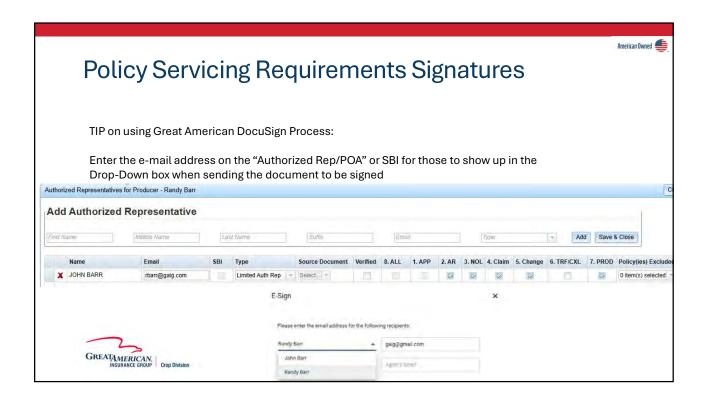


# Signatures

- Acceptable signatures for crop insurance include:
  - 1. Signature of the required person (e.g., applicant, insured, grantor)
  - 2. Signature of the authorized representative granted by POA and
  - 3. Signature of authorized rep granted by legally sufficient documents (e.g., Articles of Incorporation)
- DSSH allows the required person or its authorized representative to designate person(s) authority to sign crop insurance documents on its behalf. (Limited Authorized Rep)
  - This is limited authority and does not allow the LAR to execute or cancel a policy.



**GSH 854** 





## Person Types – Individuals Separate Policies for Minors

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A minor child with a separate farming operation is considered a separate person with respect to the separate farming operation if the:

- Minor's parent or other entity in which the parent has an SBI does not have any interest in the minor's farming operation or in any production from such operation
- Minor personally carries out the following farming activities
  - Produce the crop
  - Exercise managerial control relating to production and marketing of the crop
  - Carry all or part of the financial risk related to producing the crop
  - Own, rent, or lease farming equipment, arrange to obtain equipment or hire custom work related to production and harvest of the crop
  - Purchase all inputs
- Minor has separate accounting and recordkeeping for the minor's farming operation



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## Person Types – Individuals (Used to be Separate Policies for Spouses)



- If a spouse, child or any other member of the household that was allowed to receive separate policies are later found to not qualify for separate policies
  - Duplicate policy procedures will be applied
  - Acreage or share under the voided policy will be included on the remaining policy if both persons are eligible
  - Final premium and indemnity will be based on revised acreage report for remaining policy



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### REPORTING CORRECT TAX ID #

- Eligibility for Insurance (including SBIs)
  - Delinquent Debt
  - · Disqualification, Suspension or Debarment
  - Conviction of Controlled Substance
  - Not a US Citizen, Non-Citizen National or Qualified Alien
  - Deceased
- Conservation Compliance
  - Producer check only to see if qualify for Subsidy
- BFR/VFR (including SBIs)
- 1099 MISC form reporting
  - · Producer ID only



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### **REPORTING CORRECT TAX ID #**

- Great American sends all Tax ID numbers through the IRS website on a nightly basis to verify the TAX ID # and Entity Name matches
- If we do not get a valid match, we will contact the agent to verify with the insured the information is correct. This may require the insured to provide a copy of the IRS 147-C form or a copy of their Social Security card.
- If the agent is unable to resolve, then we will send a notice directly to the insured indicating they have 30 days to provide the necessary information otherwise their policy will be voided per Paragraph 215 in the GSH. If a policy is voided due to this process, it cannot be reinstated for that crop year.



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## REPORTING CORRECT TAX ID #

- Some of the common issues are:
  - For Spousal policies, did the spouse change their name with IRS (if they haven't then if the Maiden name is given
  - Does the name match what was used when EIN # was assigned (i.e. Jones Trust or was it 2024 Jones Trust)
  - DBAs
  - A letter from their accountant will not work to resolve an issue with the Name being used to file their taxes since we need to know the exact EIN and Name that was used to establish the EIN initially.

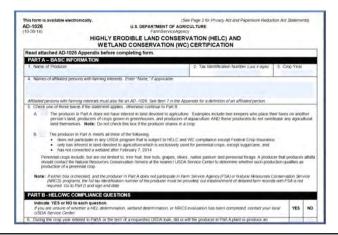
The Internal Revenue Service issues a 147C letter in response to a taxpayer's request for verification of their employer identification number (EIN). When a taxpayer contacts the IRS for a 147C letter, it's usually due to misplacing their EIN number.



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## **Conservation Compliance Reminder**

- Wait **at least 30 days** from the date a producer files an AD-1026 before initiating a review request with RMA.
- Reference: GSH Para. 459



## **Person Types Trusts**



If an irrevocable trust meets any of the definitions contained in the IRS Code §§671, or 673-677, it must be reported as a revocable trust for crop insurance purposes, including the reporting of SBIs.

A grantor trust is a trust over which the grantor has retained certain interests or control. The grantor trust rules in IRS Code 671-678 prevent the grantor from taking tax advantages from assets that have not left his or her control. The grantor trust rules treat the grantor (or in some cases a beneficiary) as owner of all or a portion of the trust income and losses. The grantor is subject to tax on trust income, even if he or she does not actually receive the income.

§671. Trust income, deductions, and credits attributable to grantors and others as substantial owners

§ 672. Definitions and rules

§ 673. Reversionary interests

§ 674. Power to control beneficial enjoyment

§ 675. Administrative powers

§ 676. Power to revoke

§ 677. Income for benefit of grantor

§ 678. Person other than grantor treated as substantial owner

§ 679. Foreign trusts having one or more United States beneficiaries

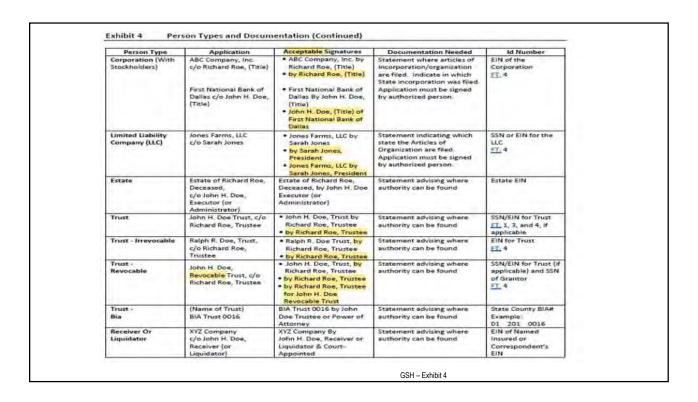


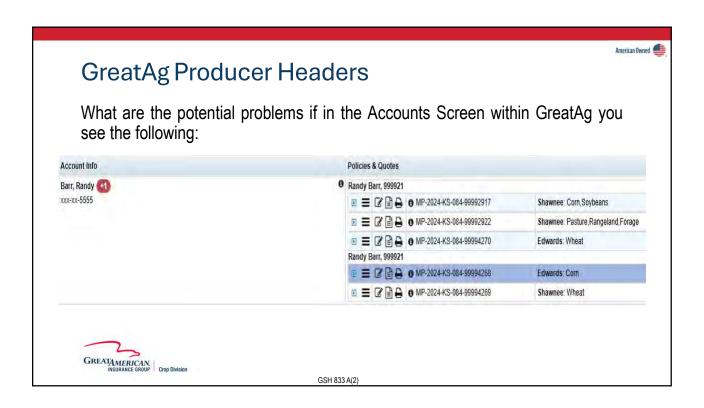
## Person Types and **Documentation**

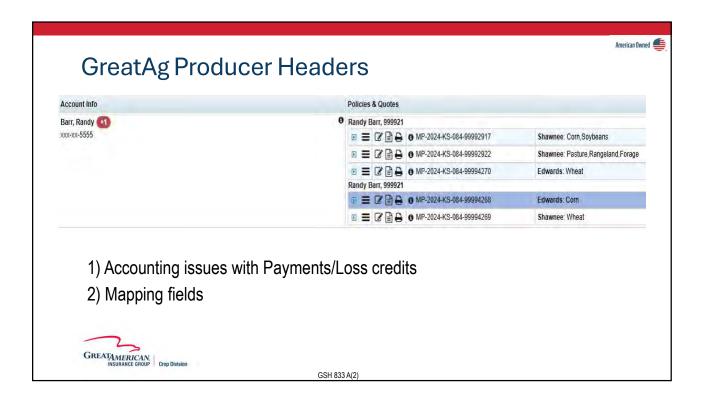
Added acceptable signature to multiple person types

Person Type	Application	Acceptable Signatures	Documentation Needed	ld Number
Individual	John C. Doe	John C. Doe	None	SSN of Individual
Individual Operating As a Business	Northam Land Company c/o John C. Doe	Northam Land Company by John C. Doe, Sole Owner by John C. Doe, Owner, Northam Land Company Northam Land Company by John C. Doe, Sole Proprietor John C Doe, DBA Northam Land Company	None	EIN FT_1 and 3
Individual	John W Doe or	(Both must sign)	If they are not spouses.	
(Joint & Survivorship Interest)	Mary C. Doe	John W. Doe Mary C. Doe	statements signed by both parties showing authority of one to act for the other	
Individual (Minor, Natural Guardian)	John Doe, (minor) by Fred Doe, Guardian	(Both must sign) John Doe Fred Doe, Guardian for John Doe	Statement signed by minor and guardian showing qualifications as separate person	SSN of Minor
Individual (Minor Unable To Enter Into Contracts Or Incompetent With Court- Appointed Guardian)	Frank W. Doe c/o John H. Doe, Guardian	John H. Doe Guardian for Frank W. Doe,	Statements signed by court- appointed guardian showing where court decree can be verified	SSN of Minor or incompetent
Individual (Authorized Signature)	John C. Doe	John C. Doe By Richard C. Roe, Under Power of Attorney	POA	SSN of insured
Individual Married (spousal)	John C. Doe	John C. Doe	POA authorizing signature, if applicable	SSN of Individual
Entity Insuring A Landlord's Or Tenant's Share	John C. Doe	John C. Doe	Evidence of other parties' approval such as lease or POA	EIN or SSN of landlord/tenant FT. 1, 2, 3 or 4
Joint Ventures, Including Joint Operators	James L. Smith and John A. Brown, Joint Venture James L Smith and John A. Brown, Joint Venture	(All must sign) James L Smith John A. Brown	Note if all sign, or POA authorizing signature	Joint Interest EIN or SSN's EI, 2
Co-Owners	James L. Smith, and John A. Brown, Joint Venture			
Partnership (Written Or Oral)	Jones and Smith, A Partnership c/o Sam Jones	Jones and Smith, A     Partnership By Sam     Jones, A Partner     by Sam Jones, Partner	Statement signed by all partners certifying they are members of the partnership or copy of written partnership agreement signed by all partners	EIN of the Partnership FT. 4

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## **Contract Pricing Update**

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**Revised Special Provisions Statement:** 

Old Version: If a contract price is available as shown in the actuarial documents, you may elect to have your price election determined in accordance with the Contract Price Addendum (CPA). If the crop provisions or special provisions provide a method to determine a contract price your price election will be determined in accordance with the crop provisions or special provisions and the CPA does not apply.

New Version: You may use a contract price to determine your insurance guarantee when a contract price code of "yes" exists on the Prices tab in the actuarial documents for the crop, type, and practice.

- Contract price authority (i.e., rules governing the use of contract prices and the method to determine a contract price) will be found in one of the following three places, listed in priority order:
  - 1. Special Provisions, separate from this statement, which authorizes the use of the Contract Price Addendum (CPA):
  - 2. Crop Provisions; or
  - 3. CPA.



## **Contract Pricing Update**

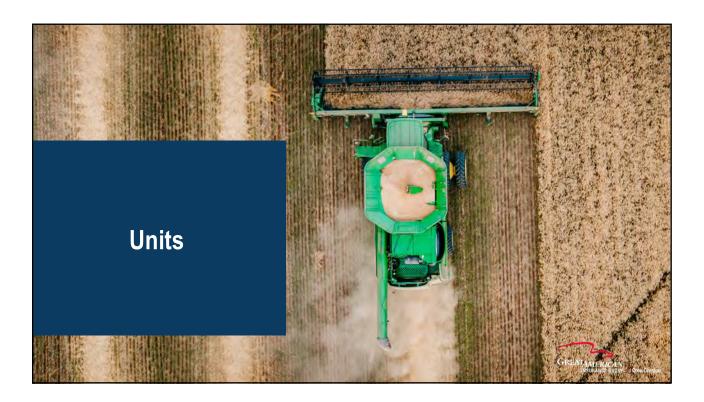
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**Revised Special Provisions Statement:** 

When the contract price code is "yes" on the Prices tab for the crop, type, and practice:

- 1. If the Crop Provisions or Special Provisions provide the contract price authority, your price will be
  determined in accordance with the Crop Provisions or Special Provisions. If neither the Crop Provisions
  or Special Provisions provide contract price authority, your price will be determined in accordance with
  the CPA; and
- 2. The Crop Provisions or Special Provisions may only provide contract price authority for specific types
  or practices. When this occurs, the CPA may be used to determine a contract price for other types or
  practices where contract price authority is not provided through the Crop Provisions or these Special
  Provisions.
- Updated the "Contract Price Addendum Eligibility by Commodity" Fact Sheet. www.rma.usda.gov/en/Fact-Sheets/National-Fact-Sheets/Contract-Price-Eligibility-by-Commodity
- Revised paragraph 915 of the Crop Insurance Handbook to use the broader term "contrast pricing" instead of "CPA".

