

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE LIVESTOCK GROSS MARGIN FOR CATTLE INSURANCE POLICY, BASIC PROVISIONS (Released April 2026)**

The following is a brief description of the changes to the Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions, that are effective for the 2027 and succeeding crop years.

- Preamble – Clarified order of precedence that regulations control over policy in the event of a conflict, in alignment with Removal of Regulatory Overreach and Federal Crop Insurance Policy Provisions (91 FR 16151);
- Section 1 –
  - Added definitions of “brokerage record,” “cancellation,” “FAA,” “off-exchange contract,” and “termination”;
  - In the definition of “cumulative target marketings,” included target marketings under all other livestock insurance plans;
  - In the definition of “target feeder cattle weight,” increased the maximum allowed target weight from 9 to 12 cwt for yearling finishing operations, and stipulated that the difference between target live cattle weight and target feeder cattle weight must not exceed 6 cwt for yearling finishing operations and 10 cwt for calf finishing operations;
  - Modified definition of “share” to better align with policy intent;
  - In the definition of “target live cattle weight,” increased maximum allowed target weight from 15 to 18 cwt for yearling finishing operations and 13 to 16 cwt for calf finishing operations;
  - In the definition of “beginning farmer or rancher,” increased the eligibility period from 5 crop years to 10 crop years;
  - In the definition of “cancellation date,” added voidance as a reason that a policy would not automatically continue for a subsequent year;
- Section 2 –
  - In (h)(4), clarified that a new application is only required for any future coverage;
  - In (j), required cancellation of policies with three consecutive years with no earned premium;
  - In (n), LGM Cattle sales will be suspended when the Cattle report is released by USDA NASS;
- Section 5 – In paragraph (f), added the heading, “Additional premium subsidy,” and increased the additional premium subsidy rate to: 15% for the first two crop years, 13% for the third crop year, 11% for the fourth crop year, and 10% for the fifth through tenth crop years;
- Section 11 – In (e) corrected maximum civil fine to align with 7 CFR 400, subpart R;
- Section 12 –
  - Added paragraph (f) to specify that failure to submit an executed transfer form within 30 days of the transfer or by the end of the insurance period (whichever is later) will result in denial of the transfer, and the original insured will remain responsible for any premiums owed;
  - Moved paragraph (f) to (g) and clarified that if a transferee is not eligible for livestock insurance, the transfer approval will be rescinded, and the original insured will retain all coverage rights and obligations as if no transfer occurred;
- Section 17 –
  - In (a) and (b)(2), prohibited other insurance only if obtained from another insurance provider;
  - In (d)(2) and (e), clarified when an assignee submits the forms and claims for indemnity when you have failed to do so, the assignee then assumes your dispute resolution rights and obligations for the policy;
- Section 18 – In (e)(1)(i), no longer limit the scope of off-exchange contracts that may be requested by AIP if USDA initiates a review of a potential violation of the prohibition of subsidy capture to those based on potential or realized indemnities;
- Section 19 –
  - Reorganized and labeled paragraphs to follow chronological escalation of a dispute;

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- Aligned policy with Removal of Regulatory Overreach and Federal Crop Insurance Policy Provisions (91 FR 16151);
- Corrected deadline for filing for judicial review to align with Federal Arbitration Act;
- Section 20 – In paragraph (b), clarified and added paragraphs (b)(1) and (2);
- Section 23 –
  - Added (a)(3) to provide detailed guidance on practices related to buying a new call option that will be presumed to be done for the purpose of subsidy capture;
  - In (b), expanded the scope of off-exchange contracts that are presumed to be done for the purpose of subsidy capture;
- Throughout –
  - Clarified for plain language; and
  - Corrected capitalization and punctuation.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation  
LIVESTOCK GROSS MARGIN FOR CATTLE INSURANCE POLICY,  
BASIC PROVISIONS

This insurance policy is reinsured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) under the provisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) (7 U.S.C. 1501-1524). All provisions of the policy and rights and responsibilities of the parties are specifically subject to the Act. The provisions of the policy may not be waived or varied in any way by us, our insurance agent or any other contractor or employee of ours, or any employee of USDA. We will use FCIC procedures (handbooks, manuals, memoranda and bulletins), published on RMA's website at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov) or a successor website, in the administration of this policy. In the event that we cannot pay your loss because we are insolvent or are otherwise unable to perform our duties under our reinsurance agreement with FCIC, your claim will be settled in accordance with the provisions of this policy and FCIC will be responsible for any amounts owed. No State guarantee fund will be liable for your loss.

Throughout this policy, "you" and "your" refer to the named insured shown on the accepted application and "we," "us," and "our" refer to the insurance company providing insurance. Unless the context indicates otherwise, use of the plural form of a word includes the singular and use of the singular form of the word includes the plural.

**AGREEMENT TO INSURE:** In return for the payment of the premium, and subject to all of the provisions of this policy, we agree with you to provide the insurance as stated in this policy. If there is a conflict between the Act, the regulations published at 7 CFR chapter IV, the policy, and FCIC procedures, the order of precedence is: (1) the Act; (2) the regulations; (3) the policy; and (4) the FCIC procedures. If a conflict exists among the policy, the order of precedence is: (1) the Special Provisions; (2) the actuarial documents; (3) the Commodity Exchange Endorsement for Cattle; and (4) these Basic Provisions.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Definitions

**Act** - The Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

**Actual cattle price** - For the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December, the actual cattle price is the simple average of the daily settlement prices in the last 3 trading days prior to the contract 1st notice date for the CME live cattle futures contracts. For the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November, the actual cattle price is the simple average of the daily settlement prices for the 1st succeeding contract month in the last 3 trading days prior to the end of the target month.

**Actual corn price** - For months in which a CME corn futures contract expires, the actual corn price is the simple average of the daily settlement prices in the last 3 trading days prior to the contract 1st notice date for the CME corn futures contract for that month expressed in dollars per bushel. For months when there is no expiring CME corn futures contract, the actual corn price is the simple average of the daily settlement prices for the 1st succeeding contract month in the last 3 days prior to the start of the month.

**Actual cost of feed per head** - The actual cost of feed for each month equals target corn weight multiplied by the actual corn price for that month.

**Actual feeder cattle price** - For months in which a CME feeder cattle futures contract expires, the actual feeder cattle price is the simple average of the daily settlement prices in the last 3 trading days prior to the contract expiration date, expressed in dollars per hundredweight. For other months, the actual feeder cattle price is the

simple average of the daily settlement prices for the 1st succeeding contract month in the last 3 trading days prior to the start of the month. For example, the actual feeder cattle price in February is the simple average of the daily settlement prices in the last 3 trading days of January for the March futures contract.

**Actual gross margin per head** -

- (1) For yearling finishing operations, the actual gross margin per head equals the actual cattle price for the month cattle are marketed multiplied by the target weight of the cattle at marketing, minus the actual cost of feed per head 2 months prior to that month, minus the actual feeder cattle price 5 months prior to that month multiplied by the target weight of feeder cattle.
- (2) For calf finishing operations, the actual gross margin per head equals the actual cattle price for the month cattle are marketed multiplied by the target weight of the cattle at marketing, minus the actual cost of feed per head 4 months prior to that month, minus the actual feeder cattle price 8 months prior to that month multiplied by the target weight of feeder cattle.

**Actual gross margin per month** - The actual gross margin per head of cattle for a particular month multiplied by the target marketings for that month.

