

1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250

Contact:
FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov

USDA Seeks Data Sharing Partnerships with Ag Service Providers to Improve Acreage Reporting

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2022 – To improve the acreage reporting process for agricultural producers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking partnerships with agricultural service providers that can transmit acreage reporting data directly to USDA.

USDA allows external third parties to submit acreage data using the Common Acreage Reporting Transmission (CART) standard, which uses USDA's common land unit and the associated farms, tract and fields for land identification.

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is currently working with external parties to accept CART files and transmit them to the producer's Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) and local USDA Service Center. For example, if a producer organizes their crop data with an online service provider, USDA can enable that service provider to transmit information directly to USDA. However, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) does not currently have a geospatial interface and must record on a hard copy map.

Providers should have the ability to transmit .json files through a data service endpoint while maintaining Federal security standards.

RMA will select providers based on their ability to help USDA improve acreage reporting. This is not a competitive process and providers and their participating producers will not receive compensation. RMA reserves the right to limit participation among viable providers on a first-come, first-served basis. All providers will be required to certify to appropriate terms of service to submit data on behalf of producers.

To learn more, service providers should contact RMA at ACRSI@usda.gov.

More Information

RMA and FSA started the Acreage Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative in 2010 that focused on streamlining and automating crop reporting to reduce the burden on producers. One of the changes included the capability for data sharing technology. ACRSI established a framework for agricultural producers to report their common crop acreage information just once, either to their FSA county office or to their participating crop insurance agent on behalf of RMA.

#

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.