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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers

FROM: James Bellmon, Director of the Oklahoma City Regional Office

SUBJECT: Following Another Crop Blanket Written Agreement (Standardized Written Agreement) Details for the Oklahoma City Region

I. BACKGROUND

On December 5, 2023, Informational Memorandum [IS-23-003](#) was issued to detail actions RMA is taking as part of a broader set of commitments made in the spring of 2022 by President Biden and Secretary Vilsack to increase domestic food production amid potential global food shortages related to the invasion of Ukraine. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is simplifying and expanding options to insure double crop acreage in areas that don't offer coverage. This will enable agricultural producers to produce two crops on the same land each year, such as spring planted soybeans or grain sorghum following the harvest of a crop such as winter wheat. This memo details the Following Another Crop (FAC) written agreement options and requirements available to help enable agricultural producers to produce two crops on the same land each year, such as spring planted grain sorghum or soybeans following the harvest of a crop such as winter wheat.

In support of the President's and Secretary's commitments, the Oklahoma City Regional Office (OKC RO) expanded the availability of insurance options for Following Another Crop (FAC) soybeans and grain sorghum in 2024. Please see maps on the [OKC RO Underwriting Guidelines](#) webpage for the county availability and options for insurance FAC soybeans and grain sorghum.

This memo provides details on the Blanket Written Agreement (BL) offers that are available in the states of Oklahoma and Texas for the 2024 crop year.

II. FAC Written Agreement Options and Requirements

Blanket Written Agreements (BL) are available in select counties that offer grain sorghum and soybean coverage in Oklahoma and Texas, in which the Following Another Crop (FAC) practice is not available. Blanket Written Agreements are a standardized written agreement offer prebuilt by RMA into the Regional Office Exceptions (ROE) System which allows for a producer to choose to insure their FAC grain sorghum and FAC soybeans. Since the written agreement offer is prebuilt by RMA, a producer does not have to go through an extensive underwriting process and can simply choose to insure their FAC crop by submitting the request with an actuarial change request (ACR) form through their agent and Approved Insurance Provider (AIP).

Each county has a unique written agreement number that AIPs can access. The BL in each county provides the terms and conditions of insurance available to producers interested in insuring FAC grain sorghum and FAC soybeans in the states of Oklahoma and Texas for the 2024 crop year. The final planting date, end of late planting period date, rates, and T-yields for the FAC practice may vary by county.

For all FAC grain sorghum and FAC soybeans insured under BL, the definition for FAC applies:

FAC (Following Another Crop): A planted crop following:

- 1. A perennial hay crop that was harvested in the same calendar year; or*
- 2. A crop (other than a cover crop), that is hayed, grazed, or harvested past date published in county actuarial documents.*

NFAC (Not Following Another Crop): A planted crop not following:

- 1. A perennial hay crop that was harvested in the same calendar year; and*
- 2. A crop (other than a cover crop), that is hayed, grazed, or harvested past date published in county actuarial documents. The crop must be terminated in accordance with NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines.*

Termination means growth has ended. A crop that follows a cover crop that meets the criteria outlined in the Insurance Availability section of the Special Provisions is considered NFAC.

III. Blanket Written Agreement Numbers

Blanket Written Agreements were used previously with breeched levees, which is where the BL designator originated. See Exhibit A for BL Offer numbers for each county and each crop where they are offered.

IV. Action

Insured's can select a BL Offer by submitting a signed and dated ACR form for soybeans and grain sorghum, where applicable, to their crop insurance agent by the sales closing date. AIPs may apply the BL Offer to the applicable crop types and practices. AIPs process the BL Offers as they would a pre-approved and accepted written agreement, attaching the BL WA number to the insured's policy, and transmitting to RMA within 30 days of the sales closing date.

For producers that may miss the sales closing date deadline, new type/practice (TP) written agreement requests may be accepted until the acreage reporting date for the crop. A crop inspection may be required if the producer applies after the sales closing date. The rates, T-yields, and dates offered under a TP written agreement request will be like those offered under a blanket written agreement. All other requirements for a TP written agreement request apply in accordance with the [Written Agreement Handbook](#).

All other general guidance, frequently asked questions, maps, and other material related to the double cropping expansion can be found at rma.usda.gov/Topics/Double-Cropping-Initiative.

