PM-26-073: Crop Insurance Policy Changes Effective for the 2027 and Succeeding Crop Years

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To

All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

From

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Subject

Crop Insurance Policy Changes Effective for the 2027 and Succeeding Crop Years

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is updating multiple crop insurance policies effective for the 2027 and succeeding crop years.

Changes include:

- Remove potential conflicts with the Removal of Regulatory Overreach and FederalCrop Insurance Policy Provisions final rule (91 FR 16151);
- Move termination, cancellation, and end of insurance dates to the SpecialProvisions;
- For Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) Crop Provisions, identify the actuarialdocuments as the location for the date that final county revenue and final countyyield will be determined and incorporate a Special Provisions statement that anyindemnity payment due will be paid no later than 30 days following thedetermination of final county revenue or final county yield;

- For Cotton and ELS Cotton Crop Provisions, add a definition of American UplandCotton to be consistent with other USDA programs;
- For ELS Cotton Crop Provisions, add a definition of ELS Cotton to be consistentwith other USDA programs, incorporate Special Provisions statements regardingquality adjustment and claims process that has been in place since 2018 and processfor when AUP cotton is harvested or appraised from acreage originally planted asELS cotton;
- For Hybrid Wheat Seed, add a 25-day late planting period;
- For Popcorn, allow contract pricing on non-organic practices, update pricingterminology to reflect how the projected price is used for yield protection;
- For Rice, add a new aromatic type in all states except California and Florida andallow optional units by type;
- For Silage Sorghum, match the timing of price release to coincide with the projectedprice for grain sorghum, as specified in the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions;
- For Tobacco, allow enterprise units in accordance with the Basic Provisions, allow optional units by FSA farm number, incorporate a bulletin that rescinded lease reporting requirements; and
- For the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), remove erroneous language regarding good farming practices, add a section clarifying applicability of replant payments, prevented planting payments, and late planting periods, add definitions and provisions relating to the Supplemental Endorsements Combination (SEC) Option.

ACTION:

The following documents will be available by November 30, 2026, on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at www.rma.usda.gov:

- ARPI Corn Crop Provisions (27-ARPI-0041)
- ARPI Cotton Crop Provisions (27-ARPI-0021)
- ARPI Grain Sorghum Crop Provisions (27-ARPI-0051)
- ARPI Popcorn Crop Provisions (27-ARPI-0043)
- ARPI Rice Crop Provisions (27-ARPI-0018)
- ARPI Soybean Crop Provisions (27-ARPI-0081)
- Cotton Crop Provisions (27-0021)

- ELS Cotton Crop Provisions (27-0022)
- Hybrid Wheat Seed (27-1011)
- Popcorn Yield Crop Provisions (27-0043)
- Rice Crop Provisions (27-0018)
- Silage Sorghum Endorsement (27-0059)
- STAX Cotton Crop Provisions (27-STAX-0021)
- Tobacco Crop Provisions (27-0071)

Approved insurance providers must notify producers of these changes at least 30 days prior to the cancellation date, as required by the policy.

Interested producers should contact a crop insurance agent for further information. A list of agents can be found on the RMA website at www.rma.usda.gov/Tools-Reports/Agent-Locator.

DISPOSAL DATE:
December 31, 2027