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## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) servicing Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan

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**SUBJECT:** Insurability of Crops Following Cover Crops in the Springfield Region

### **BACKGROUND:**

On January 18, 2011, this office issued an Informational Memorandum in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, the region covered by the Springfield Regional Office (RO) regarding crops following cover crops. The Informational Memorandum stated that the Written Agreement will also specify that the cover crop growth must be terminated by May 15 of the current crop year.

Due to the extreme wet planting season this office has been requested to extend the date by which the cover crop growth must be terminated. This Informational Memorandum supplements the one issued January 18, 2011, to provide an extension of the cover crop termination date for written agreements.

### **ACTION:**

The Written Agreement to insure this type/practice will specify that only crops planted *after* the termination of cover crop growth will be made insurable. An inspection will be required for any acreage that has been planted to the insurable crop on or before the date of the Written Agreement. **The Written Agreement will also specify that the cover crop growth must be terminated by June 1 of the current crop year for corn and June 10 of the current crop year for soybeans.** These crop termination dates differentiate FAC acreage from FCC acreage. Producers are required to follow Good Farming Practices (GFP). For corn following termination of a grass cover crop, this includes a two week waiting period to limit the allelopathic effect of the grass to dissipate before planting corn. AIPs must establish separate APH databases for the FCC practice.

For additional information on the FCC practice, contact the Springfield RO.

### **DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum modifies the Information Memorandum issued on January 18, 2011, solely as indicated herein and is for the purpose of transmitting information and will be disposed when the language is incorporated into the applicable provisions, procedures or handbooks.



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