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## **REVIEW OF UNITS**

Reminder of Basic Unit Discount

Premium Discount may be applicable as provided by the actuarial documents for

certain crops

Only insured planted acres in the unit are used to determine BUD (Prevent Plant

acres are not included)

BUD will apply to both planted and prevent

plant acreage

Some insurance plans of insurance (APH Plan 90 crops) are not determined by planted acreage, but the actuarial documents will provide applicable BUD

➤ Whole Farm (WU)

that qualify

➤ One unit for all crops in the county

CIH - Part 10, Sec 1

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➤ Basic Units (BU)

➤ Share (person)

**≻**County

**≻**Crop



- ➤ Optional Units (OU)
  - **≻**Section
  - ➤ Section Equivalents
  - ➤ Separate FSA FSN's
  - ➤ Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Practices
  - **≻**Organic
  - > FAC and NFAC (in select areas)
  - ➤ Written Unit Agreement
  - ➤UDGO (ME, GA & TX)



CIH - Part 10, Sec 2







## NEW: Organic/Non-Organic EU

- Actuarial documents expanded to allow EU by organic and nonorganic practices
- Certified, transitional and buffer zone acres are grouped as "organic" for EU purposes.
- Multi-County Enterprise Unit (MCEU) is <u>NOT</u> available for EUs by Organic and/or non-organic practices
- "EU" unit structure code
- "EO" (unit modifying) option code
- Insured can apply for EU-EO for one or both practices by earliest sales closing date for crop

## EU by Organic/Non-Organic Possible



#### EU by organic and non-organic allowed if in AD:

- · Alfalfa Seed
- Almonds
- Apples
- Avocado (CA)
- Cabbage
- Canola
- Citrus fruit (AZ, CA, TX)
- Coarse grains
- Cotton (AUP and ELS)

- Dry Beans and Dry Peas
- Figs
- Forage production
- Grass seed
- Macadamia nuts
- Millet
- Mint
- Mustard
- Pears

- Potatoes (northern, central, southern)
- Prunes
- Safflower
- Small grains
- Sugarcane
- · Sunflower seed
- Tomatoes (FM and processing)
- Walnuts

\* EU-EO effective for crops with a 6/30/24 Contract Change Date (CCD) or later or later and allowed where provided in the AD \*

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## No Mixing/Matching, No Subdividing

## Have EU by irrigation practice?

- No further division by organic or cropping practice or type.
- Different if EU-EI on only one practice? NO.

#### Consider:

- 2025 CCIP Sec. 34 (a)(2)
- 2025 CIH Para. 1031 (4)



## Have EU by cropping practice?

- No further division by organic or irrigation practice or type.
- Different if EU-EC on only one practice? NO.

#### Consider:

- 2022 Coarse Grains CP Sec. 2 [will update for 2025]
- 2025 CIH Para. 1031 (4) and Para. 1903 C

#### Have EU by type?

- No further division by organic or irrigation practice (cropping practice N/A for EU-ET crops).
- Different if EU-ET on one or some type(s) but not all? NO.
- Ex: For the same CY and county, cannot have EU-ET on lentil dry peas and OUs by irrigation practice on Austrian peas.

#### Consider:

- 2025 Small Grains CP or Dry Pea CP, Sec. 2(a)
- 2025 CIH Para. 1031 (4), 1906 B(4), 1907 B(1), 1922 C(1), 1925 (1)

## No Mixing/Matching, No Subdividing

### Have EU by organic/non-organic practice?

- No further division by irrigation practice, cropping practice, or type.
- Different if EU-EO on only one practice? NO.

#### Consider:

- 2025 CCIP Sec. 34 (a)(2)
- 2025 CIH Para. 1031 (4) and Para 1063 unit numbering example





## EU by Organic/Non-Organic Not Qualify

- If elected an EU for both organic and non-organic practices and do not qualify for both EUs...
  - Found on or before ARD, can choose (if qualify):
    - One EU for all organic OR non-organic and BU/OU for other practice, or
    - One EU for all crop in county, or
    - BU or OU for all crop in county.
  - Found after ARD, assigned ('corrected'):
    - One EU for all crop in county (if qualify), or
    - BU for all crop in county.



2025 CCIP Section 34 (a)(2)(vi)(C)

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2025 CIH Part 10, Section 3, Para. 1037 and Exhibits 10G and 10J

## EU by Organic/Non-Organic Not Qualify

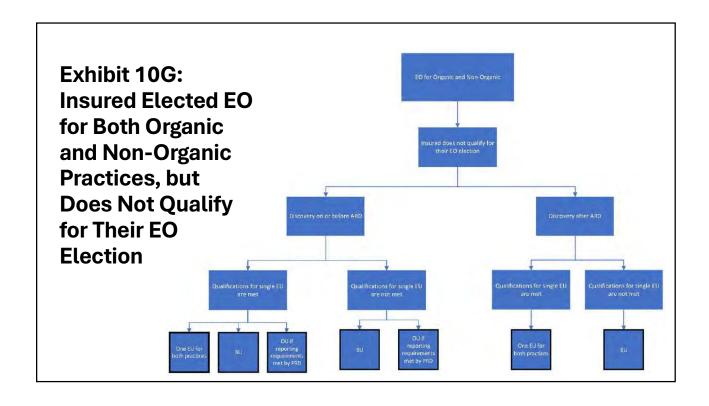
- If elected an EU for organic or non-organic practice and BU or OU for the other practice, and do not qualify for the EU elected...
  - Found on or before ARD, choose BU or OU.
  - Found after ARD, assigned BU for all crop in county.

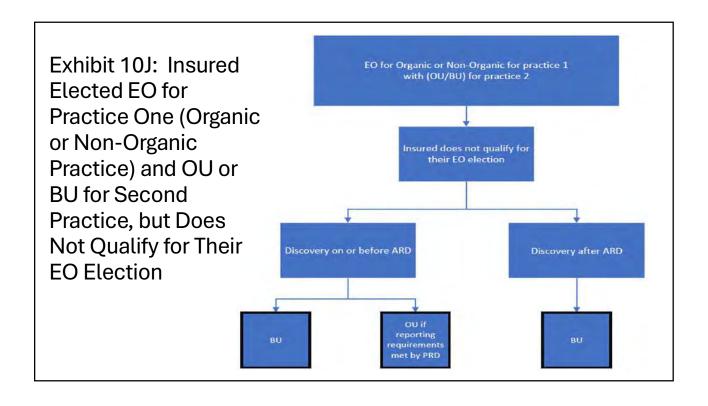
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2025 CIH Part 10, Section 3, Para. 1037 and Exhibits 10G and 10J









## **COARSE GRAINS CP**

- Section 2
- If you elect enterprise units for FAC and NFAC cropping practices, you may not elect enterprise or optional units by any other practice or type.



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## **DRY BEAN CP**

#### Section 2 - Unit Division

• Clarified that if enterprise units by type are elected, EU and OU by any other practice or type may not be elected.

#### Section 7 - Insured Crop

- Changes describe the removal of the SCD requirement for Written Agreements.
  - New TP agreements due by ARD
  - · Renewal TP agreements due by SCD





## **HEMP ISH**

### Para. 34B (2)

• Added smoke to the list of cause of loss exclusions.





## **Nursery Catalogs**

- Acceptable nursery catalogs
  - Type written and legible
  - Provided to customers and includes all discounts
  - Issue date (season and year or month and year)
  - Name, address (no PO boxes), and phone number of the nursery
  - Each plants botanical or common name, plant or container size & wholesale price
    - Note: Please be sure the issue date of the catalog and date the Catalog is received by your office is noted on both the catalog and the checklist





## PROCESSING BEAN CP

#### Section 1

• Good farming practices - In addition to the definition contained in the Basic Provisions, good farming practices include those practices required by the processor contract.

#### Section 2

- (2) Optional units as provided in section 34(c) of the Basic Provisions are not applicable.
- (b) For any processor contract that stipulates the number of acres to be planted, in addition to or instead of, establishing optional units as provided in section 34(c) of the Basic Provisions, optional units may be established by type if acreage of one type does not continue into acreage of another type in the same rows or planting pattern.

#### Section 9

 (d) The calendar date for the end of the insurance period shown in the Special Provisions, unless otherwise modified by written agreement.





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## PROCESSING SWEET CORN CP

#### Section 2- Unit Division

- (a) For processor contracts that **stipulate the amount of production** to be delivered:
  - (2) Section 34(c) of the Basic Provisions that allow **optional units are not applicable.**
- (b) For processor contracts that **stipulate the number of acres** to be planted, **optional units** as provided in section 34(c) of the Basic Provisions **can apply**.

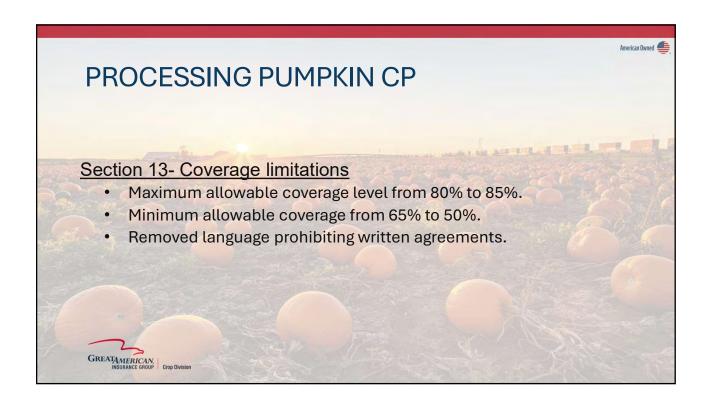


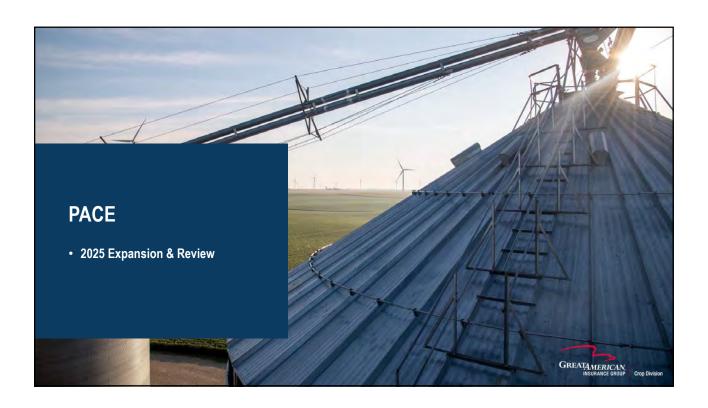
## PROCESSING PUMPKIN CP

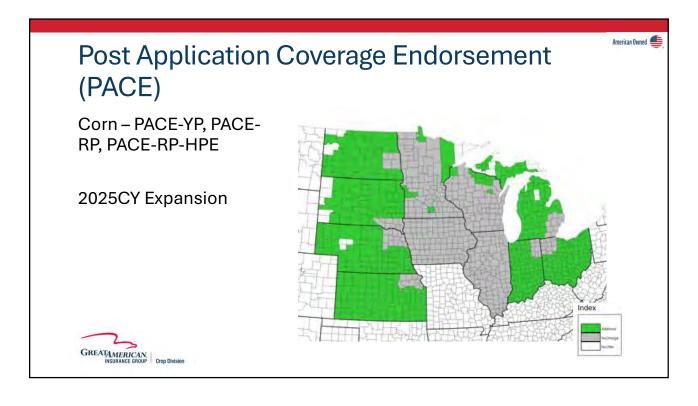
Policy has been converted from Pilot to Permanent Status
Section 2- Unit division

- For processor contracts that stipulate amount of production
  - A Basic Unit acreage planted to insured crop in county used to fulfill contracts with each processor
  - Optional Units are not applicable
- For processor contracts that stipulate number of acres
  - Optional Units are allowed
- Enterprise Units are allowed









## What is PACE

- Endorsement that provides coverage for corn growers who are unable to apply their post-plant nitrogen fertilizer within the designated time period due to inclement weather, lack of suitable field days, or other uncontrollable events.
  - Applicable to Non-Irrigated acres only.
  - Requires an underlying YP, RP or RP-HPE policy.
    - Must be buy-up coverage level; &
    - Must have same agent/AIP as underlying policy.
  - Insured must prove purchase of N for split-application practices.
- PACE provides a fixed payment per-acre on affected acres.
- Dependent on % nitrogen split, county, & coverage level



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## **PACE**

#### Cause of Loss

- Coverage is provided only against the actual physical inability to post-apply nitrogen during the insurance period, due to insurable causes of loss specified within the underlying insurance policy.
  - · Insured must take reasonable efforts to limit the PACE loss acres.
  - · Timely NOL required

#### Insurance Period

- · Coverage Windows based on specific acreage's planting date.
  - · Acreage planted on dates NOT shown in PACE Dates tab are NOT insurable/unrated.



#### PACE does NOT provide coverage for:

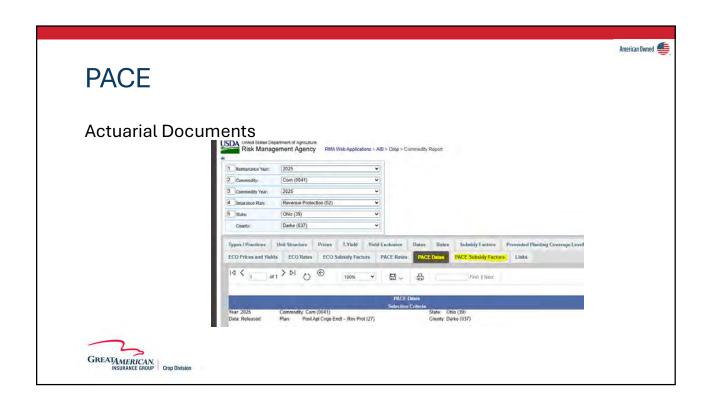
- High Risk ground;
- · Irrigated Acres;
- · Specialty or Organic corn;
- · Underlying policies modified by a WA;
- Acres planted on dates NOT listed in the PACE actuarial date tab;
- Prevented Planting acres;
- Acres insured under CAT;
- Failure to follow recognized good farming practices;
- Fertilizer price risk;
- Application of nitrogen AFTER the postapplication window on insured acreage; &
- Any other exclusions per underlying policy.



## PACE Coverage Exclusions

No coverage for supply chain issues, including:

 Supply chain disruptions or inability to purchase fertilizer, equipment, or services.