**Actual marketings** - The total number of slaughter-ready cattle sold by you for slaughter for human or animal consumption in each month of the insurance period and for which you have proof of sale. Actual marketings are used to verify ownership of cattle.

**Actual total gross margin** - The target marketings for each month of an insurance period multiplied by the actual gross margin per head for each month of that insurance

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period and totaled.

**Actuarial documents** - The information for the crop year which is available for public inspection in your agent's office and published on RMA's website which shows available crop insurance policies, coverage levels, information needed to determine amounts of insurance, prices, premium adjustment percentages, practices, particular types of the insurable crop, and other related information regarding crop insurance in the State.

**Application** - The form required to be completed by you and accepted by us before any Specific Coverage Endorsement (SCE) can be submitted and insurance coverage commences.

**Assignment of indemnity** - A transfer of policy rights, made on our form, and effective when approved by us in writing, whereby you assign your right to an indemnity payment for the crop year only to creditors or other persons to whom you have a financial debt or other pecuniary obligation.

**Beginning farmer or rancher** - An individual who has not actively operated and managed a farm or ranch in any State, with an insurable interest in a crop or livestock as an owner-operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper for more than 10 crop years. An individual's insurable interest in any crop year may be excluded at the request of the individual if the interest was held by the individual while: (1) under the age of 18; (2) in full-time military service of the United States; or (3) in post-secondary education. A person other than an individual may be eligible for beginning farmer or rancher benefits if there is at least one individual substantial beneficial interest holder and all individual substantial beneficial interest holders qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher.

**Brokerage record** - Any document, statement, confirmation, or electronic record maintained by or obtained from a broker or other registered intermediary, that reflects transactions in commodity futures or options contracts, including but not limited to trade confirmations, account statements, position reports, and order records, for any account in which you or any person with a substantial beneficial interest in you holds a direct or beneficial interest.

**Calf finishing operation** - A type of farm operation that purchases calves and feeds them until slaughter.

**Cancellation** - When the policy is no longer in effect as of the cancellation date.

**Cancellation date** - The calendar date specified in the actuarial documents on which coverage will automatically renew unless cancelled in writing by either you or us or terminated or voided in accordance with the policy terms.

**Cattle** - Any species of domesticated mammal of the family *Bos Taurus* or *Bos Indicus* commonly grown for beef production. Also referred to as steer or heifer or cow.

**CME** - The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group.

**Commodity Exchange Endorsement for Cattle** - An endorsement that contains the exchange prices that are used to set the expected and actual prices for Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) Cattle.

**Company** - The insurance company identified on, and issuing, your summary of coverage.

**Consent** - Approval in writing by us allowing you to take a

specific action.

**Contract change date** - The calendar date contained in the actuarial documents by which changes to the policy, if any, will be made available in accordance with section 20.

**Coverage** - The insurance provided by this policy against insured loss of gross margin as shown on your summary of coverage.

**Crop year** - The 12-month period, beginning July 1, and ending the following June 30, which is designated by the calendar year in which it ends.

**Cumulative target marketings** - Target marketings for each specific month in the insurance period, under this and all other livestock insurance plans that insure fed cattle marketings for the same month, summed over all SCEs in all crop years when the month was insurable. For example, if February 2027 is insured under 3 different Specific Coverage Endorsements, then the target marketings for February 2027 under each of those SCEs, including any Livestock Risk Protection Fed Cattle endorsements with an end date in February 2027, are totaled to determine the cumulative target marketings for February 2027. This is done for each month in the insurance period.

**Date coverage begins** - The calendar date the insurance provided by this policy begins.

**Days** - Calendar days.

**Deductible** - The portion of the expected gross margin that you elect not to insure. Allowable deductible amounts range from zero to \$150 per head in \$10 per head increments.

**Delinquent debt** - Has the same meaning as the term defined in 7 CFR part 400, subpart U.

**Effective date** - The date coverage begins, as shown in the SCE. The effective date will always be the date the prices were published on RMA's website. If the SCE was purchased and we approved it on the day following the date the prices were published on RMA's website, the effective date is still the date that the prices were published on RMA's website.

**End of insurance period, Date of** - The date upon which your insurance provided by this policy ceases.

**Expected cattle price** - Expected cattle prices for months in an insurance period are determined using settlement prices on CME live cattle futures contracts. Given the differences in contract structure for CME live cattle futures contracts, only the February, April, June, August, October, and December CME live cattle futures are used in LGM price calculations.

(1) For months with unexpired live cattle futures contracts, the expected cattle price is the daily settlement price for the CME cattle futures contract for that month on the effective date, expressed in dollars per hundredweight. For example, for a sales period beginning on February 28, the expected cattle price for August equals the daily settlement prices on the CME August live cattle futures contract on February 28.

(2) For months without a live cattle futures contract, the futures prices used to calculate the expected cattle price is the futures price for the 1st succeeding contract month. For example, for a sales period

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beginning on February 28, the expected cattle price for November equals the daily settlement prices on the CME December live cattle futures contract on February 28. See the LGM for Cattle Commodity Exchange Endorsement for additional detail on exchange prices.

**Expected corn price** - Expected corn prices for months in an insurance period are determined using settlement prices on CME corn futures contracts.

- (1) For months with unexpired corn futures contracts, the expected corn price is the daily settlement price for the CME corn futures contract for that month on the effective date, expressed in dollars per bushel. For example, for a sales period beginning on April 28, the expected corn price for July equals the daily settlement price on the CME July corn futures contract on April 28.
- (2) For months with expired corn futures contracts, the expected corn price is the simple average of daily settlement prices for the CME corn futures contract for that month expressed in dollars per bushel in the last 3 trading days prior to the 1st notice date. For example, for a sales period beginning on April 28, the expected corn price for March is the simple average of the daily settlement prices on the CME March corn futures contract over the last 3 trading days prior to the 1st notice date.
- (3) For months without a corn futures contract, the futures price used to calculate the expected corn price is the futures price for the 1st succeeding contract month on the effective date. For example, for a sales period beginning on April 28, the expected corn price for June equals the daily settlement price on the CME July corn futures contract on April 28. See the LGM for Cattle Commodity Exchange Endorsement for additional detail on exchange prices.

**Expected cost of feed per head** - The expected cost of feed for each month equals the target corn weight multiplied by the expected corn price for that month.

**Expected feeder cattle price** - Expected feeder cattle prices for months in an insurance period are determined using daily settlement prices on CME feeder cattle futures contracts.

- (1) For months with unexpired feeder cattle futures contracts, the expected feeder cattle price is the daily settlement price for the CME feeder cattle futures contract for that month on the effective date, expressed in dollars per hundredweight. For example, for a sales period beginning on April 28, the expected feeder cattle price for May for a yearling finishing operation equals the daily settlement price on the CME May feeder cattle futures contract on April 28.
- (2) For months with expired feeder cattle futures contracts, the expected feeder cattle price is the simple average of daily settlement prices for the CME feeder cattle futures contract for that month expressed in dollars per hundredweight in the last 3 trading days prior to contract expiration. For example, for a sales period beginning on April 28, the expected feeder cattle price for March for a calf finishing operation is the simple average of the daily settlement

prices on the CME March feeder cattle futures contract over the last 3 trading days prior to contract expiration.

