

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE  
CATASTROPHIC RISK PROTECTION ENDORSEMENT  
(27-CAT)  
(Released April 2026)**

The following is a brief description of the changes to the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) Endorsement that are effective for the 2027 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a contract change date on or after April 30, 2026, and for the 2028 and succeeding crop years for all crops with a contract change date prior to April 30, 2026:

- Introductory paragraph –
  - Moved the phrase “This Endorsement is continuous” to section 2;
  - Clarified that in the event of a conflict among the policy, if other policy provisions specifically address catastrophic risk protection coverage, the other policy provisions take precedence over this Endorsement;
- Section 2 – Added new paragraph (d) to clarify the Endorsement is continuous;
- Section 4 –
  - In the section heading, removed the phrase “for Determining Indemnities”;
  - In paragraph (c), revised the phrase “Special Provisions” to correctly reference the “actuarial documents”;
- Section 6 –
  - Added new paragraph (e) to explain there are separate administrative fees if additional coverage is purchased with a High-Risk Land Exclusion Option;
- Section 7 – Moved provisions to section 6(e);
- Sections 8 through 11 renumbered to sections 7 through 10;
- Throughout –
  - Removed obsolete references to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR);
  - Renumbered paragraphs and updated corresponding references;
  - Clarified for plain language (for example, replaced “notwithstanding” and other revisions to improve readability, and added “risk protection” after catastrophic for clarity); and
  - Corrected capitalization and punctuation.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation  
Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement**

If a conflict exists among the policy, the order of precedence is: (1) this Endorsement; (2) Special Provisions; (3) actuarial documents; (4) the Commodity Exchange Price Provisions, if applicable; and (5) any of the policies specified in section 2, with (1) controlling (2), etc., unless other policy provisions specifically address catastrophic risk protection coverage, then those policy provisions prevail.

**Terms and Conditions**

**1. Definitions**

**Insurance provider** - A private insurance company that has been approved by FCIC to provide insurance coverage to producers participating in programs authorized by the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

**Zero acreage report** - An acreage report filed by you that certifies you do not have a share in the crop for that crop year.

**2. Eligibility, Life of Policy, Cancellation, and Termination**

(a) You must have one of the following policies in force to elect this Endorsement:

- (1) The Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions and applicable Crop Provisions (catastrophic risk protection coverage is not available under individual revenue plans of insurance such as Revenue Protection and Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion);
- (2) The Area Risk Protection Insurance, Basic Provisions and applicable Crop Provisions (catastrophic risk protection coverage is not available under area revenue plans of insurance such as Area Revenue Protection or Area Revenue Protection with the Harvest Price Exclusion); or
- (3) Other policies only if catastrophic risk protection coverage is provided in the applicable policy.

- (b) You must have made application for catastrophic risk protection on or before the sales closing date for the crop in the county.
- (c) You must be a "person" as defined in the policy to be eligible for catastrophic risk protection coverage.
- (d) This Endorsement is continuous.

**3. Unit Division**

- (a) This section is applicable only if you are insured under the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions.
- (b) A unit will be all insurable acreage of the insured crop in the county on the date coverage begins for the crop year:
  - (1) In which you have 100 percent crop share; or
  - (2) Which is owned by one person and operated by another person on a share basis.

Example:

If, in addition to the land you own, you rent land from five landlords, three on a crop share basis and two on a cash basis, you would be entitled to four units; one

for each crop share lease and one that combines the two cash leases and the land you own.

- (c) Further division of the units described in section 3(b) is not allowed under this Endorsement.

**4. Insurance Guarantees, Coverage Levels, and Prices**

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions, catastrophic risk protection coverage will offer protection equal to:

- (1) 50 percent of your approved yield indemnified at 55 percent of the price election or projected price, as applicable, if you are insured under the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions and applicable Crop Provisions;
- (2) 65 percent of the expected county yield indemnified at 45 percent of the maximum protection per acre if you are insured under the Area Risk Protection Insurance, Basic Provisions and applicable Crop Provisions; or
- (3) A comparable coverage as established by FCIC for other policies only if catastrophic risk protection coverage is provided in the applicable policy.

- (b) If the policy denominates coverage in dollars per acre or other measure, or any other alternative method of coverage, such coverage will be converted to the amount of coverage that would be payable at 50 percent of your approved yield indemnified at 55 percent of the price election.
- (c) You may elect catastrophic risk protection coverage for any crop insured or reinsured by FCIC on either an individual yield and loss basis or an area yield and loss basis, if both options are available in the actuarial documents.

**5. Report of Acreage**

- (a) The report of crop acreage that you file in accordance with the policy must be signed on or before the acreage reporting date. For catastrophic risk protection, unless the other person with an insurable interest in the crop objects in writing prior to the acreage reporting date and provides a signed acreage report on their own behalf, the operator may sign the acreage report for all other persons with an insurable interest in the crop without a power of attorney. All persons with an insurable interest in the crop, and for whom the operator purports to sign and represent, are bound by the information contained in that acreage report.