# Micro Farm: Use of another person's records – BFR/VFR

Applicants that do not have the requisite records to be **eligible for Micro Farm coverage** may use another person's records if they:

- qualify as a BFR or VFR; and
- materially participated in the operation or management of the other person's farm operation





# Micro Farm: Use of another person's records – BFR/VFR

In addition to the requirement to provide verifiable documentation supporting the income on the other person's tax records within 15 calendar days of a request by the AIP, the applicant/insured provides:

- Verifiable documentation that supports the number of planted acres on the other person's farm operation
- If applicable, verifiable documentation of post-production operations



# Micro Farm: Use of another person's records – BFR/VFR

If the use of a different person's tax return is approved, the allowable revenue of the other person cannot be combined with the insured's allowable revenue for the same applicable year





## Micro Farm: Expected Value



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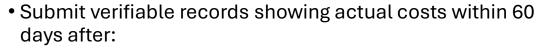


The AIP may adjust the expected value per acre if market conditions, commodity mixtures, or structures used to produce commodities on the insured's farm operation have changed that could result in a lower expected revenue than the three-to-five-year average.



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## WFRP - Replanting costs



- RFOR reporting date; or
- commodity is replanted if replanting occurs after RFOR reporting date







## WFRP - Expected Revenue

#### Corrected

• When a commodity is not planted due to an unavoidable natural cause, such as a flood, which prevents the crop from being planted, the expected revenue of the commodity must be reduced by 40 percent.



## Livestock Updates for the 2025 RY

**Changes for the 2025 RY** 





### Livestock Risk Protection

- BFR/VFR subsidy applies to endorsements purchased after the BFR/VFR application is received and accepted
- To receive an indemnity for swine and fed cattle, the insured must provide sales records showing a date of sale no later than 60 days past the ending of the endorsement
- For unborn livestock, the insured must provide documentation verifying the ownership of pregnant cows or sows to which the livestock was born





## Livestock Risk Protection

- · Insured may complete and sign an endorsement up to 14 days prior to the sales period
- Please refer to the announcement provided or contact your UW for more details
- · We are requesting that we receive the "early" endorsement within 24 hours of the signature
- · Early signed endorsement must be cancelled or revised by 1:30 pm cst on the effective date
- · Revisions must be on a new endorsement form with remarks on why it is being revised
- · Cancellation must be in writing from both agent and insured
- If nothing is received on the effective date, the endorsement will be considered to be the election of the insured



## Livestock Risk Protection

- Sales of Feeder and Fed Cattle endorsements will be suspended on calendar days on which USDA releases the Cattle on Feed Report
- Feeder Cattle not sold by the end date of the endorsement, must provide ownership and state that they were marketable by the end date
- Documents that prove ownership
  - Purchase agreements
  - Feed supplier documents
  - · Vet statements
- Sales of Swine will be suspended on the calendar days on which USDA releases the Hogs and Pigs report



## Livestock Risk Protection

- Coverage Levels have Changed for the 2025 RY
- Authorized coverage levels are 75%, 80%, 85%, 87.5%, 90%, 92.5%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% and 100%.
- Coverage Level is now found on the endorsement form
- Coverage Level now applies the rate, coverage price and insured value
- Limit Movement The maximum daily price change based on the CME group daily price for individual commodities futures has changed – (refer to LRP Handbook)



## Livestock Gross Margin

- BFR/VFR procedures the same as all Livestock Products must be accepted prior to endorsement
- LGM will not bee available for sale on days when a limit movement in cattle/swine/corn exceeds set values
- LGM will not be available for sale on certain USDA report days or if prices are not released by 4:30 pm cst
- LGM cattle now tracks new values such as target corn weight, target feeder cattle weight and target live cattle weight – (acts more like LGM Dairy now)



## Livestock Gross Margin

- Implemented new rules on requesting and correction of errors
- Clarified the order in which indemnities must be credited against premium
- New method for Pro-Rating indemnities if actual marketings fall below 85% of the cumulative target marketings for a specific month



## Dairy Revenue Protection

- BFR/VFR rules apply before, an endorsement is accepted
- Clarified that indemnities on multiple endorsements, that the credits are applied to the endorsement with the earliest billing dates
- · Clarified language on "Other Insurance"



### **Livestock Reminders**

- Livestock Training Per Plan
- Testing Per Plan
- · Conflict of Interest
- Non-Disclosure
- New vs Experienced Agents









## **IPR – Insured Production Reporting**

- Production is reported based on the unit structure in effect the year the crop was produced at the end of the policy crop year.
- Requires production reports be tied directly to the location where the crop was produced as an "end" step to a crop year insurance policy.
- The same year production report will be on the same basis of how the approved APH yield is calculated in the same crop year.
- It will require the same information the insured is accustomed to providing.
- Must be completed in the same time frame that the insured is accustomed to providing and signing a traditional production report.
- This direct connection to the insured acreage will allow RMA to do more advanced analysis of the data.
- For transfers to another AIP, insured MUST report production to ceding AIP and may provide a copy of the signed production report to their new AIP.
  - Assigned Yield penalties apply if production is not reported to prior AIP.



## **Authorization to Transfer Actual Production History Requirements**

- Completed Authorization to Transfer Actual Production History form signed by both parties indicating databases to transfer
- ❖APH form from person giving the yields
- Must have a signed APH by insured with new transferred yields.
- All must be completed and signed by PRD



## **Early Harvest Sugar Beet Review**

- · Applicable only when processor requests early harvest
- · Option must be elected by Sales Closing
- By PRD insured must choose by APH database which crop years to apply
- Early harvested acreage must meet or exceed 15% of harvest acreage by unit
  - Previously 10%
- · The adjusted production from the early harvested acreage cannot exceed the higher of
  - · Approved yield for APH database
  - · Actual yield of sugar beets harvested after full maturity from the unit; or
  - · Unadjusted actual yield of the early harvested acreage from the unit
- Sugar Beet CP state full maturity is 45 days prior to the EOIP, unless otherwise stated in SP
- Special Provision Statement in Michigan states 65 days prior to EOIP
  - End of Insurance is 12/5

In accordance with the definition of full maturity (date of) in section 1 of the Sugar Beet Crop Provisions, the date sugar beets would have reached full maturity will be 65 days prior to the calencar date for the end of the insurance period.



### **UUF or Third-Party Damage**

- In the event of loss of production due to UUF or third-party damage, the insured must file a notice of loss.
- If loss is due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party damage the insured must be able to document that the production loss was due to the actions of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party outside of the control of the insured

Added Note: PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) that enter the crops by liquid, biosolids or air through an action of a third party outside the direct control of the insured, would qualify as third-party damage.

#### **EXAMPLES ADDED:**

- · A neighbor tries to get rid of their PFAS-contaminated milk by dumping it on the insured's crops. This would be considered third-party damage because it was outside of the insured's direct control.
- · An insured contracts with the city to apply biosolids (sewer sludge) to their field as fertilizer, and the city never tested for PFAS. It was later determined that PFAS was in the sludge and is now in the crops. This would be considered third-party damage because the city not testing for PFAS was outside of the insured's direct control.
- · An insured has been applying irrigation water to his crops from a stream next to his field for several years. It was later determined that the stream had been polluted by PFAS chemicals from a manufacturing facility upstream and PFAS was found in the insured's crops. This would be considered third-party damage because the PFAS chemicals found in the stream were outside of the insured's direct control.



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### **UUF or Third-Party Damage**

When an insured suffers UUF/3rd Party damage the insured may choose on an APH database basis, whether they want to include the acreage and production damaged by UUF/3<sup>rd</sup> Party.

- · Request must be made by PRD if insured wants to include in their APH database and will remain in effect in future years. Insureds may choose to certify yields in future years to include in APH database, however, if insured elects to use in database, they cannot elect to not include in subsequent years.
- If all acres were partially damaged by UUF/3<sup>rd</sup> party damage, the insured must choose to use all acres and production from damaged acres in their APH database or not to use any.
- Any production and acreage from acres that were not damaged by UUF/3rd Party damage will be included in APH database and used to calculate the approved yield.

The following Yield Descriptors are used for yields that suffered UUF/3rd Party damage

FA – Actual yield from undamaged acres when part of the acreage is damaged due to UUF/3rd party

FD - Acreage of a crop that was destroyed by UUF/3rd party damage



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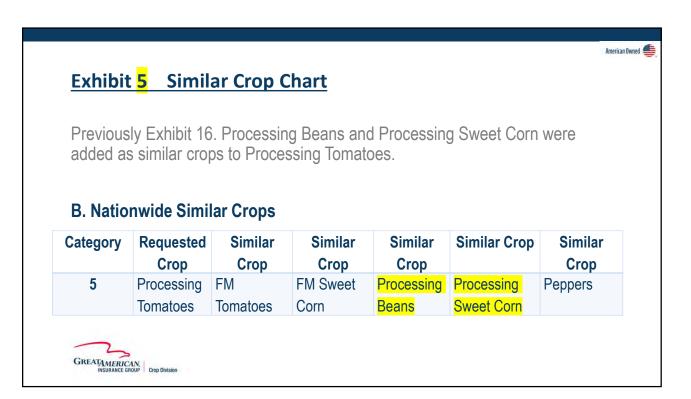


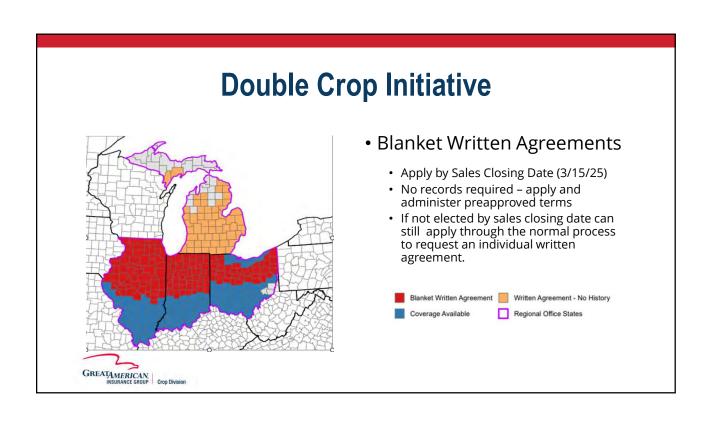
## **2025 Reminders**



- · Provide evidence of adaptability with the new WA request if unable to confirm the need for it.
- When a producer requests changes to a current multi-year WA, then that request is considered a renewal request and must meet the renewal requirements.
- · The original terms of the policy and actuarial requirements without a WA will be in effect when a WA is canceled.
- The RO will send the notice addressed to the producer to the AIP and the AIP must provide the RMA-generated notice to the producer:
  - When a WA request is not acceptable (33A)
  - When a WA request is denied (34C)
  - When a multi-year WA is canceled (61A2)
  - When a multi-year WA contains an error that is not obvious and is not adverse to the producer (61B2aii)
  - When the producer seeks administrative review and does not receive what was requested (63A3)
  - When a WUA is not acceptable, denied, or cancelled (96B,C)







# Great American Insurance Guidelines for Processing Written Agreements

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Request for Actuarial Change (Written Agreements) and all supporting documentation outlined within the Written Agreement Handbook must be received by the Company:

- Within 3 calendar days after the documents have been completed, signed and received by the Agency.
- But no later than 1 calendar days after RMA's specified deadline for the documents to be completed and signed by the requester of the Written Agreement.

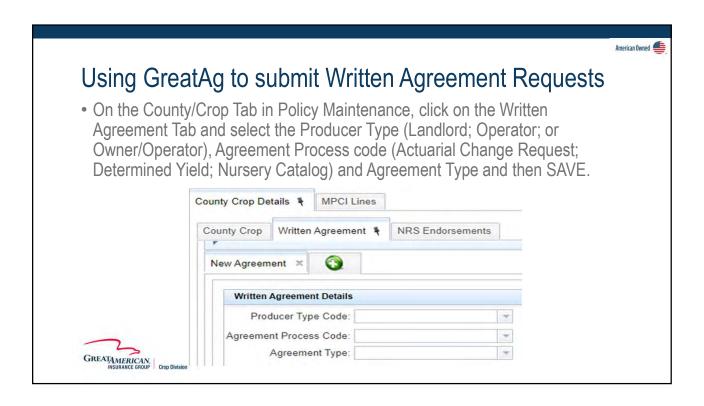


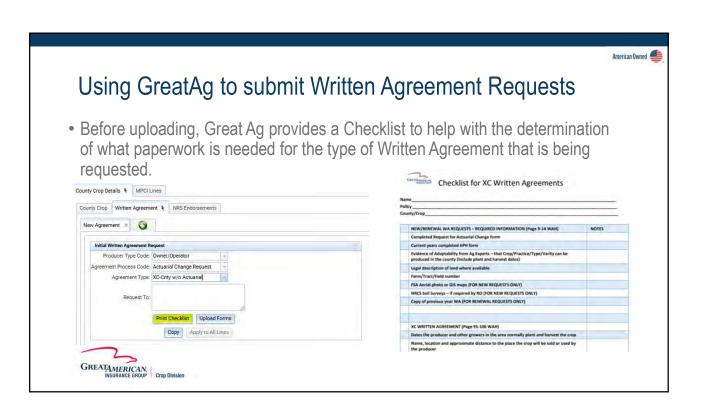


## Using GreatAg to submit Written Agreement Requests

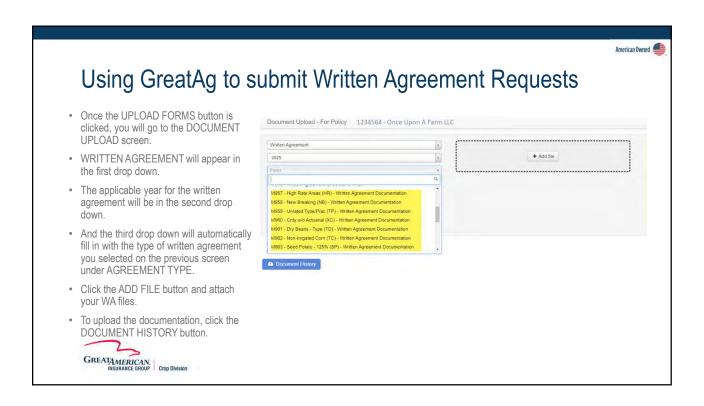
We ask that you adopt the following procedure to tell your underwriter that you have a written agreement, rather than submitting it via email. Using the following approach, it will be promptly logged into our system for tracking purposes, rather than being dependent on the underwriter opening the email. (This ensures that the WA can be accessible by others if the underwriter is on a lengthy leave of absence.)

