- (3) For months without a feeder cattle futures contract, the futures prices used to calculate the expected feeder cattle price is the futures price for the 1st succeeding contract month. For example, for a sales period beginning on April 28, the expected feeder cattle price for July for a calf finishing operation equals the daily settlement price on the CME August feeder cattle futures contract on April 28. See the LGM for Cattle Commodity Exchange Endorsement for additional detail on exchange prices.

**Expected gross margin per head** -

- (1) For yearling finishing operations, expected gross margin per head is equal to the expected cattle price for the month cattle are marketed multiplied by the target weight of the cattle at marketing, minus the expected cost of feed per head 2 months prior to that month, less the expected feeder cattle price 5 months prior to that month multiplied by the target weight of feeder cattle.
- (2) For calf finishing operations, expected gross margin per head is equal to the expected cattle price for the month cattle are marketed multiplied by the target weight of the cattle at marketing, minus the expected cost of feed per head 4 months prior to that month, less the expected feeder cattle price 8 months prior to that month multiplied by the target weight of feeder cattle.

**Expected gross margin per month** - The expected gross margin per cattle multiplied by the target marketings for each month of an insurance period.

**Expected total gross margin** - The sum of target marketings multiplied by the expected gross margin per head for each month of the insurance period.

**FAA** - The Federal Arbitration Act found at 9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.

**FCIC** - The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, a wholly owned government corporation within USDA.

**Gross margin guarantee** - The gross margin guarantee for an insurance period is the expected total gross margin for an insurance period minus the deductible multiplied by the total of target marketings.

**Insurance period** - The 11-month period designated in the summary of coverage to which the SCE is applicable. Cattle are not insurable in the 1st month of any insurance period. See the LGM for Cattle Commodity Exchange Endorsement for additional detail on insurance periods.

**Insured** - The person shown on the summary of coverage as the insured. This term does not extend to any other person having a share or interest in the animals (for example, a partnership, landlord, or any other person) unless also specifically indicated on the summary of coverage as the insured.

**Liability** - The maximum amount payable on an insurance period under this policy.

**Limit movement** - The maximum price change based on the CME current daily price limit for commodity futures.

**Limited resource farmer or rancher** - Has the same meaning as the term defined by USDA at

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[https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/LRP\\_Definition.aspx](https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/LRP_Definition.aspx) or successor website.

**Livestock acceptance system** - A computer system that accepts livestock applications and endorsements.

**Marketing report** - A report submitted by you on our form showing for each month your actual marketings of cattle insured under this policy. The marketing report must be accompanied by copies of packer sales receipts that provide records of the actual marketings shown on the marketing report. You may report as actual marketings in a particular month only sales that occurred not earlier than 15 days prior to the start of the month and not later than 15 days after the end of the month, as supported by dates on packer sales receipts that provide supporting records.

**Notice of probable loss** - Our notice to you of a probable loss on your insured cattle.

**Off-exchange contract** - Any bilateral agreement, whether written or oral, between you or any person with a substantial beneficial interest in you and a counterparty, that is not executed on or cleared through a regulated commodity exchange, under which one or more payments are contingent upon or derived from the price of insured or related commodities, the value of commodity futures or options, or the amount of any potential or realized indemnity under this policy. The term includes, but is not limited to, over-the-counter put or call options, forward contracts with embedded optionality, swap agreements, and any arrangement that replicates or approximates the payoff structure of an exchange-traded option.

**Offset** - The act of deducting one amount from another amount.

**Person** - An individual, partnership, association, corporation, estate, trust, or other legal entity, and wherever applicable, a State or a political subdivision or agency of a State. "Person" does not include the United States Government or any government agency.

**Policy** - The agreement between you and us consisting of these Basic Provisions, the Special Provisions, the summary of coverage, the Commodity Exchange Endorsement, the SCE, and the applicable regulations published in 7 CFR Chapter IV.

**Premium** - The amount you owe us for this insurance coverage based on the information contained in your SCE in accordance with section 5.

**Premium billing date** - The earliest date upon which you will be billed for insurance coverage based on the information contained in your SCE. The premium billing date for each SCE is the earlier of the 1st day of the 2nd month following the last month of the insurance period in which you have target marketings on that SCE or the billing date published in the actuarial documents. For example, if the insurance period is April-February, and on March 16, 2026, you purchase 2 SCEs, 1 with target marketings for June and July 2026, and another SCE with target marketings for August and September 2026, then your premium billing date for the SCE covering June and July 2026 is September 1, and your premium billing date for the SCE covering August and September is November 1.

**Producer premium** - The total premium minus the premium subsidy paid by FCIC.

**RMA** - Risk Management Agency, an agency within USDA.

**RMA's website** - A website hosted by RMA and located at <https://www.rma.usda.gov/> or a successor website.

**Sales closing date** - The effective date of the SCE.

**Sales period** - The period that begins on Thursday of each week when the coverage prices and rates are posted on RMA's website and ends on the following calendar day at 8:25 AM Central Time. Coverage will not be available for purchase if the Thursday of the sales period is a Federal holiday. The calendar date for Thursday of the sales period will be shown as the effective date in the actuarial documents.

**Share** -

- (a) The lesser of your percentage interest in the insured livestock as an owner:
  - (1) 5 months prior to the target month for yearling finishing or 8 months prior to the target month for calf finishing, or
  - (2) At the time of sale.
- (b) Persons who lease or hold some other interest in the livestock other than as an owner are not considered to have a share in the livestock.

**Special Provisions** - The part of the policy that contains specific provisions of insurance for each insured crop that may vary by geographic area.

**Specific Coverage Endorsement (SCE)** - An endorsement to the policy purchased by you during the crop year necessary to provide coverage that includes information about the insurance period, coverage options and target marketings in accordance with section 3(c).

**Subsidy capture** - The practice of exploiting the differences between premium owed by you for an SCE and the cost of a privately traded livestock contract such as a put option, for the purpose of your financial gain.

**Substantial beneficial interest** - An interest held by any person of at least 10 percent in you (for example, there are 2 partnerships that each have a 50 percent interest in you and each partnership is made up of 2 individuals, each with a 50 percent share in the partnership. In this case, each individual would be considered to have a 25 percent interest in you, and both the partnerships and the individuals would have a substantial beneficial interest in you. The spouses of the individuals would not be considered to have a substantial beneficial interest unless the spouse was one of the individuals that made up the partnership. However, if each partnership is made up of 6 individuals with equal interests, then each would only have an 8.33 percent interest in you and although the partnership would still have a substantial beneficial interest in you, the individuals would not for the purposes of reporting in section 2). The spouse of any individual applicant or individual insured will be presumed to have a substantial beneficial interest in the applicant or insured unless the spouses can prove they are legally separated or otherwise legally separate under the applicable State dissolution of marriage laws. Any child of an individual applicant or individual insured will not be considered to have a substantial beneficial interest in the applicant or insured unless the child has a separate legal interest in such person.

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**Summary of coverage** - Our statement to you, based upon the information contained in the SCE, specifying the insured, the cattle, the target marketings, the gross margin guarantee, and the premium for the insurance period covered by the SCE.

**Target corn weight** - The anticipated weight of the corn fed per head. Target weight must fall within the range of:

- (1) 50 to 85 bushels per head for yearling finishing operations, and
- (2) 50 to 75 bushels per head for calf finishing operations.

**Target feeder cattle weight** - The anticipated weight of feeder cattle at purchase time. Target weight must fall within the range of:

- (1) 6 to 12 cwt for yearling finishing operations, and
- (2) 4 to 6 cwt for calf finishing operations.

