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Topeka RO: USDA Broadens Enterprise Unit Options for Canola and Rapeseed Producers

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(Topeka, KS, July 2, 2026) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced that producers insured under the Canola and Rapeseed crop insurance program will have the option to elect separate enterprise units for each crop type, giving them more precise risk management tools tailored to the distinct characteristics of each type they grow.

Current enterprise units are available by county, irrigation practices, and organic practices. Beginning with the 2027 crop year, producers will be able to elect enterprise units at the type-level, rather than combining all types into a single enterprise unit. This aligns the options for canola and rapeseed producers with those already available to wheat producers.

"This update is a direct response to requests from canola grower groups. Canola and rapeseed producers operate with meaningful different risk profiles, depending on the type they grow," said RMA Administrator Pat Swanson. "Fall-planted and spring-planted canola have separate planting windows, growth cycles and economic outcomes. Our insurance options should reflect that reality. This change puts Farmers First and in a better position to manage their risk and protect the financial sustainability of their operations."

Fall and spring canola and rapeseed types may be further divided into omega 3, oleic, high oleic, and high erucic types, depending on a producer's geographic growing area. Because winter canola can produce significantly higher yields than spring canola and matures earlier, type-level enterprise units will help ensure that premium costs account for each type's distinct risk profile.

Producers who elect enterprise units by type may elect:

- a single enterprise unit covering all types combined,
- a separate enterprise unit for each individual type, or
- if requirements are met, an enterprise unit for some types while insuring remaining types as basic or optional units.

Enterprise units by type are not further divisible by irrigation or organic practice. Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for more information and to enroll.

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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