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[USDA Risk Management Agency Sweetens Sugarcane Insurance for Louisiana Farmers](#)

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(Jackson, MS, July 2, 2026) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [Risk Management Agency](#) (RMA) is improving the sugarcane crop insurance program for Louisiana sugarcane farmers.

These improvements include separating irrigated and non-irrigated practices in parishes with a history of irrigation to recognize the different risks to sugarcane under both production practices. Additionally, coverage will be available for all commercial third year stubble cane and fourth year stubble varieties approved by the Louisiana State University AgCenter.

“We are putting Farmers First at USDA, strengthening farm resilience to ensure farmers have the tools they need to be successful,” said RMA Administrator Pat Swanson. “RMA worked with a task force from the American Sugarcane League and Louisiana Farm Bureau to identify these improvements for Louisiana sugarcane farmers.”

Producers should reach out to their crop insurance agent for more information. The sales closing date for the sugarcane crop insurance program is Sept. 30 for farmers in Louisiana.

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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