# **New Breaking**

Updated the definition of "new breaking acreage":

- New breaking acreage Acreage which has not been planted and harvested or insured in any 1 of the 4 previous crop years.
  - Planted includes annual regrowth of a perennial crop
  - · Harvested does not include grazing
  - · Insured includes prevented planting acreage
  - Only crops eligible for insurance under the CCIP are considered when determining if acreage has been planted and harvested, or insured



CCIP Basic Provisions & CIH 1216A





# **New Breaking**

- New Breaking acreage is insurable at 85% of the applicable t-yield unless
  - Acreage is identified as native sod (IA, MN, MT, NE, ND and SD)
  - Acreage is uninsurable
  - New Breaking acreage is 5% or less of the insured planted acreage in unit
    - In this case acreage can be added with standard APH procedures
- New Breaking acreage must be reported as a separate line on the acreage report by F/T/F the initial year of planting



CCIP Basic Provisions CIH 1216A



# **New Breaking - CRP**

- Acreage not planted in at least 3 of the 4 previous crop years to comply with a USDA program will not be considered new breaking
  - Acreage emerging from a USDA program within the most recent 2 years that is being planted to a
    crop for the first time since being in USDA program is insurable using procedures found in CIH 1761
    and must be reported as a separate line on the acreage report by F/T/F.
  - Acreage not planted within three years of emergence from a USDA program is considered new breaking acreage and must follow new breaking procedures.



CCIP Basic Provisions CIH 1216A

# **New Breaking Acreage**

- RMA tracks new breaking acreage by using the program indicator code of NB. This
  must be reported on each new breaking acreage line.
- Separate APH databases are required for new breaking acreage the first year it is planted to a crop.
  - For acreage that is 5% of less of the insured planted acreage in the unit, these can be added without the new breaking reduction to the approved APH and can be included in the APH database of an existing unit
  - For new breaking acreage subject to the approved yield reduction, the APH database is established by using the applicable t-yield and yield descriptors with the approved yield set at 85% of the applicable t-yield.
    - The yield limitation flag of "4" must be submitted.
- The separate APH database that was established the initial year for New Breaking must be combined with the existing database the following year unless it meets requirements for a separate database.
- New breaking is not eligible for Prevented Planting



CIH 1762

# **New Breaking & Soil Requirements**

Sample 2025 SP Statement:

In accordance with Section 9(d)(5) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions (Basic Provisions), new breaking and native sod acreage as defined in the Basic Provisions is not insurable for the initial year of breakout unless the acreage meets the following soil criteria.

The policyholder must provide documentation that 75 percent or more of the new breaking acreage by field (or within an existing field if only a portion of the field is new breaking acreage) is composed of soil types defined as Capability Class I, II, III, or IV as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm).



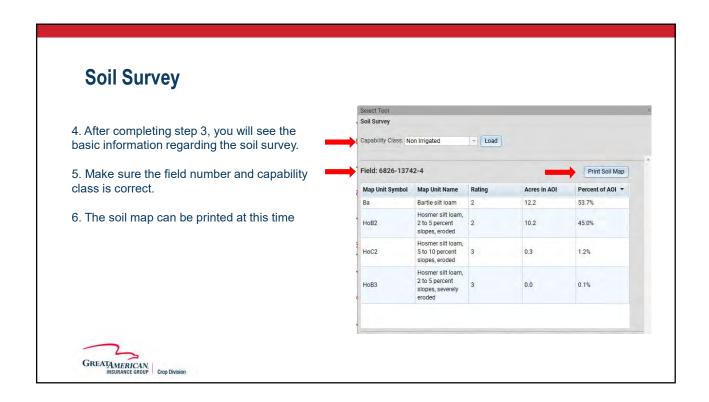
# **New Breaking - Special Provisions**

- · A Written Agreement is no longer required.
- To qualify for New Breaking the acreage must meet the following soil requirements:
  - Must provide documentation that 75% or more of the new breaking acreage by field, (or within an existing field if
    only a portion of the field is new breaking) is composed of soil types defined as capability class I, II, III or IV as
    determined by NRCS Web Soil Survey

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#### **Soil Survey** Soil surveys can be generated through GreatAg Select Tool in Policy Maintenance. Left click to add/remove to selection. Hold down shift and drag to select multiple 09 1. Right click to get the select tool. Layer: GreatAg Mapped Fields 2. Highlight or chose the New Breaking field. Filter: 0 Filter(s) Applied -Action Soil Survey 3. Click Next. Continued next slide 16 s 1 field(s) selected Next Cancel -T003N GREATAMERICAN. INSURANCE GROUP Crop Division



# **RMA Answers to Questions**

- Question The producer must provide the applicable documentation to the AIP before the ARD. Can the agent submit? Generally, the insured will reach out to the agent, so could we utilize our mapping for this? Since we are bringing back the soils, will the actuarial form be updated with this or do we have a new form as its not on the 1029 anymore?
- Answer As long as the soils are documented, it wouldn't be an issue for the agent to utilize the AIPs mapping to identify the soils and submit. The soils have to be based on of the NRCS classifications even if the AIPs mapping system is used. Ultimately it is the insured's responsibility to make sure the soils are documented. As for the form, RMA doesn't require any specific form, just that the soils meet the requirements for insurability and are documented in the producer's file.



# **RMA Answers to Questions**

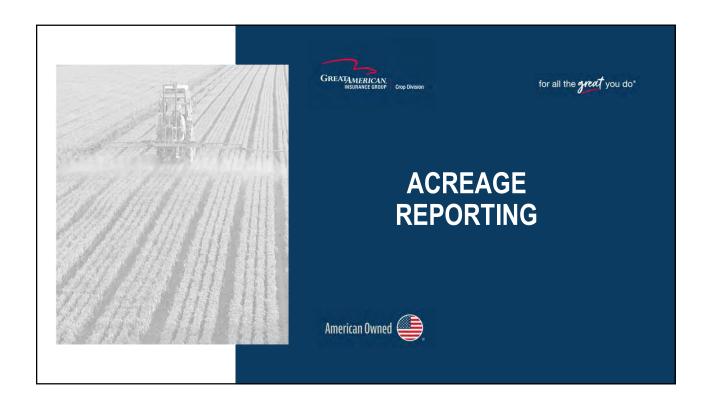
- Question If we had a field of 100 acres with 50 acres of winter wheat insured (the fall SP did not have this language) and this acreage is insured as NB. If the farmer plants the other 50 acres to a spring crop, would they need to provide the documentation outlined below?
- Answer Yes, for the 50 acres the spring crop is being planted also.
- Question If they don't provide or indicate NB, then we have a field with only 50 acres of winter wheat insured out of the 100 field acres, due to not providing the SP documentation per the spring crop planted.
- Answer Correct.



# **RMA Answers to Questions**

- **Question** –Regarding the SP statement that has been brought back to the SP for spring crops, is it the intent for that statement to be added to fall crops for 2026 Fall.
- <u>Answer</u> Our current intent is that the soil requirements will be applicable for the 2026 fall crops as well.
- **Question** Also, with this mid crop year change, does this mean there could be NB acres that were insured for 2025 Fall, that are then uninsurable for spring if they don't meet the soil capability class requirements?
- <u>Answer</u> Technically NB acres that were insured for a 2025 fall crop could be uninsurable for a 2025 spring crop. However, these situations would be very limited (such as double cropping on NB acres).





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# General Acreage Reporting Guidelines Annual AR (Acreage Report) Filing Requirements

- For CCIP policies, the AIP may accept an unsigned AR on a limited basis (i.e., for extenuating circumstances such as illness):
- If all other requirements are met, the AIP may send the insured a letter advising the reported information will be binding if updated information is not received within a specified amount of time
- If AR updates are received from the insured, the response must be documented to the insured's file and may be considered a signed AR.
- In these extenuating circumstances, the AR can be considered final and used for loss purposes
- The letter can only be used when a signed AR cannot be obtained
- For the 'unsigned acreage reporting procedure', the insured is still required to report the field location of FSA Farm/Tract/Field. This clarification is a new **Note** in the procedure.
- In lieu of sending a letter, the AIP can also elect to determine acreage from a crop inspection





# **Basic Provisions - Section 8 – Insured Crop**

Added a new paragraph (b)(7)

A crop which will NOT be insured will include, but not be limited to any crop:

- (7) That is reported as a cover crop to a USDA agency.
  - (i) No indemnity will be paid for such acreage and any indemnity already received must be repaid.
  - (ii) Insured will still be required to pay 60 percent of the premium they would otherwise be required to pay on those acres.
- Same change in ARPI:



# 1219: Unreported Acreage or Units

Clarified requirements for adding unreported acreage or unreported unit discovered after ARD to the acreage report.

#### 1219 Unreported Acreage or Units

Unreported acreage is insurable acreage not reported timely, or not reported, and does not meet the criteria to be reported as insured acreage on a revised acreage report;

Unreported units, when units are applicable, are units which were not reported timely, or not reported, for which the AIP denies liability.



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# 1232A: Acreage Report Revisions (CCIP)

#### **Clarified** AR Revision Guidelines

- Acreage reports <u>can</u> be revised <u>in a way that could change liability only when</u> one of the following is applicable.
  - On or before ARD the insured may revise acreage reports for planted acres when information that affects the guarantee, premium or liability was incorrectly reported.
  - Acreage reports for a PP crop may be revised on or before ARD to change any information on any initially submitted AR. Example: Insured can add PP acres or correct share
    - Insured CANNOT change the crop or type that was initially submitted on an AR at any time unless
      they can provide evidence that the AIP, agent or someone at USDA made an error regarding the
      crop or type.



# 1232A(2): Acreage Report Revisions

- After ARD, insureds cannot revise an acreage report without consent of AIP. AIPs may only provide consent if they determine:
  - A cause of loss has not occurred, and an appraisal indicates the crop will produce at least 90% of the yield used to determine the guarantee or amount of insurance for the unit (including reported and unreported acreage);or
  - · Information was clearly transposed; or
  - Adequate evidence is provided that the AIP or someone from USDA has committed an error regarding information on the acreage report.
- If the revision includes unreported units/unreported acreage, either determined by a loss adjuster or otherwise discovered, a revision can be made at any time, however this acreage is not considered insurable unless it meets criteria above.





# **Organic Practice**





New guidelines which must be provided to all organic producers

Producers with certified or transitional organic practices





Guidelines are to be given to the producer prior to the time insurance generally attaches in the area



# 1923B: Sugar Beets

When acreage in non-loss units will not be harvested due to processor's lack of capacity to process sugar beets:

- Insured must notify AIP of any portion of the insured crop that will be abandoned
- Harvested production from acreage within the same unit may be used as the appraisal for APH purposes for unharvested acres if
  - More than 50% of the sugar beet acreage within a field is harvested <u>at full</u> maturity; or
  - More than 50% of a person's unit is harvested at full maturity when more than one person is operating in the same field.
- An appraisal to determine potential production is required if:
  - 50% or less of the sugar beet acreage for the field is harvested at full maturity; or
  - 50% or less of the unit is harvested at full maturity when the field consists of more than on insurable entity.





# Civil Rights & USDA Outreach

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#### **TOPICS**

- USDA Office of Civil Rights
- USDA Non-Discrimination Statement
- · Limited Resource Farmer
- USDA Outreach Programs
- Limited English Proficiency





#### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

- USDA Office of Civil Rights' mission is to provide leadership and direction for the fair and equitable treatment of all USDA customers and employees while ensuring the delivery of quality programs and enforcement of civil rights.
- Civil Rights Homepage: <a href="https://www.rma.usda.gov/about-rma/civil-rights">https://www.rma.usda.gov/about-rma/civil-rights</a>
- Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights: https://www.usda.gov/oascr/home





# "AND JUSTICE FOR ALL" POSTERS

- Must be posted and visible to customers in Agent's office
- Available from Great American's print shop
- Ensure you have the most current poster
  - The version of the current poster is AD-475-A
  - Version date is September 2019





#### PRODUCER ACCOMMODATIONS

If a producer has a disability or has special needs, we as GAIG are required to make such accommodations that will provide the producer with equal service.

#### These accommodations may include:

- Meeting a producer at a public place, such as a library
- Meeting at the producer's house
- Providing services via internet
- · Providing building accessibility, such as a wheelchair ramp

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#### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

- RMA will conduct periodic reviews to assure compliance and awareness of Civil Rights
- Review AIP business for particular state
- Interview AIP employees and adjusters
- RMA can visit an Agents Office and conduct Interviews



#### **USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

- Agency websites must contain the Non-Discrimination Statement and/or can contain links to the RMA or USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- RMA Non-Discrimination Statement website: <a href="https://www.rma.usda.gov/about-rma/website-policies-important-links/nondiscrimination-statement">https://www.rma.usda.gov/about-rma/website-policies-important-links/nondiscrimination-statement</a>
- All agency letters & brochures intended for MPCI customers must contain the Non-Discrimination Statement DSSH 503 RMA Non-Discrimination Statement

Example GAIC Crop Division Website



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#### **USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of:

- Race
- Disability
- Reprisal
- Color
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation
- · National Origin
- · Gender Identity
- Age
- Religion
- Marital and Parental Status
- Genetic Information
- Political Affiliation
- Income derived from a public assistance program



#### **COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION**

- USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
- Complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found at: https://www.usda.gov/oascr/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer
- Call: (866) 632-9992 to request the form
- Email: <u>program.intake@usda.gov</u>
- Write a letter to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Enforcement, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- Fax (202) 690-7442

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#### **COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION**

Individuals who are **deaf**, **hard of hearing**, **or have speech disabilities** that wish to file either an EEO or program complaints contact:

USDA through the Federal Relay Service

(800) 877-8339

- or -

(800) 845-6136 (Spanish)



#### **COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION**

If you require **alternative means of communication** for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.)

Contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (Voice and TTY)





#### LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER

Purpose is to ensure that USDA programs are administered in a way that enables small or limited resource farmers to maintain and develop such smaller farming operations

#### A Limited Resource Farmer:

 has direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than the current indexed value in each of the previous two years

#### **AND**

 has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years

https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/LRP Definition.aspx



#### LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER

- Online tools and resources can be found at: https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/DeterminationTool.aspx?fyYear=2022
- To obtain:
  - Prices
  - National Data
  - State/County Data
  - Historical Data

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#### **USDA OUTREACH PROGRAM**

- USDA has established the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) to develop and maintain partnerships focused on solutions to challenges facing rural and underserved communities
- OPPE offers education and resources through targeted marketing activities
- · Underserved customers include:
  - · Minority Farmers/Ranchers
  - New or Beginning Farmers/Ranchers
  - Small Specialty Crop Farmers, Organic Farmers, and Other Farmers with production practices that are different to the area



https://www.usda.gov/partnerships





#### **USDA OUTREACH PROGRAM**

#### **USDA Mission Statement:**

"To serve all Americans by providing effective, innovative, science-based public policy leadership in agriculture, food and nutrition, natural resource protection and management, rural development, and related issues with a commitment to deliverable equitable and climate-smart opportunities that inspire and help America thrive."

#### **RMA Equity Action Plan**

- USDA is reducing barriers to various programs and continues to improve support to underserved farmers, ranchers, landowners, businesses and communities by providing insight and incorporating inputs into policy improvement and development.
- RMA continues to develop, promote and improve insurance policies tailored to the needs of small-scale, urban, organic and specialty crop growers.





#### **USDA OUTREACH PROGRAM**

- RMA's overall goal is ensuring the Federal Crop Insurance Program functions
  efficiently, meets customer needs, and is available to as many producers as
  possible, all while protecting the integrity of the program.
- RMA will continue to develop and focus on various targeted outreach initiatives for underserved and limited resource farmers and ranchers.
- RMA will continue to actively assess, analyze and provide various forms of feedback through various stakeholder interactions (listening sessions, roadshows, etc..) to identify and evaluate program gaps and vulnerabilities that are present to historically underserved producers.

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#### **USDA AG CENSUS**

 USDA has a 2022 Census Publications available on their website to become more aware of underserved farmers and ranchers due to their Race, Ethnicity & Gender

To access the inf information (which was released on 2/13/2024) go to : https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/index.php#full\_report



#### **USDA AG CENSUS**

The census data can be viewed by state or county.

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2022/Full\_Report/Volume\_1, Chapter\_1 State\_Level/



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# **LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)**

#### Who is a LEP Individual?

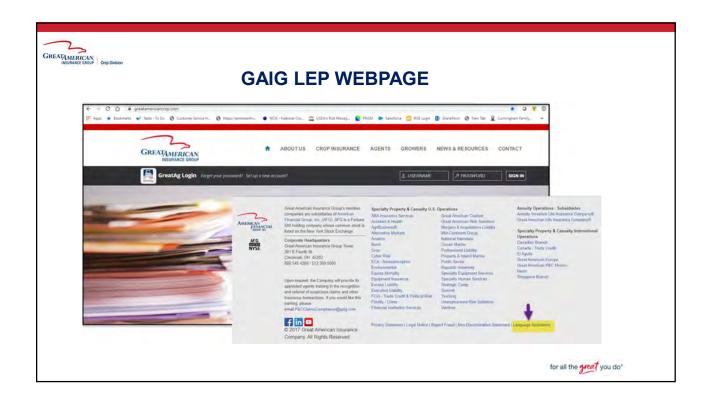
- Does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English
- Executive order 13166 requires federal agencies and recipients to create language assistance plans, to ensure their activities provide access to persons who are LEP
- RMA has ensured translation of more than 32 Federal crop insurance documents into five languages, including Chinese, Hmong, Punjabi, Spanish and Tagalog.

#### AIP LEP Plan:

- If a LEP individual requests an essential document (i.e., policy) in a language other than English, the AIP will request a copy of this document from RMA in the specified language and provide it to the individual
- If a LEP individual requests oral translation services, the AIP will contact the Regional Office LEP Coordinator in that region for a listing of RMA accepted translation services, or use another accredited translation service of their choosing

Contact your GAIG Compliance staff for details or visit our website:

https://www.greatamericancrop.com/language-assistance







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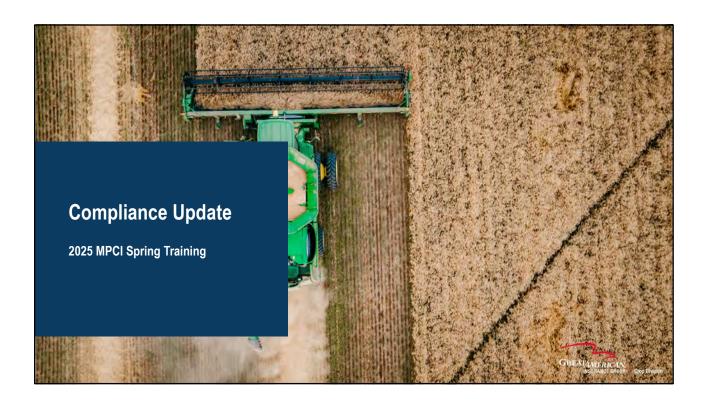


# RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER (REG)

- RMA Statement initiated with the 2022 Document and Supplemental Standards Handbook, Paragraph 606, FCIC-24040
- One time agent certification form disclosing three categories:
  - Race
  - Ethnicity
  - Gender
- · Individuals can opt-out of this information
- Initial collection has been completed for all active agents
- · Newly appointed agents will need to complete going forward



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# **Topics to Discuss**

- RMA Rebating Language
- RMA Update PIIA Audits
   Payment Integrity Information Act-Former IPERIA audit
- Program Performance Assessment (PPA)
- Producer Record Keeping Requirements
- Appendix IV Reviews
- RMA Compliance Forms
- Appendix I Conflict of Interest
- Rainfall Index Audit Requirements



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# **Compliance National Group**

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# **Compliance National Group**

#### **Specialty Audit Team Overview**

Specialty Audit Team is responsible for managing these reviews:

- PPA-(Program Performance Assessment)-Selected by RMA RO
- RI-3% Random
- RI-200K/COI
- · Great Ag EY
- PIIA (Payment Integrity Information Act) Former IPERIA Audit
- Hydra Audits
  - ✓ Excessive Yield
  - ✓ Misreported Claims
  - √ New Producer
  - ✓ BFR



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# **RMA Rebating Language**

Definition per the SRA:

"Rebate" means to pay, allow, or give, or offer to pay, allow or give, directly or indirectly, either as an inducement to procure insurance or after insurance has been procured, any benefit (including money, goods or services for which payment is usually made [except any service provided to fulfill an obligation of the Company under this Agreement]), discount, abatement, credit, or reduction of the premium named in the insurance policy and any other valuable consideration or inducement not specified in the policy.



# **RMA Rebating Language**

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RMA Published Rebating Violations and Sanctions

- RMA Website Q&A Section
- https://www.rma.usda.gov/about-crop-insurance/frequently-asked-questions/published-rebating-violations-sanctions
- · Good examples of what is considered rebating
- Updated verbiage on Prohibitions, exceptions and violations as of 9/28/23

Premium adjustments are prohibited except for patronage dividends or similar payments as outlined in the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Reference Act for specific language)

- Enforced Violations
  - Policyholders
    - · Voiding the policy, government-wide suspension, disqualification from crop insurance, civil penalties
  - Approved Insurance Providers
    - · Denial of reinsurance, monetary damages, government-wide suspension, disqualifications, civil penalties

#### References

Additional information on RMA's rebating enforcement efforts:

- 1. Violations and Sanctions web page
- 2. Rebating Prohibition
- 3. Private Product Sales
- 4. Enforcement Initiative, Federal letter, State letter
- 5. "Anti-Rebating Certification Statement" in the Document and Supplemental Standards Handbook

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# **SRA – Prohibition of Assessing Service fees**

SRA Main Body Section II(a)(14)

Section II Reinsurance

(a) General Terms

(14) Neither the Company nor its affiliates shall assess service fees or additional charges on eligible crop insurance contracts reinsured and subsidized under this Agreement except as authorized by the Act or approved by FCIC in writing.





# RMA Update - PIIA

- Payment Integrity Information Act (PIIA)
  - ✓ Annual RMA audit to measure industry error
  - √ Formerly known as IPERIA audits
- Random selection by RMA (List generated by RMA in mid May)
  - ✓ Includes APH, RI, and WFRP policies
- Great American charged with collecting data and submitting to RMA
- RMA will complete audit and could issue findings if discrepancy found
  - ✓ RMA Findings could be result of errors found with APH, claim, and/or policy
  - ✓ Not all policies selected may have had a claim.



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# RMA Update - PIAA

2024 Audit Selection (Audit of 2023 Policies)

- GAIC received 43 crop/county contracts split between GA/CRS policies
  - PRF 4
  - Annual Crops 39
- · As of to date, all information has been submitted to RMA
  - · RMA will finalize their audits late November



# RMA Update - PIAA

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RMA Past Year Concerns/Findings

- Feeding records insufficient or missing
- Insured certified production incorrectly when compared to the PY report
- · Commingled production without soft records
- Poorly labeled production records
- Acreage/Share discrepancies
- Unit Structure
- RI (PRF & API) policy deficiencies missing leases
  - ✓ Insureds not meeting the insurability requirements for the selected intent (haying/grazing) of the acreage and/or
  - ✓ Insureds inaccurately reporting acreage on the acreage report
  - ✓ BLM acreage containing private acres insured needs private lease to insure acreage



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# RMA Update – PPA

- Program Performance Assessment conducted by RMA Regional Offices
- Program outlined in the 2025 PPA Standards Handbook (FCIC-14080)
  - ✓ Review period November 2024 to September 2025
- RMA Mission:
  - ✓ Provide a fact-based assessment program to ensure that policy language, AIP performance, loss adjustment activities, and general policy and procedure implementation is adaptive, effective, and actuarially sound and that RMA is being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.
- RMA RO will make initial selection the first of May each calendar year
  - ✓ Underwriting Review
  - ✓ Growing Season Observation





# RMA Update - PPA

#### RMA PPA Goals

- Continue to work on existing projects and take on new climate smart topics
- Implement Earliest Plant Date Changes for Soybeans
- PACE (split nitrogen applications)
- · Alternate Farming methods
- Climate resource database
- PCCP (cover crops)
- Irrigation Practice Guidelines
- Producer and industry outreach



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# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

2025 CIH-1401- Part 14 – Acceptable Production Evidence

- Relates to any type of APH review required by RMA, such as:
  - ✓ Conflict of Interest
  - ✓ 200K Review
  - ✓ RMA Spot-checks
  - ✓ Excessive Yield Audits

#### **APH Review Record Requirements**

 The insured must provide acceptable production records that support the certified production report at the time of a review, whenever an APH review is required.





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# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

1431 Crops that Qualify for Farm Management Records

- Typically, these are your annual crops found in the Midwest
- Example; corn, soybeans, wheat...

Production record type can often be broken down into three categories

- 1. Grain Delivered Directly to Market
- 2. Grain Stored on Farm then Delivered Directly to Market
- 3. Grain Stored on Farm then Fed on Farm



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# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

**Crops associated with Farm Management records** 

Barley	Grain Sorghum	
Buckwheat	Millet	
Canola/Rapeseed	Mint	
Corn	Oats	
Cotton	Popcorn	
Cultivated Wild Rice	Rice	
Dry Beans (except Contract Seed Beans)	Rye	
Dry Peas (except Contract See Peas)	Safflower	
ELS Cotton	Soybeans	
Flax	Sunflower Seed	
Forage Production (fed and farm-stored)	Wheat	





# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

# **Production Record Types**

These are the record types that will be requested in the event of an APH audit

Yield Description:	1) Multi Crop Year Reporting Reason Legend:	2) Production Record Type Legend:	
A=Actual Yield In-Special T Yield for New Producer IL-Special T Yield for New Producer IL-Special T Yield for New Producer A Added Land L=SA T-Yield for Added Land T=Transitional Yield Z=Zero Acres Planted  C=Verified By Audit L=Signed Loss Production Information	(1) Certification of crop years not previously certified (2) Correction (3) Replacement of temporary yield (4) Replacement of assigned yields (5) Certified by new Insured (6) Certified using another producer's history for new acreage (6) Certified using another producer's history for new acreage (6) Recertification for new actuarial offer (9) Recertification for new unit structure (9) Other	(A) Harvested Production: sold/commercial storage.  (B) Harvested Production: fram stored/measured by insured.  (C) Harvested Production: pix/daily sales records.  (D) Harvested Production: automated yield monitoring system.  (E) Harvested Production: atmosted yield monitoring system.  (F) Harvested Production: item stored/measured by authorized representative.  (F) Harvested Production: livestock feeding records.  (H) Harvested Production: other.  (I) Unharvested and destroyed. (ARPI only)  (J) Unharvested and put to another use. (ARPI only)	(K). Unharvested and production appraised by AIP (ARPI Only).  (L) Unseported production. PSG Only.  (M). Claim for indennity. For CCIP policies only.  (N). Appraisal (non-loss). For CCIP policies only.  (O). UUF or third party damage  (P). Unharvested with Harvest incomplete. (ARPI only).  (Q). Zero production when no claim/appraisal/UUF/3rd party or production record. For CCIP policies only.  (R). Harvested Production: Actual production allocated using pre-harvest appraisals.  (S). Appraisal (uninsured cause of loss not UUF or 3rd party). Actual production. The CCIP policies only.  (T) production. Unharvested.



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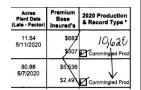
# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

**Commingled Production** 

Appendix IV APH Audits – AIP is not allowed to accept commingled production records unless:

- 1. Insured reported production as commingled on their production and yield report
  - a. Commingled box needs to be checked on PY report (Can add PA next to reported yield)
- Insured has maintained soft records that will allow AIP to allocate production back to the applicable database/farm

2025 CIH 1005 APH Databases Below BU Level ....If the insured certifies production on the production report at a level below the BU, they must have acceptable records at the level reported or assigned yields will apply (see Para. 1303A and 1600 for additional details).