(b) For the purpose of determining the amount of indemnity only, your share will not exceed your insurable interest at the earlier of the time of loss or the beginning of harvest. Unless the accepted application clearly indicates that insurance is requested for a partnership or joint venture, insurance will only cover the crop share of the person completing the application. The share will not extend to any other person having an interest in the crop except as may otherwise be specifically allowed in this endorsement. Any acreage or interest reported by or for your spouse, child or any member of your household may be considered your share. A lease containing provisions for both a minimum payment (such as a specified amount of cash, bushels, pounds, etc.) and a crop share will be considered a crop share lease. A lease containing provisions for either a minimum payment (such as a specified amount of cash, bushels, pounds, etc.) or a crop share will be considered a cash lease. Land rented for cash, a fixed commodity payment, or any consideration other than a share in the insured crop on such land will be considered as owned by the lessee.

**6. Annual Premium and Administrative Fees**

(a) Except as provided in sections 6(g) and (i), you will not be responsible to pay a premium, nor will the policy be terminated because the premium has not been paid. FCIC will pay a premium subsidy equal to the premium established for the coverage provided under this endorsement.

(b) In return for catastrophic risk protection coverage, you must pay an administrative fee and premium as specified in section 6(g) to us within 30 days after you have been billed, unless otherwise authorized in the Federal Crop Insurance Act. You will be billed by the date stated in the actuarial documents;

(1) The administrative fee owed is \$655 for each crop in the county unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions.

(2) Payment of an administrative fee will not be required if you file a bona fide zero acreage report on or before the acreage reporting date for the crop (if you falsely file a zero acreage report you may be subject to criminal and administrative sanctions).

(c) The administrative fee provisions of section 6(b) do not apply if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, veteran farmer or rancher, or limited resource farmer as defined in the applicable policy. The administrative fee will be waived if you request it and you meet the requirements contained in the annual premium provisions of the applicable policy.

(d) When a policy allows you the option to separately insure individual crop types or varieties, you must pay a separate administrative fee in accordance with section 6(b) for each type or variety you elect to separately insure.

(e) If you purchase additional coverage for a crop and execute a High-Risk Land Exclusion Option to separately insure your high-risk land under a

catastrophic risk protection coverage policy, you will be required to pay a separate administrative fee for both the additional coverage policy and the catastrophic coverage policy.

(f) If the administrative fee and premium as specified in section 6(g) is not paid when due, you, and all persons with an insurable interest in the crop under the same contract, may be ineligible for certain other USDA program benefits.

(g) You will be responsible for payment of the premium established for the coverage provided under this endorsement if:

(1) USDA determines you have committed a violation of the highly erodible land conservation or wetland conservation provisions of 7 CFR part 12 as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014; or

(2) You have not filed form AD-1026 with FSA for the reinsurance year by the premium billing date.

(i) Unless section 6(g)(2) applies, you may be eligible for premium subsidy without having a timely filed form AD-1026:

(A) For the initial reinsurance year if you certify by the premium billing date for your policy that you meet the qualifications as outlined in FCIC approved procedures for producers who are new to farming, new to crop insurance, a new entity, or have not previously been required to file form AD-1026; or

(B) If FSA approves relief for failure to timely file due to circumstances beyond your control or failure to timely provide adequate information to complete form AD-1026 in accordance with 7 CFR part 12.

(ii) To be eligible for premium subsidy paid on your behalf by FCIC, it is your responsibility to assure you meet all the requirements for:

(A) Compliance with the conservation provisions specified in section 6(g)(1); and

(B) Filing form AD-1026 to be properly identified as in compliance with the conservation provisions specified in section 6(g)(1).

(h) If the Act expressly authorizes an option or endorsement to be available in addition to the coverage available under this Endorsement (for example, the Supplemental Coverage Option) or any other additional coverage offered under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (for example, the Stacked Income Protection Plan), you will owe a separate annual premium and administrative fee for such option or endorsement if the option or endorsement has been made available in the actuarial documents and you elect to purchase such coverage.

(i) Failure to pay the premium specified in section 6(g) will result in the termination of the policy and all other policies in accordance with the termination provisions specified in the applicable Basic Provisions.

**7. Replanting Payment**

No replant payment will be paid even if replanting of the crop is required under the policy.

**8. Claim for Indemnity**

If two or more insured crop types, varieties, or classes are insured within the same unit, and multiple price elections, projected prices, or amounts of insurance are applicable:

- (a) The dollar amount of insurance and the dollar amount of production to be counted will be determined separately for each type, variety, class, etc., that have separate price elections, projected prices, or amounts of insurance; and
- (b) Totaled to determine the total liability or dollar amount of production to be counted for the unit.

**9. Concealment or Fraud**

Your catastrophic risk protection coverage policy may be voided by us on all crops without waiving any of our rights, including the right to collect any amounts due:

- (a) If at any time you conceal or misrepresent any material fact or commit fraud relating to this or any other contract issued under the authority of the Federal Crop Insurance Act with any insurance provider; and
- (b) The voidance will be effective for the crop year during which any such act or omission occurred.

**10. Exclusion of Coverage**

- (a) Options or endorsements that extend the coverage available under any policy offered by FCIC will not be available under this endorsement, except for the Supplemental Coverage Option and any other option or endorsement or other additional coverage expressly authorized in the Federal Crop Insurance Act and allowed in the actuarial documents (for example, the Stacked Income Protection Plan). Written agreements are not available for any crop insured under this endorsement.
- (b) Hail and fire coverage and high-risk land may not be excluded under catastrophic risk protection.