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RMA Expands Written Agreement Option for Specialty Trait Soybean Crop Insurance Program to Indiana and Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16, 2025 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced it is expanding the Specialty Trait Soybean (STS) program to allow for written agreements in Indiana and Illinois for the 2026 crop year.

STS offers a contract price option for revenue protection for six specialty types, including all other food grades, high protein, large-seeded food grade, low linolenic acid, low saturated fat and small seeded food grade.

“This expansion gives growers access to specialty trait coverage through a simple, straightforward process,” said RMA Administrator Pat Swanson. “We listened to producer groups, and this solution delivers the insurance options they want without adding additional administrative burdens.”

Producers interested in planting and insuring specialty trait soybeans should contact their crop insurance agent to discuss program details, including upcoming sales closing dates for their area and the written agreement process.

STS coverage is also available in select counties in Arkansas, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin.

More Information

RMA secures the future of agriculture by providing world class risk management tools to rural America through Federal crop insurance and risk management education programs. RMA provides policies for more than 130 crops and is constantly working to adjust and create new policies based on producer needs and feedback.

Contact a crop insurance agent to see how Federal crop insurance can meet the specific needs of your operation. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available online at the RMA Agent Locator. Producers can learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at rma.usda.gov or by contacting their RMA Regional Office. RMA's Basics for Beginners provides information for those new to crop insurance.

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