The difference between target live cattle weight and target feeder cattle weight must not exceed:

- (1) 6 cwt for yearling finishing operations, and
- (2) 10 cwt for calf finishing operations.

For example, if you buy an SCE and declare target live cattle weight of 15 cwt, the lowest allowable target feeder cattle weight would be 9 cwt for yearling finishing operations, and 5 cwt for calf finishing operations.

**Target live cattle weight** - The anticipated weight of live cattle at marketing. Target weight must fall within the range of 12 to 18 cwt for yearling finishing operations, and within the range of 11 to 16 cwt for calf finishing operations.

**Target marketings** - Your determination as to the number of cattle you elect to insure in each month during the insurance period. You can only report the number of cattle in which you have a share.

**Termination** - When the policy is no longer in effect as of the date specified in the policy.

**Termination date** - The calendar date upon which your insurance ceases to be in effect because of nonpayment of any amount due us under the policy, including premium.

**USDA** - United States Department of Agriculture.

**Veteran farmer or rancher** -

(1) An individual who has served active duty in the United States Armed Forces, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, or Space Force and their reserve components; was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; and:

- (i) Has not operated a farm or ranch;
- (ii) Has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 5 years; or
- (iii) 1st obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 5-year period.

(2) A person, other than an individual, may be eligible for veteran farmer or rancher benefits if all substantial beneficial interest holders qualify as a veteran farmer or rancher in accordance with paragraph (1) of this definition; except in cases in which there is only a married couple, then a veteran and non-veteran spouse are considered a veteran farmer or rancher.

**Void** - When the policy is considered not to have existed for an insurance period as a result of concealment, fraud, or misrepresentation.

**Yearling finishing operation** - A type of farm operation that purchases yearling steers and heifers and feeds them until slaughter.

### 2. Life of Policy, Cancellation and Termination

- (a) The application must be completed by you and received by us not later than the sales closing date.
- (b) If you are ineligible under the policy or under any Federal statute or regulation:
  - (1) The application for a new policy will not be approved by us;
  - (2) No new SCEs will be approved on an existing policy after the date of ineligibility; and
  - (3) An existing policy will terminate in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, unless otherwise provided for in these Basic Provisions.
- (c) Your agent does not have authority to bind coverage under this policy. Before coverage attaches, your application must be accepted by us, and you must submit an SCE in accordance with this policy and receive a written summary of coverage from us for each insurance period.
- (d) This is a continuous policy and will remain in effect for each crop year following the acceptance of the original application until cancelled by you in accordance with the terms of the policy or terminated by operation of the terms of the policy or by us. In accordance with section 20, FCIC may change the coverage provided from year to year.
- (e) With respect to your application for insurance:
  - (1) You must include your social security number (SSN) if you are an individual (if you are an individual applicant operating as a business, you may provide an employer identification number (EIN) but you must also provide your SSN); or
  - (2) You must include your EIN if you are a person other than an individual;
  - (3) In addition to the requirements of section 2(e)(1) or (2), you must include the following for all persons who have a substantial beneficial interest in you:
    - (i) The SSN for individuals; or
    - (ii) The EIN for persons other than individuals and the SSNs for all individuals that comprise the person with the EIN if such individuals have a substantial beneficial interest in you;
  - (4) You must include:
    - (i) Your election of plan of insurance and any other material information required on the application to insure your cattle; and
    - (ii) All information required in section 2(e)(4)(i) or your application will not be accepted and no coverage will be provided;
  - (5) Your application will not be accepted and no insurance will be provided for the year of application if the application does not contain your SSN or EIN. If your application contains an incorrect SSN or EIN for you, your application will be considered not to have been accepted, no insurance will be provided for the year of application and for any subsequent crop years, as applicable, and such policies will be void if:

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- (i) Such number is not corrected by you; or
  - (ii) You correct the SSN or EIN but:
    - (A) You cannot prove that any error was inadvertent (simply stating the error was inadvertent is not sufficient to prove the error was inadvertent); or
    - (B) It is determined that the incorrect number would have allowed you to obtain disproportionate benefits under the crop insurance program, you are determined to be ineligible for insurance or you could avoid an obligation or requirement under any State or Federal law;
- (6) With respect to persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you:
- (i) The coverage for all livestock or livestock products included on your application will be reduced proportionately by the percentage interest in you of persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you (presumed to be 50 percent for spouses of individuals) if the SSNs or EINs of such persons are included on your application, the SSNs or EINs are correct, and the persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you are ineligible for insurance;
  - (ii) Your policies for all livestock or livestock products included on your application, and for all applicable crop years, will be void if the SSN or EIN of any person with a substantial beneficial interest in you is incorrect or is not included on your application and:
    - (A) Such number is not corrected or provided by you, as applicable;
    - (B) You cannot prove that any error or omission was inadvertent (simply stating the error or omission was inadvertent is not sufficient to prove the error or omission was inadvertent); or
    - (C) Even after the correct SSN or EIN is provided by you, it is determined that the incorrect or omitted SSN or EIN would have allowed you to obtain disproportionate benefits under the crop insurance program, the person with a substantial beneficial interest in you is determined to be ineligible for insurance, or you or the person with a substantial beneficial interest in you could avoid an obligation or requirement under any State or Federal law; or
  - (iii) Except as provided in sections 2(e)(6)(ii)(B) and 2(e)(6)(ii)(C), your policies will not be voided if you subsequently provide the correct SSN or EIN for persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you and the persons are eligible for insurance;
- (7) When any of your policies are void under sections 2(e)(5) or (6):
- (i) You must repay any indemnity that may have been paid for all applicable commodities and any crop years determined by us;
- (ii) Even though the policies are void, you will still be required to pay an amount equal to 20 percent of the premium that you would otherwise be required to pay; and
  - (iii) If you previously paid premium or administrative fees, any amount exceeding the amount required in section 2(e)(7)(ii) will be returned to you;
- (8) Notwithstanding any of the provisions in this section, if you certify to an incorrect SSN or EIN, or receive an indemnity and the SSN or EIN was not correct, you may be subject to civil, criminal or administrative sanctions;
- (9) If any of the information regarding persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you changes after the cancellation date for the previous crop year, you must revise your application by the cancellation date for the current crop year to reflect the correct information. However, if such information changed less than 30 days before the cancellation date for the current crop year, you must revise your application by the cancellation date for the next crop year. If you fail to provide the required revisions, the provisions in section 2(e)(6) will apply; and
- (10) If you are, or a person with a substantial beneficial interest in you is, not eligible to obtain an SSN or EIN, whichever is required, you must request an assigned number for the purposes of this policy from us:
- (i) A number will be provided only if you can demonstrate you are, or a person with a substantial beneficial interest in you is, eligible to receive Federal benefits;
  - (ii) If a number cannot be provided for you in accordance with section 2(e)(10)(i), your application will not be accepted; or
  - (iii) If a number cannot be provided for any person with a substantial beneficial interest in you in accordance with section 2(e)(10)(i), the amount of coverage for all crops on the application will be reduced proportionately by the percentage interest of such person in you.
- (f) You may cancel this policy after the initial crop year by providing written notice to us on or before June 30. We may cancel this policy with express written consent from FCIC unless provided for in these Basic Provisions. The policy cannot be cancelled at any time during the crop year.
- (g) Any amount owed to us for any policy authorized under the Act will be offset from any indemnity or prevented planting payment due you for this or any other crop insured with us under the authority of the Act.
- (1) Even if your claim has not yet been paid, you must still pay the premium and administrative fee on or before the termination date for you to remain eligible for insurance.