If production determined commingled and either 1 or 2 above does not apply, assigned yield penalties will result



# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

- Production Reporting Errors
   2025 CIH Paragraph 1684/1685 Outlines Production Reporting Errors
- 1684 Determining if Acres and Production Evidence Support the Production Report
   When conducting an APH Review, the reviewer shall determine if the insured's acreage
   and production evidence support the amounts certified on the production report.
   Production reported on a production report is supported when the actual yield matches or
   is within RMA established tolerances...
- RMA established tolerance is 5%



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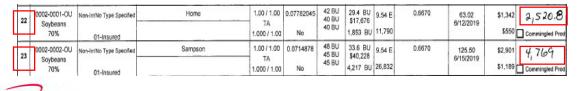


# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

Soybean Example

When completing a required Appendix IV APH review

- In review of the production reported by the policyholder on their 2024 PY report (showing their 2023 production), our field auditor will be looking for production records that represent the production reported
- In this scenario there should be records to substantiate 2,520.8 bushels for line 22 and 4,769 bushels for line 23
- Acceptable production evidence must match, or not be over reported by more than 5% to be within RMA's tolerance





# **Producer Record Keeping Requirements**

**Production Reporting Errors** 

- Appendix IV APH Audits If insured over reports their production on their P&Y report by more than 5%, assigned yields may apply at the unit level
  - Note This is only in relation to what the insured has reported on their production and yield report. If they used soft records, they must maintain those records in case of an audit. If the soft records match what was reported, the 5% over reporting penalty will NOT apply.
- If assigned yields are given, the insured can recertify their production for the following year, if they have acceptable records

#### 1600 Assigned Yields

B. Replacing an Assigned Yield





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# **Direct Marketing**

- Marketing Certification Form is certifying the insureds intent to direct market the crop and will have production records/verifiable records that meet specific criteria outlined in CIH
- Policy form that is required to be completed by the insured prior to the Acreage Reporting Date
- Insured can request Pre-Harvest Appraisals to substantiate production for APH purposes, claims department will be notified accordingly, and inspections will be submitted
- If marketing plans change after the Acreage Reporting date and production records will not be from a 3rd party the insured is required to notify the AIP within 15 days prior to harvest along with completing an updated Marketing Certification Form

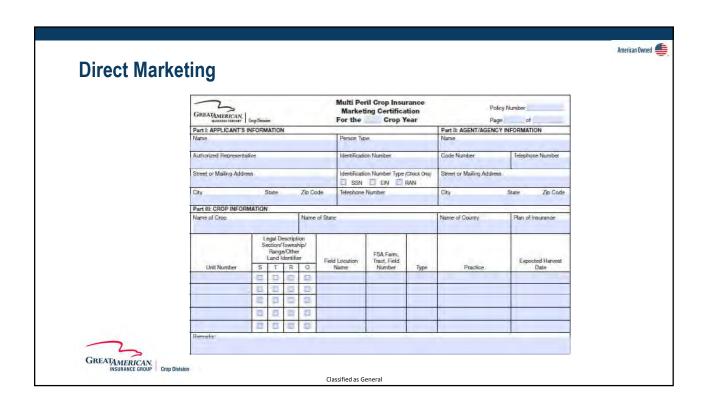
This is the statement being added to any form that has acreage reporting.

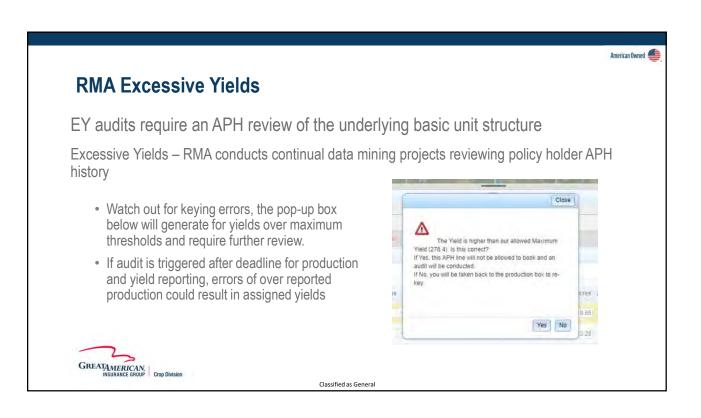
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#### **Appendix IV Reviews**

#### **Operation Reviews**

- \$200,000 Indemnity Reviews
- · Conflict of Interest (COI) Reviews
- Consecutive Loss Adjuster (CLA) Reviews
- Rainfall Index (RI) 3% Reviews
- Program Performance Assessment (PPA)

#### RMA Data Mining Reviews

- PIIA
- RMA Spot-Check
- ARPA (Agriculture Risk Protection Act)



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#### Appendix IV - 200K Reviews for 2025 RY



#### RY2024

 PP and Harvest/Destroy Losses are not aggregated for the same crop. Revenue Protection is factored in. PP claims and Harvest/Destroy claims are not summed together to determine if a \$200k review is required.

#### RY2025

- PP and Harvest/Destroy Losses *are* aggregated for the same crop. Revenue Protection is factored in.
  - PP claims and Harvest/Destroy claims will be summed together to determine if a \$200k review is required.
  - Endorsements with an Insurance Plan Code, such as ECO and SCO will also be aggregated with the Underlying policy.



Example: Tobacco claim indemnity totals \$190,000. An SCO payment is released for the crop/county for \$20,000. A \$200k Review is required before the SCO payment can be released.

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## **RMA Compliance Forms**

#### 2025 RMA COI Form

Due by each agent's earliest acreage reporting date each RY. Collection will begin 90 days prior to this date.

#### 2026 Agency Non-Disclosure Form

Due by March 15th, 2025. Collection will begin January 1st, 2025.

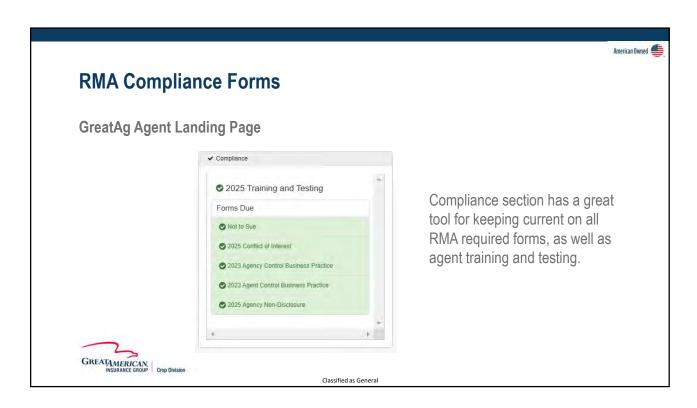
#### 2024 Controlled Business Practice Form

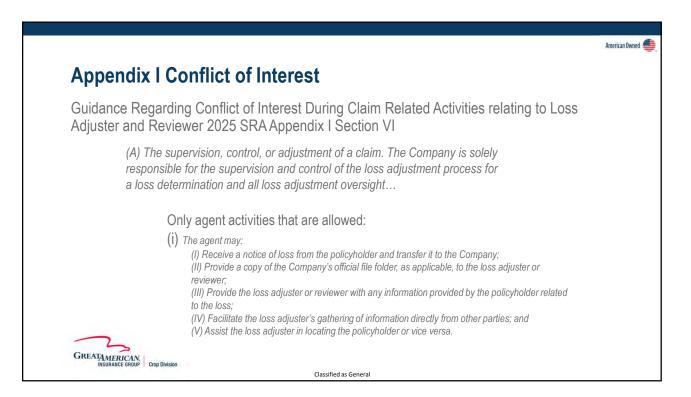
Due by December 1st, 2025. Collection will begin October 1st, 2025.



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# RMA Compliance Forms Automated email notifications will be sent out when each form collection has been initiated GREATMERICAN THE PROPERTY SHAPE A SHAPE A





#### **Rainfall Index**



Policy language requirements

- Appendix IV SRA Review Requirements (audits performed)
  - All eligible ECIC contracts with identified Conflict of Interest
  - Not less than a 3-percent random sample
    - ✓ Annual Forage selection in September
    - ✓ PRF/Apiculture selections are made in January
  - All ECIC contracts with indemnity exceeding 200K
- Complete review of the policy, which includes items such as
  - · Verify entity
  - Verify acres/colonies
  - Verify ownership
  - · Verify correct grid ID



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#### **Rainfall Index**

2025 Rainfall Index Plan Common Policy (25-RI)

- · 10. Share Insured
  - (b) With respect to your share:
    - (1) Upon our request, you must provide a <u>verifiable lease or written proof of ownership</u> supporting the share you reported for the insured acreage on your acreage report;
- Definition of Lease (per policy)

Lease means a written document granting use or occupation of property for a specified compensation, during a specified period of time. Compensation may include, but is not limited to: cash, share of insured crop, proceeds, labor, calf crop, honey, services, etc.

Grazing Permit (BLM, UFS, State)

For BLM acreage, shares will be determined based on the producer's active use AUM'



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#### Rainfall Index

For all Appendix IV audits on RI policies (grazing, haying, or apiculture) we must have the following documentation:

- Written lease when ground is not owned, but rented for grazing, haying, or placement of colonies (RMA allows a lease certification form when a verbal lease is in place)
- Proof of Ownership when ground is owned by the policy holder, we must have a copy of a deed or
  property tax records to verify ownership.

AIP is also required to verify the policyholder is the owner of the livestock/colonies. To verify the ownership of livestock/colonies, we request documents such as:

• Livestock/colony sales/purchase receipts, veterinary records, state brand certificates, transportation records, pollen broker records, etc...



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#### **Rainfall Index**

2025 Rainfall Index Plan Common Policy (25-RI)

- PRF policies that include acreage using BLM leases
  - ✓ Insurable acres regarding a BLM lease, only BLM public acres. Private acres that are included in the allotment are not insurable unless the policy holder has a signed lease from the landowner
- · Appendix IV audit requirements include
  - ✓ BLM Grazing Permit
  - ✓ BLM Allotment Master Report
  - ✓ Applicable state leases
  - ✓ Applicable forestry leases
  - ✓ Any private leases that are being grazed

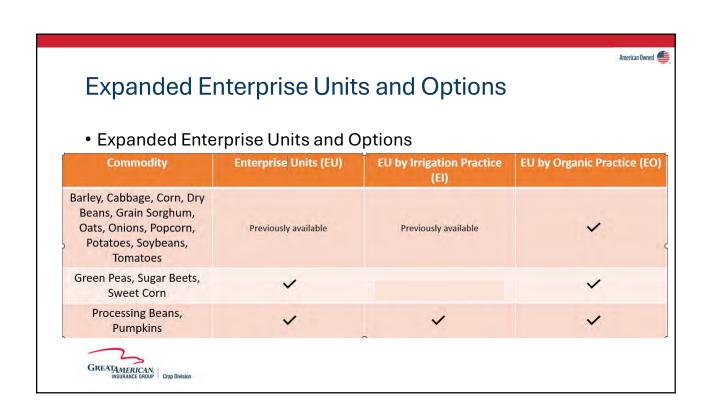


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# **Expansions**

- Expanded Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)
  - Cucumbers in Newaygo, MI
  - Processing Beans in Whiteside, IL
  - Tomatoes in St Joseph, MI
- County Expansions
  - Cucumbers in Branch, MI





## Rates & Yields Reviewed

- Burley Tobacco
- Cabbage
- Dry Beans (rates only, as requested by Michigan Bean Commission)
- Hemp (completed by private submitter)
- Onions
- Potatoes





# Cabbage

- Updated Rotation statement MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WI
  - Insurance will not attach to any acreage planted to cabbage or any other Brassicaceae crop (e.g., cauliflower, broccoli, etc.) in either of the two previous crop years unless a written agreement specifically allows insurance for such acreage. NOTE: The Brassicaceae family was formerly known as the Cruciferae or crucifer family.
- · Removed statement MI, NY, OH
  - In addition to section 3 of the Cabbage Crop Provisions, if different price elections are offered for the fresh and processing practices, you may select one price election for each of these practices.





## Corn

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- Added Post-Application Coverage Endorsement (PACE) in the following states:
  - Indiana
  - Michigan
  - Ohio
  - Kansas
  - Minnesota
  - North Dakota
  - Nebraska
  - South Dakota
  - Wisconsin





## Cotton – Price B Statement – YP, RP, RP-HPE

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Price B statement updated in AL, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, KS, LA, MO, MS, NC, NM, OK, SC, TN, TX, & VA:

Predominant AUP Cotton Quality Characteristics by State\*

Color

In lieu of section 10(d)(1) of the Cotton Crop Provisions, for the 2024 2025 crop year, Price B will be established by adding the 2024 2025 Farm Service Agency (FSA) premiums or discounts associated with the predominant cotton quality characteristics listed below to the 2024 2025 FSA Upland Cotton National Average Loan Rate. The predominant quality characteristics of cotton in each state shown in the table below are determined from the most recent three years of Agricultural Marketing Service cotton classing data. RMA will calculate Price B for each state when the current FSA data becomes available and publish such no later than June of each year on its website, which must be used for cotton quality adjustment.