DISPOSAL: Effective for the 2024 Reinsurance Year.

Exhibit A: BL Offer Numbers by County and Crop, Page 1

FIPS	State Name	County Name	Soybean BL Offer Number	Grain Sorghum BL Offer Number
40013	Oklahoma	Bryan	240101711	240100911
40021	Oklahoma	Cherokee	N/A	240101111
40023	Oklahoma	Choctaw	240101811	240101211
40029	Oklahoma	Coal	N/A	240101311
40035	Oklahoma	Craig	N/A	240101411
40037	Oklahoma	Creek	N/A	240102211
40041	Oklahoma	Delaware	N/A	240102711
40047	Oklahoma	Garfield	N/A	240102811
40053	Oklahoma	Grant	N/A	240102911
40061	Oklahoma	Haskell	N/A	240103011
40063	Oklahoma	Hughes	N/A	240103111
40071	Oklahoma	Kay	N/A	240103311
40079	Oklahoma	Le Flore	N/A	240103511
40089	Oklahoma	McCurtain	N/A	240103611
40091	Oklahoma	McIntosh	N/A	240103711
40097	Oklahoma	Mayes	N/A	240103811
40101	Oklahoma	Muskogee	N/A	240103911
40103	Oklahoma	Noble	N/A	240104011
40105	Oklahoma	Nowata	N/A	240104111
40107	Oklahoma	Okfuskee	N/A	240104211
40111	Oklahoma	Okmulgee	N/A	240104411
40115	Oklahoma	Ottawa	N/A	240104511
40117	Oklahoma	Pawnee	N/A	240104611
40121	Oklahoma	Pittsburg	N/A	240104711
40131	Oklahoma	Rogers	N/A	240105011
40133	Oklahoma	Seminole	240101911	240105111
40135	Oklahoma	Sequoyah	N/A	240105211
40143	Oklahoma	Tulsa	N/A	240105311
40145	Oklahoma	Wagoner	N/A	240105411
40147	Oklahoma	Washington	N/A	240105511
48001	Texas	Anderson	N/A	240105611
48013	Texas	Atascosa	N/A	240105811
48037	Texas	Bowie	N/A	240105911
48039	Texas	Brazoria	240102011	240106111

Exhibit A: BL Offer Numbers by County and Crop, Page 2

FIPS	State Name	County Name	Soybean BL Offer Number	Grain Sorghum BL Offer Number
48047	Texas	Brooks	N/A	240096611
48061	Texas	Cameron	240097811	240096711
48063	Texas	Camp	240102111	N/A
48071	Texas	Chambers	240102311	240096811
48119	Texas	Delta	240102411	240097111
48127	Texas	Dimmit	N/A	240097211
48131	Texas	Duval	N/A	240097311
48147	Texas	Fannin	240102511	240097411
48159	Texas	Franklin	240103211	240097611
48167	Texas	Galveston	240103411	240097711
48181	Texas	Grayson	240105711	240097911
48199	Texas	Hardin	240106011	N/A
48201	Texas	Harris	240106211	240098011
48215	Texas	Hidalgo	240101511	240098111
48223	Texas	Hopkins	N/A	240098211
48225	Texas	Houston	N/A	240098511
48231	Texas	Hunt	240106311	240098611
48245	Texas	Jefferson	240106411	240098711
48247	Texas	Jim Hogg	N/A	240098811
48249	Texas	Jim Wells	N/A	240098911
48273	Texas	Kleberg	N/A	240099011
48277	Texas	Lamar	240106511	240099111
48283	Texas	La Salle	N/A	240099311
48291	Texas	Liberty	240106611	240099411
48297	Texas	Live Oak	N/A	240099511
48311	Texas	McMullen	N/A	240099611
48323	Texas	Maverick	N/A	240099711
48343	Texas	Morris	240106711	240099811
48355	Texas	Nueces	N/A	240100011
48361	Texas	Orange	240106811	N/A
48387	Texas	Red River	N/A	240100111
48409	Texas	San Patricio	N/A	240100211
48427	Texas	Starr	240098311	240100311
48449	Texas	Titus	240106911	240100411
48479	Texas	Webb	N/A	240100511
48489	Texas	Willacy	240101611	240100611
48505	Texas	Zapata	N/A	240100711