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- (2) If we offset any amount due us from an indemnity or prevented planting payment owed to you, the date of payment for the purpose of determining whether you have a delinquent debt will be the date that you submit the claim for indemnity in accordance with section 7(a).
- (3) For this agricultural commodity policy and any other agricultural commodity policy insured with us and it is:
  - (i) Prior to the premium billing date or for any endorsement that has not ended, you may request your premium and administrative fees to be offset from any indemnity or prevented planting payment due you; or
  - (ii) On or after the premium billing date or for any endorsement that has ended, your premium and administrative fees will be offset from any indemnity or prevented planting payment due you.
- (h) A delinquent debt for any policy will make you ineligible to obtain Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle policy for any subsequent crop year and result in termination of this policy in accordance with section 2(h)(2). Delinquent debt on this policy will make you ineligible to obtain crop insurance authorized under the Act for any subsequent crop year.
  - (1) With respect to ineligibility:
    - (i) Ineligibility for crop insurance will be effective on:
      - (A) The date that this policy was terminated in accordance with section 2(h)(2) for the crop for which you failed to pay premium, an administrative fee, or any related interest owed, as applicable;
      - (B) The payment due date contained in any notification of indebtedness for any overpaid indemnity if you fail to pay the amount owed, including any related interest owed, as applicable, by such due date; or
      - (C) The cancellation date for the crop year prior to the crop year in which a scheduled payment is due under a written payment agreement if you fail to pay the amount owed by any payment date in any agreement to pay the debt;
    - (ii) If you are ineligible and a policy has been terminated in accordance with section 2(h)(2), such ineligibility and termination of the policy may affect your eligibility for benefits under other USDA programs. Any indemnity payment that may be owed for the policy before it has been terminated will remain owed to you, but may be offset in accordance with section 2(g), unless your policy was terminated in accordance with sections 2(h)(2)(i)(A), (B), or (D).
  - (2) With respect to termination:
    - (i) Termination will be effective on:
      - (A) For a Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle policy with unpaid premiums, such policy will terminate for the current crop year even if insurance attached prior to the termination date. Such termination will be considered effective as of the prior crop year's cancellation date and no insurance will be considered to have attached for the current crop year and no indemnity will be owed;
      - (B) For a Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle policy with other amounts due, the cancellation date immediately following the date you have a delinquent debt.
      - (C) For delinquent debt on any other policy that is issued under the authority of the Act, this policy will terminate on the cancellation date that coincides with the ineligibility date for the other policy with the delinquent debt or, if there is no coincidental cancellation date, the termination date immediately following the date you become ineligible;
      - (D) For a Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle policy with a written payment agreement and failure to make any scheduled payment, the cancellation date for the crop year prior to the crop year in which you failed to make the scheduled payment.
    - (ii) For all policies terminated under sections 2(h)(2)(i)(A), (B), or (D), any indemnities paid subsequent to the termination date must be repaid.
    - (iii) Once the policy is terminated, it cannot be reinstated for the current crop year unless:
      - (A) The termination was in error;
      - (B) The Administrator of the Risk Management Agency, at his or her sole discretion, determines that the following are met:
        - (1) In accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, and FCIC procedures, you provide documentation that your inadvertent failure to pay your debt is due to an unforeseen or unavoidable event or other extenuating circumstances that created the inadvertent failure for you to make timely payment;
        - (2) You remit full payment of the delinquent debt owed to us or FCIC with your request submitted in accordance with section 2(h)(2)(iii)(B)(3); and
        - (3) You submit a written request for reinstatement of your policy to us no later than 60 days after the termination date or the missed payment date of a previously executed written payment agreement, or in the case of overpaid indemnity or any amount

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that became due after the termination date, the due date specified in the notice to you of the amount due, if applicable.

- (i) If authorization for reinstatement, as defined in 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, is granted, your policies will be reinstated effective at the beginning of the crop year for which you were determined ineligible, and you will be entitled to all applicable benefits under such policies, provided you meet all eligibility requirements and comply with the terms of the policy; and
- (ii) There is no evidence of fraud or misrepresentation; or

(C) We determine that, in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, and FCIC issued procedures, the following are met:

- (1) You can demonstrate:
  - (i) You made timely payment for the amount of premium owed but you inadvertently omitted some small amount, such as the most recent month's interest or a small administrative fee;
  - (ii) The amount of the payment was clearly transposed from the amount that was otherwise due (for example, you owed \$892 but you paid \$829);
  - (iii) You timely made the full payment of the amount owed but the delivery of that payment was delayed, and was postmarked no more than 7 calendar days after the termination date or the missed payment date of a previously executed written payment agreement, or in the case of overpaid indemnity or any amount that became due after the termination date, the due date specified in a notice to you of an amount due, as applicable.
  - (iv) For previously executed written payment agreements, you made the full payment of the scheduled payment amount owed within 15 calendar days after the missed payment date.
- (2) You remit full payment of the delinquent debt owed to us; and
- (3) You submit a written request for reinstatement of your policy to us in

accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, and applicable procedures no later than 30 days after the termination date or the missed payment date of a previously executed written payment agreement, or in the case of overpaid indemnity or any amount that became due after the termination date, the due date specified in the notice to you of the amount due, if applicable; and

- (4) If authorization for reinstatement, as defined in 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, is granted, your policies will be reinstated effective at the beginning of the crop year for which you were determined ineligible, and you will be entitled to all applicable benefits under such policies, provided you meet all eligibility requirements and comply with the terms of the policy; and
  - (5) There is no evidence of fraud or misrepresentation.
- (iv) A determination made under:
    - (A) Section 2(h)(2)(iii)(B) may only be appealed to the National Appeals Division in accordance with 7 CFR part 11; and
    - (B) Section 2(h)(2)(iii)(C) may only be appealed in accordance with section 19.
- (3) To regain eligibility, you must:
    - (i) Repay the delinquent debt in full;
    - (ii) Execute a written payment agreement, in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, and make payments in accordance with the agreement; or
    - (iii) Have your debts discharged in bankruptcy.
  - (4) If cancellation, voidance, or termination of insurance coverage occurs for any reason, a new application must be filed for any future coverage.
    - (i) Insurance coverage will not be provided if you are ineligible under the contract or under any Federal statute or regulation.
    - (ii) After you become eligible for crop or livestock insurance, if you want to obtain coverage for your crops or livestock, you must submit a new application on or before the sales closing date for the crop (since applications for crop insurance cannot be accepted after the sales closing date, if you make any payment after the sales closing date, you cannot apply for insurance until the next available sales closing date).
  - (5) If you are determined to be ineligible under section 2(h), persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you may also be ineligible until you become eligible again.
- (i) In cases where there has been a death, disappearance, judicially declared incompetence, or

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dissolution of any insured person:

- (1) If any married individual insured dies, disappears, or is judicially declared incompetent, the named insured on the policy will automatically convert to the name of the spouse if:
  - (i) The spouse was included on the policy as having a substantial beneficial interest in the named insured; and
  - (ii) The spouse has a share of the crop.
- (2) The provisions in section 2(i)(3) will be applicable if:
  - (i) Any partner, member, shareholder, etc., of an insured entity dies, disappears, or is judicially declared incompetent, and such event automatically dissolves the entity; or
  - (ii) An individual, whose estate is left to a beneficiary other than a spouse or left to the spouse and the criteria in section 2(i)(1) are not met, dies, disappears, or is judicially declared incompetent.
- (3) If section 2(i)(2) applies and the death, disappearance, or judicially declared incompetence occurred:
  - (i) More than 30 days before the cancellation date, the policy is automatically cancelled as of the cancellation date and a new application must be submitted; or
  - (ii) 30 days or less before the cancellation date, or after the cancellation date, the policy will continue in effect through the crop year immediately following the cancellation date and be automatically cancelled as of the cancellation date immediately following the end of the insurance period for the crop year, unless cancelled by the cancellation date prior to the start of the insurance period:
    - (A) A new application for insurance must be submitted prior to the sales closing date for coverage for the subsequent crop year; and
    - (B) Any indemnity will be paid to the person or persons determined to be beneficially entitled to the payment and such person or persons must comply with all policy provisions and pay the premium.
- (4) If any insured entity is dissolved for reasons other than death, disappearance, or judicially declared incompetence:
  - (i) Before the cancellation date, the policy is automatically cancelled as of the cancellation date and a new application must be submitted; or
  - (ii) On or after the cancellation date, the policy will continue in effect through the crop year immediately following the cancellation date and be automatically cancelled as of the cancellation date immediately following the end of the insurance period for the crop year, unless cancelled by the cancellation date prior to the start of the insurance period:
    - (A) A new application for insurance must be

submitted prior to the sales closing date for coverage for the subsequent crop year; and

- (B) Any indemnity will be paid to the person or persons determined to be beneficially entitled to the payment and such person or persons must comply with all policy provisions and pay the premium.
- (5) If section 2(i)(2) or (4) applies, a remaining member of the insured person or the beneficiary is required to report to us the death, disappearance, judicial incompetence, or other event that causes dissolution not later than the next cancellation date, except if section 2(i)(3)(ii) applies, notice must be provided by the cancellation date for the next crop year. If notice is not provided timely, section 2(i)(2) or (4) will apply retroactive to the date such notice should have been provided and any payments made after the date the policy should have been cancelled must be returned.
    - (j) Your policy will be cancelled if no premium is earned for 3 consecutive years.
    - (k) The cancellation date is June 30 for the policy and the termination date for the policy is August 31 of the year following the cancellation date as stated in the actuarial documents. For example, a crop year 2026 policy with the cancellation date of June 30, 2026, would have the termination date of August 31, 2027. Cancellation during a crop year is not allowed.
    - (l) Any person may sign any document relative to crop insurance coverage on behalf of any other person covered by such a policy, provided that the person has a properly executed power of attorney or such other legally sufficient document authorizing such person to sign. You are still responsible for the accuracy of all information provided on your behalf and may be subject to any applicable consequences, if any information has been misreported.
    - (m) LGM for Cattle will not be offered for a sales period if the required data for establishing the expected gross margins for each month of the insurance period are not available because futures did not trade, or were not able to continue trading at the end of the day (such as the price moved the maximum allowed by the exchange and trading was suspended).
      - (1) LGM for Cattle will not be offered if CME live cattle futures prices decline on the effective date by the maximum allowed by the exchange.
      - (2) LGM for Cattle will not be offered if CME feeder cattle or CME corn futures prices increase on the effective date by the maximum allowed by the exchange.
    - (n) FCIC will suspend sales of LGM for Cattle on the calendar days on which USDA releases the Cattle, and Cattle on Feed reports as well as any other days that for any reason LGM for Cattle offer prices are not published in the actuarial documents by 4:30 PM Central Time.

### 3. Insurance Coverage

- (a) For each SCE, your gross margin guarantee,

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deductible amount, and maximum premium for the insurance period are as shown on your summary of coverage.

- (b) An SCE must be submitted on our form within the sales period for each insurance period in which you desire coverage. There can be multiple SCEs for the same insurance period, same months in the insurance period, and the same sales closing date, but they cannot cover the same cattle.
- (c) The SCE must include the following information, as applicable:
  - (1) Your deductible amount.
  - (2) Your target marketings for any month within the insurance period in which you desire coverage.
  - (3) The practice/insurance period.
  - (4) The effective date of coverage.
- (d) You may sign the SCE:
  - (1) Before the coverage prices and premium rates are published by RMA, provided that the SCE form contains all information required in section 3(c) and you have signed the SCE not earlier than 14 calendar days before the effective date. You may revise or withdraw the SCE at any time up to 1:30 PM Central Time on the effective date.
  - (2) After the coverage prices and premium rates are published by RMA, provided that the SCE is signed during the sales period.
- (e) Target marketings for any month of an insurance period cannot be greater than production capacity for that month.
- (f) No indemnity will be owed, but you will still be responsible for any premiums owed, if we find that your marketing report:
  - (1) Is not supported by written, verifiable records in accordance with the definition of marketing report; or
  - (2) Fails to accurately report actual marketings or other material information.
- (g) Coverage can be purchased from the time during the sales period or as otherwise specified in the Special Provisions. Coverage is not available for purchase if expected margins are not available on RMA's website.
- (h) Sales of LGM for Cattle may be suspended for the next sales period if extraordinary events occur that interfere with the effective functioning of the corn, feeder cattle, or live cattle commodity markets. Evidence of such events may include, but is not limited to, consecutive limit down moves in the live cattle futures markets or consecutive limit up moves in the feeder cattle and/or corn futures markets.
- (i) In accordance with section 17, you may not have any other FCIC reinsured livestock policy covering the same class of livestock for any month for which you have target marketings or have any other FCIC reinsured livestock policy covering the same insured livestock at the same time.
- (j) If you insure any cattle under this policy, you and any person with a substantial beneficial interest in you are prohibited from offsetting any of the coverage provided by this policy for the purpose of subsidy

capture, such as through contracts traded on a commodity exchange. Violation of this prohibition will result in the application of available administrative, civil or criminal remedies.

### 4. Causes of Loss Covered

This policy provides insurance only for the difference between the actual gross margin and the gross margin guarantee resulting from unavoidable natural occurrences, as required by the Act. This policy does not insure against the death or other loss or destruction of your cattle, or against any other loss or damage of any kind whatsoever.

### 5. Premium

- (a) The premium is earned and payable at the time coverage begins and you will be billed for the premium on the premium billing date for each SCE.
- (b) You are only eligible for premium subsidy if you target market in 2 or more months of an insurance period.
- (c) The premium amount is shown on your summary of coverage.
- (d) The premium will be based on the information you provide on the SCE.
- (e) Premium or administrative fees owed by you will be offset from an indemnity or prevented planting payment due you in accordance with section 2(g).
- (f) Additional premium subsidy - If you qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher, or veteran farmer or rancher, the premium subsidy that you would otherwise receive will be increased, unless otherwise specified in the Special Provisions. If you qualify as:
  - (1) A beginning farmer or rancher, your premium subsidy will be increased by:
    - (i) 15 percentage points for the first through second crop years;
    - (ii) 13 percentage points for the third crop year;
    - (iii) 11 percentage points for the fourth crop year; and
    - (iv) 10 percentage points for the fifth through tenth crop years;
  - (2) A veteran farmer or rancher, your premium subsidy will be increased by 10 percentage points; or
  - (3) Both a beginning farmer or rancher and a veteran farmer or rancher, your premium subsidy will equal that of the beginning farmer or rancher, which is equivalent or higher.
- (g) You will be ineligible for any premium subsidy paid on your behalf by FCIC for any policy issued by us 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) Notwithstanding section 5(g)(2), 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

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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 the provisions contained in 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 5(g)(1); and
  - (B) Filing form AD-1026, or successor form, to be properly identified as in compliance with the conservation provisions specified in section 5(g)(1).