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Alabama	<del>41</del> <u>31</u>	3	37	<del>30</del> <u>31</u>	81. <b>46</b>	4.3	None
Arizona	11 & 21	2	37	<del>31</del> 32	81.2	4.5	None
Arkansas	<del>41</del> 31	3	<del>38</del> <u>37</u>	31	82. <b>14</b>	4. <b>45</b>	None
California	11 & 21	2	37	<del>32</del> <u>31</u>	81. <b>3<u>1</u></b>	4. <b>43</b>	None
Florida	41	3	37	31	81. <b>48</b>	4. <b>36</b>	None
Georgia	41	3	37	30	81. <b>32</b>	4.4	None
Kansas	11 & 21	3	<del>35</del> <u>36</u>	<del>30</del> - <u>31</u>	80. <b>57</b>	4.3	None
Louisiana	41	3	<del>39</del> <u>37</u>	31	82.0	4.7	None
Mississippi	<del>41</del> 31	3	<del>38</del> <u>37</u>	31	82. <b>02</b>	4.7	None
Missouri	<del>41</del> 31	3	<del>38</del> <u>37</u>	<del>31</del> 30	82. <b>23</b>	4. <b>3</b> 5	None
New Mexico	11 & 21	2	37	30	81. <b>52</b>	4.1	None
North	<del>41</del> 31	3	37	31	82. <b>23</b>	4.5	None
Carolina							
Oklahoma	11 & 21	<del>2</del> -3	37	31	<del>80.7</del> 81.0	4.0	None
South	<del>41</del> - <u>31</u>	4	37	30	81. <b>37</b>	4.4	None
Carolina							
Tennessee	31	3	37	<del>31</del> <u>30</u>	82. <b>04</b>	4.4	None
Texas	11 & 21	2	37	30	80. <b>68</b>	4.2	None
Virginia	<del>41</del> 31	3	37	30	82.2	4.3	None

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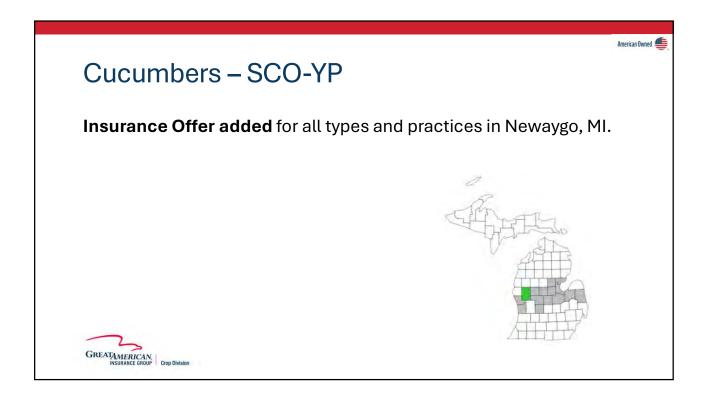
\*Represents the Mode of the Distribution for the 2020-2022 2021-2023 Crops

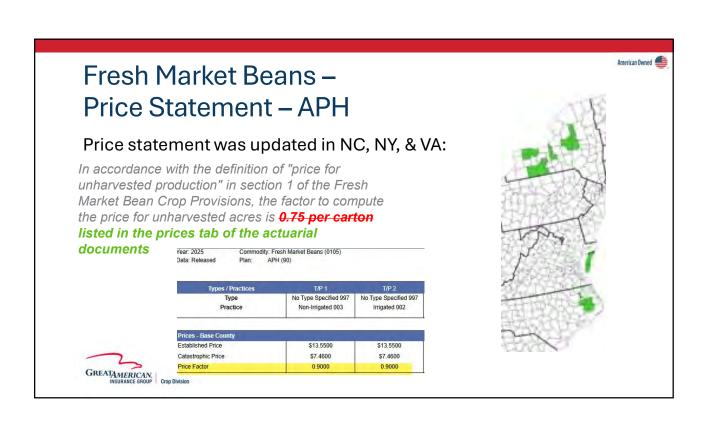
# Cucumbers – APH

**Insurance Offer added** for all types and practices in Branch County, MI.









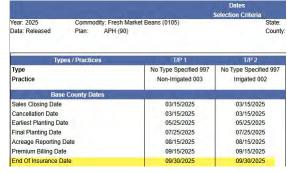
# Fresh Market Beans – APH End of Insurance (EOI) Statements

EOI statement was moved from Special Provisions to Dates tab in Actuarial Documents

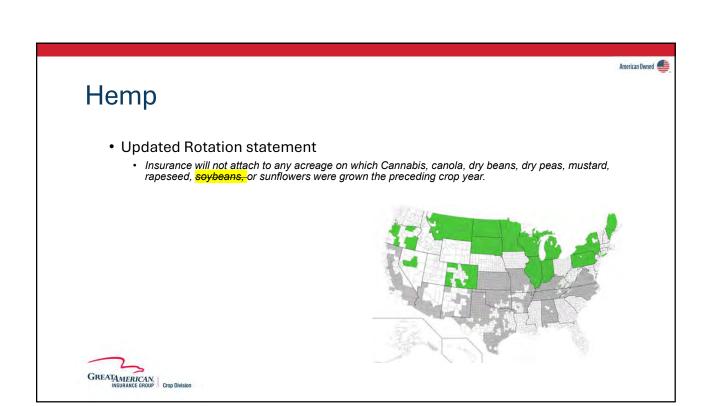
**Removed**: In accordance with section 9(c) of the Fresh Market Bean Crop Provisions, the End of Insurance Period for this county is September 30.

Added to Dates Tab:

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#### **NVS**

- NVS will be the only product available going forward
- NVS is available in all counties in IL, IN, MI, KY,OH, & TN
- Outstanding Nursery Field Grown and Container product will end on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025



# Processing Beans – APH & SCO YP

- Added FAC practice to Lee, Mason, & Whiteside Counties in Illinois
  - FPD for FAC = July 25
- All Illinois counties & practices
  - ARD = August 15 (previously July 15)
  - Premium Billing = September 15 (previously August 15)

Date changes made due to addition of FAC practice





# Processing Beans – End of Insurance Date – APH, HIP-WI & SCO-YP

Changed from 10/15 to 10/31 in the following states:

- Delaware
- Maryland
- New Jersey

Changes made due to grower group and agent requests





# **Processing Pumpkins**

- Now a permanent RMA program
  - Expanded Coverage Levels
    - Added CAT, 50%, 55%, 60%, & 85%
  - Special Provision Changes
    - · Added:
      - · Frost or freeze is not an insurable cause of loss after November 1st.
    - · Updated:
      - Insurance will not attach to any acreage on which any Cucurbitaceae (Cucumbers, Squashes, Melons, Gourds etc.) crop was planted in the preceding two crop years. (previously was preceding crop year)



## Soybeans



- FAC Soybeans following domesticated Pennycress
- Request for higher yield/reduced rate may be submitted
- T/P agreements must be applied for by sales closing date
  - New T/P agreements must be applied for by acreage reporting date

    Soybeans planted following domesticated pennycress may be insurable under the FAC practice or producers may request a higher yield / reduced rate to insure by a written agreement (TP type) as provided in section 18 of the Basic Provisions. The TP type written agreement allows flexibility to adjust T-yields and premium rates to reflect the longer soybean growing season.



# Tobacco - APH

#### Processor definition change:

Processor - Any business enterprise which is regularly engaged in purchasing tobacco for processing or manufacturing of tobacco products.

- (1) The enterprise must possess all required state and Federal licenses and permits for processing or manufacturing tobacco products.
- (2) The entity must also own facilities, or have contractual access to such facilities, with enough equipment to accept and process the contracted tobacco within a reasonable amount of time after harvest as of the date the contract
- (3) It is your responsibility to ensure the contracting entity possesses all required permits and licenses for processing or manufacturing tobacco (including a permit as a manufacturer of tobacco products or processed tobacco under 26 U.S.C. Chapter 52). If the entity does not possess these permits, tobacco contracted with that entity will not receive the price election for contracted tobacco or be eligible for quality adjustment.





## Dark Air Tobacco - APH

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Final Harvest Date statement was added in Powhatan County, VA:

Tobacco must be harvested and hung in a curing facility no later than October 20. Insured must notify us in writing no later than October 20 if they do not intend to harvest any of their insured tobacco acreage. Any tobacco not harvested and hung in a curing facility by October 20:

- Will not be eligible for quality adjustment
- 2. That is damaged by an insurable cause of loss prior to October 20 will be considered to have been damaged solely by uninsured causes unless it is appraised by us; and
- 3. Will not be covered for any cause of loss that occurs after October 20





#### Dark Air Tobacco - APH

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Final Harvest Date statement was added in KY & TN:

Tobacco must be harvested and hung in a curing facility no later than October 10. Insured must notify us in writing no later than October 10 if they do not intend to harvest any of their insured tobacco acreage. Any tobacco not harvested and hung in a curing facility by October 10:

- 1. Will not be eligible for quality adjustment
- 2. That is damaged by an insurable cause of loss prior to October 10 will be considered to have been damaged solely by uninsured causes unless it is appraised by us; and
- Will not be covered for any cause of loss that occurs after October 10





## Fire Cured Tobacco - APH

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Final Harvest Date statement was added in KY, TN, & VA:

Tobacco must be harvested and hung in a curing facility no later than October 21 Insured must notify us in writing no later than October 21 if they do not intend to harvest any of their insured tobacco acreage. Any tobacco not harvested and hung in a curing facility by October 21:

- Will not be eligible for quality adjustment
- 2. That is damaged by an insurable cause of loss prior to October 21 will be considered to have been damaged solely by uninsured causes unless it is appraised by us; and
- 3. Will not be covered for any cause of loss that occurs after October 21





## Tomatoes - SCO-YP

**Insurance Offer added** in St. Joseph County, Michigan for all practices and types.







# New Breaking Statement

#### New breaking statement added requiring additional documentation to prove soil meets insurability criteria:

26749 - In accordance with Section 9(d)(5) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions (Basic Provisions) new breaking and native sod acreage as defined in the Basic Provisions is not insurable for the initial year of breakout unless the acreage meets the following soil criteria.

The policyholder must provide documentation that 75 percent or more of the new breaking acreage by field (or within an existing field if only a portion of the field is new breaking acreage) is composed of soil types defined as Capability Class I, II, III, or IV as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm).







# **New Breaking Statement**

#### This new statement applies to the following crops:

Barley	Cucumbers	Hybrid Popcorn Seed	Pumpkins
Buckwheat	Cultivated Wild Rice	Hybrid Seed Corn	Rice
Burley Tobacco	Dark Air Tobacco	Hybrid Sorghum Seed	Safflower
Cabbage	Dry Beans	Hybrid Sweet Corn Seed	Sesame
Camelina	Dry Peas	Maryland Tobacco	Silage Sorghum
Canola	Fire Cured Tobacco	Millet	Soybeans
Chile Peppers	Flue Cured Tobacco	Mustard	Sugar Beets
Cigar Binder Tobacco	Forage Seeding	Oats	Sunflowers
Cigar Filler Tobacco	Fresh Market Beans	Onions	Sweet Corn
Cigar Wrapper Tobacco	Grain Sorghum	Peanuts	Sweet Potatoes
Corn	Green Peas	Popcorn	Tomatoes
Cotton	Hemp	Potatoes	Triticale
Cotton Ex Long Staple	Hybrid Corn Seed	Processing Beans	Wheat



# 11/30 Yield Changes

- Burley Tobacco
- Cabbage
- Canola
- Cigar Binder Tobacco
- Cigar Filler Tobacco
- Cigar Wrapper Tobacco
- Cotton



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# Mapping Updates • Reviewed for Crop Year 2025 • Actuarial maps along the Wabash River and its tributaries affecting both Spring and Fall planted crops in 26 counties in IL and IN

# National Re-Rating Cycle - Rate Changes

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Spring and Fall rates changed in the following counties:

- - Clark
  - Clay
  - Clinton
  - Coles
  - Crawford
  - Cumberland
  - Effingham
  - Fayette
  - Jasper
  - Lawrence
  - Marion
  - Montgomery Richland
  - Shelby

  - Vermilion Washington
- GREATAMERICAN,
  INSURANCE GROUP Crop Division

#### <u>Indiana</u>

- Fountain
- Knox
- Parke
- Sullivan
- **Tippecanoe**
- Vermillion
- Vigo
- Warren

# Map Review and Acreage Changes





#### Illinois

- Rates are decreasing on 238,434 High Risk Acres
- Rates are *increasing* on 5,547 High Risk Acres
- 646 acres being added to High Risk
- 75,736 acres being removed from High Risk
  - 1,757 FSA Farm Numbers affected

#### **Indiana**

- Rates are decreasing on 27,690 High Risk Acres
- Rates are increasing on 71,141 High Risk Acres
- 763 acres being added to High Risk
- 3,727 acres being removed from High Risk
  - 96 FSA Farm Numbers affected

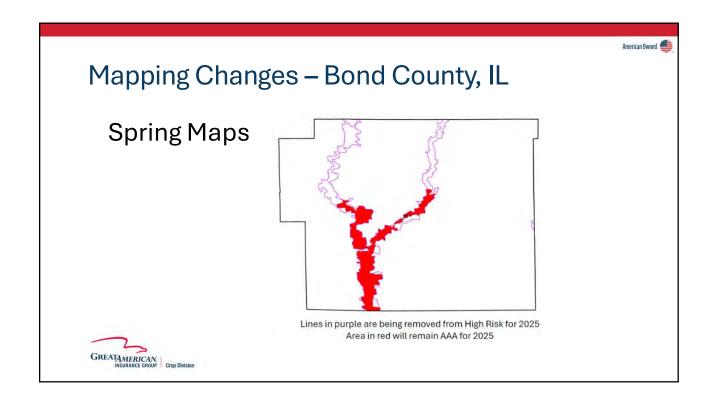


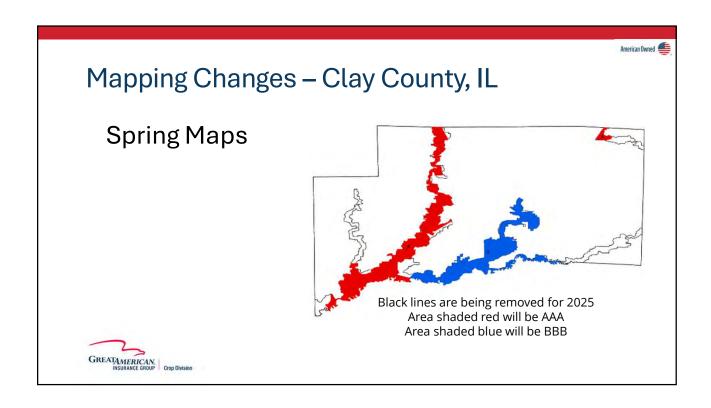


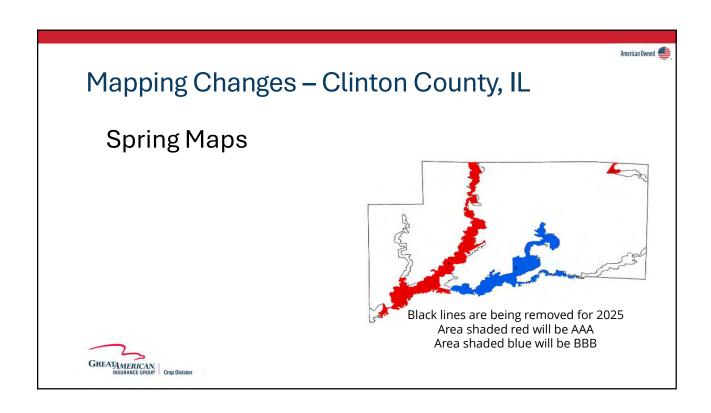
# Map Changes - Illinois

- Spring Maps were completely removed for the following counties (only Fall Maps remain):
  - Effingham County, IL
  - · Marion County, IL

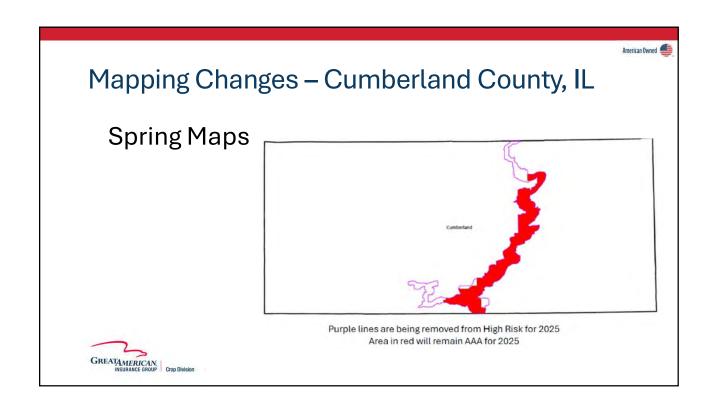


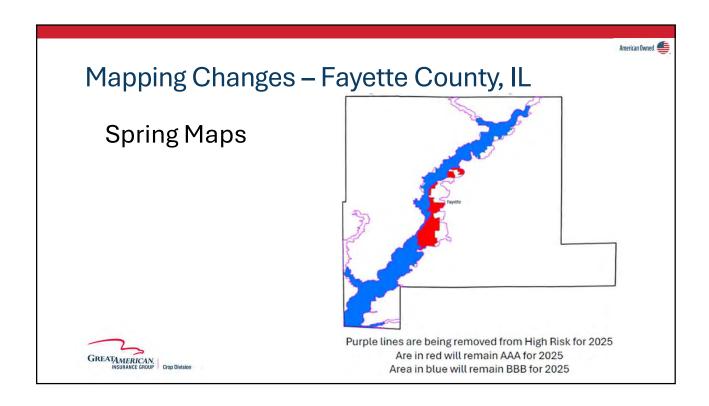


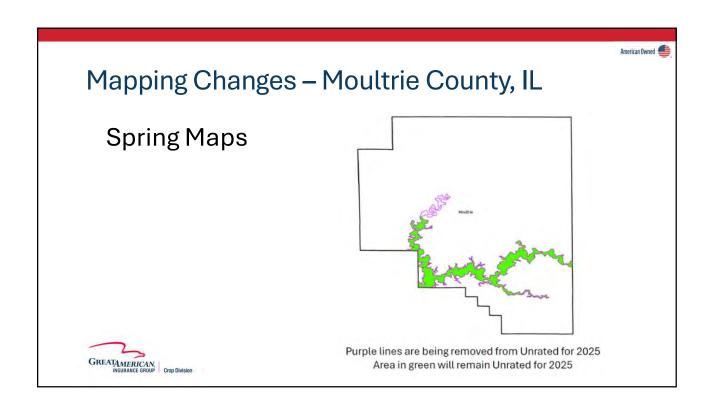


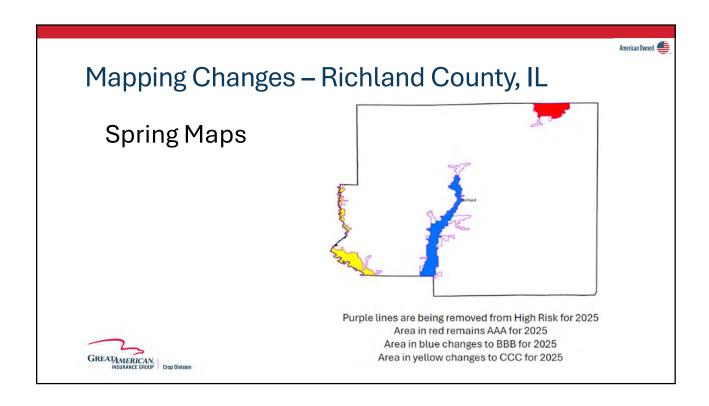


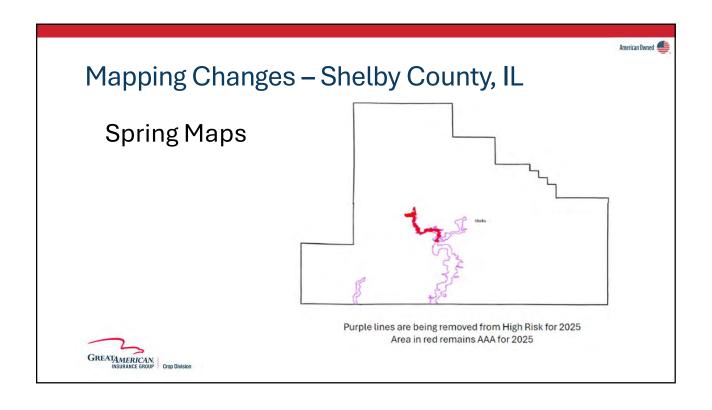
# Mapping Changes – Crawford County, IL Spring Maps Purple lines are being removed from High Risk for 2025 Area in red will remain AAA for 2025 Area in blue will be changing to BBB for 2025 Area in yellow will be changing to CCC for 2025

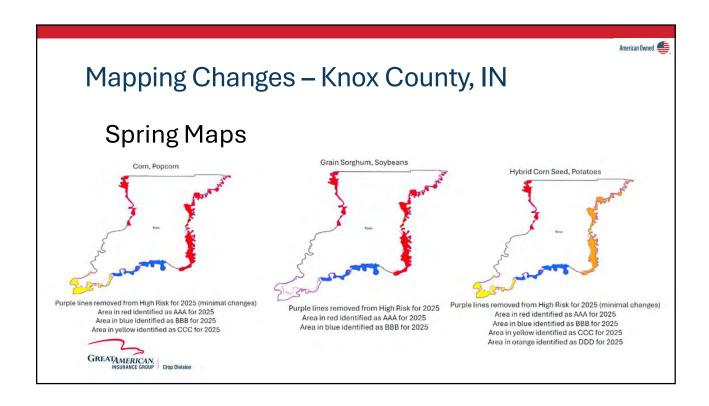


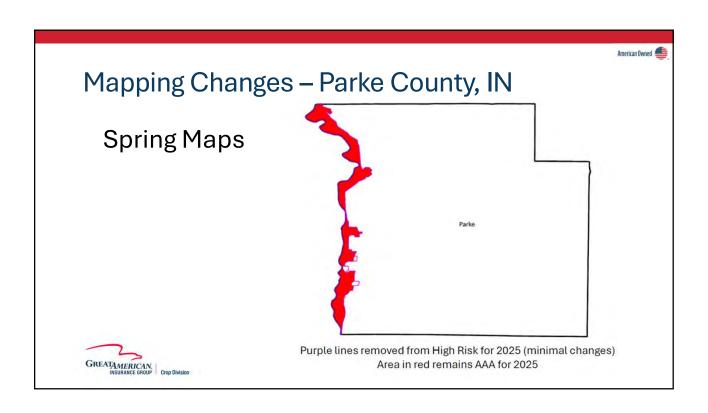


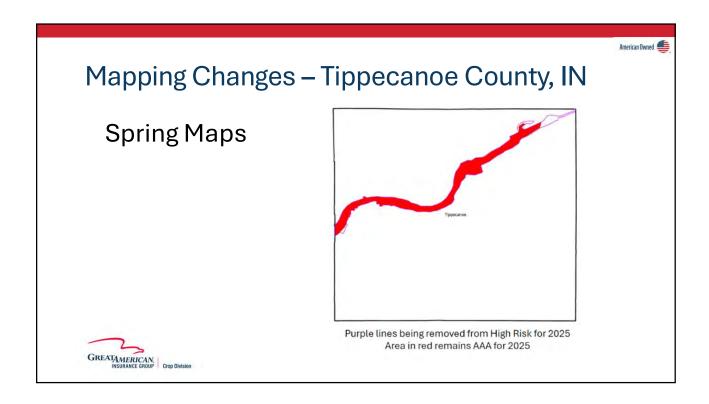


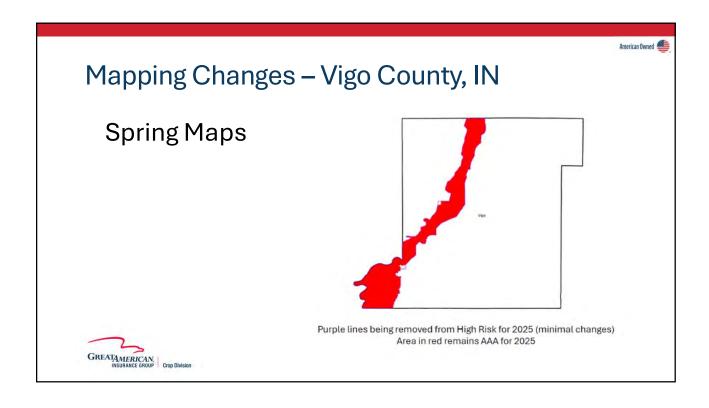


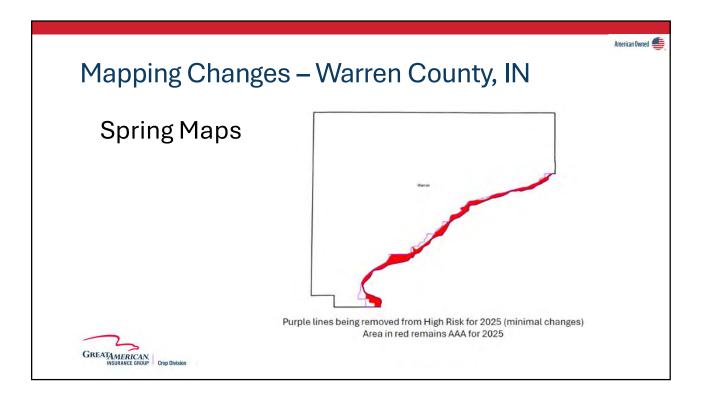










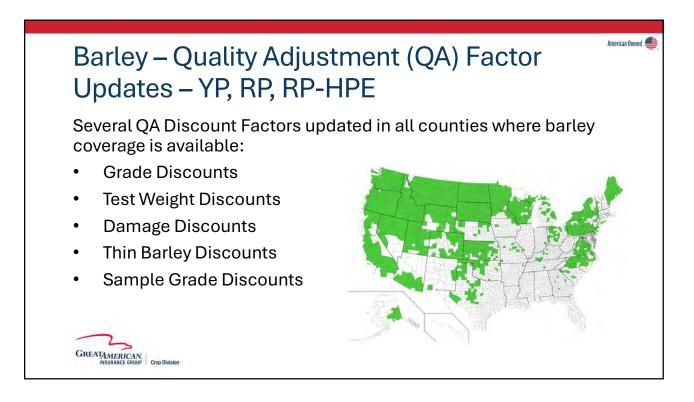




- RMA will review HR/UR Written Agreements that were affected by maps changes and determine a course of action
  - Cancellations
  - Re-Issue Modified Written Agreements
- Cancellation letter issued no later than 30 days prior to cancellation date
- Impacts of Decreasing HR Area Rates
  - Some MY WAs that remain in HR area are being cancelled because area rates have decreased
  - Check the rate issued on previous WA before requesting a renewal
    - If previously issued WA rate is higher than newly published rate, RMA will likely not issue a new written agreement.



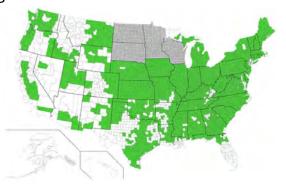




# Corn – Quality Adjustment (QA) Factor Updates – YP, RP, RP-HPE

Several QA Discount Factors updated in all states, except MN,
 ND, SD, & WI, where corn coverage is available:

- Grade Discounts
- Test Weight Discounts
- Damage Discounts
- Sample Grade Discounts



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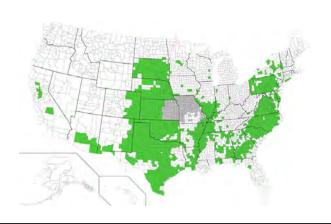
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# Grain Sorghum – Quality Adjustment (QA) Factor Updates – YP, RP, RP-HPE

Several QA Discount Factors updated in all counties where grain sorghum coverage is available:

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- Test Weight Discounts
- Damage Discounts
- Sample Grade Discounts



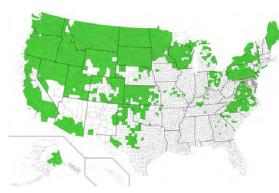


# Oats – Quality Adjustment (QA) Factor Updates – YP, RP, RP-HPE

• Several QA Discount Factors updated in all counties where oats coverage is available:

- Grade Discounts
- Test Weight Discounts
- Damage Discounts
- Special Grade Discounts
- Sample Grade Discounts





# Soybeans – Quality Adjustment (QA) Factor Updates – YP, RP, RP-HPE

- Several QA Discount Factors updated in all counties where soybean coverage is available:
- Test Weight Discounts
- Damage Discounts





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