### 6. Insurance Period

- (a) Coverage begins on your cattle on the 1st day of the 2nd calendar month following the month of the sales closing date. For example, for SCEs with a sales closing date in January, coverage will begin on March 1.
- (b) For each SCE, coverage ends at the earliest of:
  - (1) The last month of the insurance period in which you have target marketings; or
  - (2) As otherwise specified in the policy.

### 7. Determining Indemnities

- (a) For each SCE, in the case of a payable loss on insured cattle, we will send you a notice of probable loss approximately 10 days after actual gross margins for all months with target marketings are released by RMA. You must submit a marketing report within 60 days of your receipt of the notice of probable loss.
- (b) For each SCE, in the event of loss covered by this policy, we will settle your claim by subtracting the actual total gross margin from the gross margin guarantee. If the result is greater than zero, an indemnity will be paid. Under no circumstances will the indemnity be greater than your total covered target marketings multiplied by the CME live cattle futures price established at the beginning of the insurance period multiplied by the target weight of the cattle.
- (c) For each SCE, if for any month for which you have target marketings your actual marketings are less than 85 percent of the cumulative target marketings for the month, your indemnities will be reduced as follows:
  - (1) If your actual marketings for the month:
    - (i) Are equal to or greater than 85 percent of the cumulative target marketings for the month, then your market factor for the month equals 1, even if your actual marketings for the month are lower than the cumulative target marketings for the month; or
    - (ii) Are lower than 85 percent of the cumulative

target marketings for the month, then your market factor for the month equals your actual marketings divided by 85 percent divided by cumulative target marketings.

- (2) The market factor for the SCE is calculated as a weighted average of market factors for months in which you have target marketings, proportional to the target marketings. The indemnity calculated as in 7(b) will be prorated by the market factor.
- (3) Livestock unable to be marketed due to seizure, quarantine, or destroyed as ordered by any State or Federal Government authority, including as part of foreign animal disease related restrictions, will be counted as marketed for the purpose of calculating the market factor.
- (4) For example, an insured purchases an SCE for the May-Mar insurance period and declares target marketings of 10,000 head in June and 10,000 head in July. The insured also purchased Livestock Risk Protection - Fed Cattle SCE for 3,000 head and end date in July. The insured markets only 8,500 head in June and 7,500 head in July. The market factor for June is 1, and the market factor for July is  $(7,500 \div 0.85) \div 13,000 = 0.679$ . The market factor for the endorsement is  $((10,000 \times 1) + (10,000 \times 0.679)) \div 20,000 = 0.840$ . If the difference between the gross margin guarantee and the actual gross margin is positive, the indemnity paid will be that difference multiplied by 0.840.
- (d) Premium will be due in accordance with section 5, which uses your target marketings, and your premium will not be reduced as a result of any reduction in indemnities per section 7(c).

### 8. Conformity to Food Security Act

Although your violation of a number of Federal statutes, including the Act, may cause cancellation or termination of the policy or may cause the policy to become void, you should be specifically aware that your policy will be cancelled if you are determined to be ineligible to receive benefits under the Act due to violation of the controlled substance provisions (title XVII) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198) and the regulations published at 7 CFR part 400, subpart U. We will recover any and all monies paid to you or received by you during your period of ineligibility, and your premium will be refunded, less a reasonable amount for expenses and handling not to exceed 20 percent of the total premium.

### 9. Amounts Due Us

- (a) Interest will accrue at the rate of 1.25 percent simple interest per calendar month on any unpaid amount owed to us or on any unpaid administrative fees owed to FCIC.
  - (1) For premium amounts owed to us or administrative fees owed to FCIC, interest will start to accrue on the 1st day of the month following the issuance of the notice by us, provided that a minimum of 30 days have passed from the premium billing date.
  - (2) We will collect any unpaid amounts owed to us and any interest owed thereon, and, prior to the

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termination date, we will collect any administrative fees and interest owed thereon to FCIC.

- (3) After the termination date, FCIC will collect any unpaid administrative fees and any interest owed thereon for any catastrophic risk protection policy and we will collect any unpaid administrative fees and any interest owed thereon for additional coverage policies.
- (b) For any other amounts due us, such as repayment of indemnities found not to have been earned, interest will start to accrue on the date that notice is issued to you for the collection of the unearned amount.
  - (1) Amounts found due under this paragraph will not be charged interest if payment is made within 30 days of issuance of the notice by us.
  - (2) The amount will be considered delinquent if not paid within 30 days of the date the notice is issued by us.
- (c) All amounts paid will be applied 1st to expenses of collection, if any, 2nd, to the reduction of accrued interest, and then to the reduction of the principal balance.
- (d) If we determine that it is necessary to contract with a collection agency or to employ an attorney to assist in collection, you agree to pay all the expenses of collection.
- (e) The portion of the amounts owed by you for a policy authorized under the Act that are owed to FCIC may be collected in part through administrative offset from payments you receive from United States government agencies in accordance with 31 U.S.C. chapter 37. Such amounts include all administrative fees, and the share of the overpaid indemnities and premiums retained by FCIC plus any interest owed thereon.

### 10. Payment and Interest Limitations

We will pay simple interest computed on the net indemnity ultimately found to be due by us or by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, from and including the 61st day after the date you sign, date, and submit to us the properly completed marketing report. Interest will be paid only if the reason for our failure to timely pay is NOT due to your failure to provide information or other material necessary for the computation or payment of the indemnity. The interest rate will be that established by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611) and published in the Federal Register semiannually on or about January 1 and July 1 of each year and may vary with each publication.

### 11. Concealment, Misrepresentation, or Fraud

- (a) If you have falsely or fraudulently concealed the fact that you are ineligible to receive benefits under the Act or if you or anyone assisting you has concealed or misrepresented any material fact relating to this policy:
  - (1) This policy will be void for each insurance period in which the concealment, fraud, or misrepresentation occurred; and
  - (2) You may be subject to remedial sanctions in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 1515(h) and 7 CFR part 400, subpart R.

- (b) Voidance of this policy will result in you having to reimburse all indemnities paid for the insurance period.
- (c) Voidance will be effective on the 1st day of the insurance period for the crop year in which the act occurred and will not affect the policy for subsequent insurance periods unless a violation of this section also occurred in such insurance periods.
- (d) Even though this policy is void, you will still be required to pay the administrative and operating expenses contained on your premium statement to offset costs incurred by us in the service of this policy.
- (e) If you willfully and intentionally provide false or inaccurate information to us or FCIC or you fail to comply with a requirement of FCIC, in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart R, or successor regulation, FCIC may impose on you:
  - (i) A civil fine for each violation not to exceed the maximum amount specified in 7 CFR 3.91(b)(7).
  - (2) A disqualification for a period of up to 5 years from receiving any monetary or non-monetary benefit provided under each of the following:
    - (i) Any crop insurance policy offered under the Act;
    - (ii) The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7333 et seq.);
    - (iii) The Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.);
    - (iv) The Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.);
    - (v) The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.);
    - (vi) Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.);
    - (vii) The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.); and
    - (viii) Any Federal law that provides assistance to a producer of an agricultural commodity affected by a crop or livestock loss or a decline in the prices of agricultural commodities.

### 12. Transfer of Coverage and Right to Indemnity

- (a) If you transfer any of the ownership interest in your cattle during the insurance period, you may transfer your coverage rights, if the transferee is eligible for livestock insurance.
- (b) We will not be liable for any more than the liability determined in accordance with your policy that existed before the transfer occurred.
- (c) The transfer of coverage rights must be on our form and will not be effective until approved by us in writing.
- (d) Both you and the transferee are jointly and severally liable for the payment of the premium.
- (e) The transferee has all rights and responsibilities under this policy consistent with the transferee's interest.
- (f) If you fail to submit the executed transfer form to us within 30 days of the transfer of your insured share, or by the last day of the last month of the insurance

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period in which you have target marketings, whichever is later, transfer of coverage will be denied, and you will still be responsible for any premiums owed.

- (g) If the transferee is not eligible for livestock insurance for any reason, our approval for transfer of coverage will be rescinded. Your coverage rights and obligations under this policy, including eligibility for indemnity and liability for premium, will continue as if no transfer had been approved.

### 13. Assignment of Indemnity

- (a) You may assign your right to an indemnity for the crop year only to creditors or other persons to whom you have a financial debt or other pecuniary obligation. You may be required to provide proof of the debt or other pecuniary obligation before we will accept the assignment of indemnity.
- (b) All assignments must be on our form and must be provided to us. Each assignment form may contain more than 1 creditor or other person to whom you have a financial debt or other pecuniary obligation.
- (c) Unless you have provided us with a properly executed assignment of indemnity, we will not make any payment to a lienholder or other person to whom you have a financial debt or other pecuniary obligation even if you may have a lien or other assignment recorded elsewhere. Under no circumstances will we be liable:
- (1) To any lienholder or other person to whom you have a financial debt or other pecuniary obligation where you have failed to include such lienholder or person on a properly executed assignment of indemnity provided to us; or
  - (2) To pay to all lienholders or other persons to whom you have a financial debt or other pecuniary obligation any amount greater than the total amount of indemnity owed under the policy.
- (d) If we have received the properly executed assignment of indemnity form:
- (1) Only 1 payment will be issued jointly in the names of all assignees and you unless all assignees and you agree in writing for the payment to be issued to a single payee; and
  - (2) Any assignee will have the right to submit all loss notices and forms as required by the policy if you fail to do so. If you have suffered a loss from an insurable cause and fail to submit a claim for indemnity within the period specified in section 7(a):
    - (i) An assignee may submit the claim for indemnity not later than 15 days after the period for filing a claim has expired.
    - (ii) No indemnity will be paid if we determine that we do not have the ability to accurately adjust the loss for any claim for indemnity. You or any assignee may not dispute the determination.
- (e) If any assignee submits a notice of loss or claim for indemnity because of your failure to timely do so, the assignee assumes any rights and responsibilities you may have under section 19 to dispute determinations

related to the notice of loss or claim for indemnity, except for determinations made in accordance with section 13(d)(2)(ii).

### 14. Descriptive Headings

The descriptive headings of the various policy provisions are formulated for convenience only and are not intended to affect the construction or meaning of any of the policy provisions.

### 15. Notices

- (a) All notices required to be given by you must be in writing and received by the insurance agent identified in your application within the designated time unless otherwise provided by the notice requirement.
- (1) Notices required to be given immediately may be by telephone or in person and confirmed in writing.
  - (2) Time of the notice will be determined by the time of our receipt of the written notice. If the date by which you are required to submit a report or notice falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday, or if your agent's office is, for any reason, not open for business on the date you are required to submit such notice or report, such notice or report must be submitted on the next business day.
- (b) All policy provisions, notices and communications that we send to you will be:
- (1) Provided by electronic means, unless:
    - (i) We do not have the ability to transmit such information to you by electronic means; or
    - (ii) You elect to receive a paper copy of such information;
  - (2) Sent to the location specified in your records with your crop insurance agent; and
  - (3) Conclusively presumed to have been received by you.

### 16. Applicability of State and Local Statutes

If this policy conflict with statutes of the State or locality in which this policy is issued, the policy provisions will prevail. State and local laws and regulations in conflict with Federal statutes or regulations do not apply to this policy.

### 17. Other Insurance

- (a) Nothing in this section prevents you from obtaining other insurance not authorized under the Act. However, you must not obtain insurance for cattle from another insurance provider under any other livestock plan of insurance issued under the authority of the Act for any month for which you have target marketings. Additionally, you may not obtain another Livestock Gross Margin for Cattle Insurance Policy for the same State for the crop year.
- (b) If you violate conditions in 17(a) and if you can demonstrate that the duplication was not intentional (for example, an application to transfer your policy or written notification to an insurance provider that states you want to purchase, or transfer, insurance and you want any other policies for the livestock cancelled would demonstrate you did not intend to have duplicate policies), and:
- (1) Both are LGM policies, the policy with the earliest application date will be in force and the other

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policy will be void, unless both policies are with:

- (i) The same insurance provider and the insurance provider agrees to void the policy with the earliest application date; or
  - (ii) Different insurance providers and both insurance providers agree to void the policy with the earliest application date.
- (2) One policy is LGM and the other is a livestock policy with another insurance provider insuring cattle for any month for which you have target marketings, the policy with the earliest endorsement date for the insured month will be in force and the other endorsement will be void.
- (c) If you violate conditions in 17(a) and you cannot demonstrate that the duplication was not intentional, you may be subject to the sanctions authorized under this policy, the Act, 7 CFR part 400, subpart R, or any other applicable statute.

### 18. Access to Insured Cattle and Records, and Record Retention

- (a) We, and any employee of USDA, reserve the right to examine the insured cattle, and all records relating to the feeding, finishing, and sale of the cattle as often as we reasonably require during the record retention period.
- (b) For 3 years after the end of the insurance period, you must retain, and provide upon our request, or the request of any USDA employee, complete records of the purchase, feeding, shipment, sale, or other disposition of all the insured cattle. This requirement also applies to the records to establish the basis for the marketing report for each insurance period. You must also provide upon our request, or the request of any USDA employee, separate records showing the same information from any cattle not insured. We may extend the record retention period beyond 3 years by notifying you of such extension in writing. Your failure to keep and maintain such records will result in no indemnity being due and since the denial of indemnity is based on a breach of the policy for the insurance period, you will still be required to pay all premiums owed.
- (c) Any person designated by us, and any employee of USDA, will, at any time during the record retention period, have access:
  - (1) To any records relating to this insurance at any location where such records may be found or maintained; and
  - (2) To the farm.
- (d) By applying for insurance under the authority of the Act or by continuing insurance for which you previously applied, you authorize us, or any person acting for us, to obtain records relating to the insured cattle from any person who may have custody of those records including, but not limited to, packers, banks, shippers, sale barns, terminals, cooperatives, associations, and accountants. You must assist us in obtaining all records which we request from 3rd parties.
- (e) If USDA initiates a review of a potential violation of Section 3(j):

- (1) Upon our request you must provide all your brokerage records for any crop year in which you obtained coverage under this policy.
  - (i) Records of transactions made under off-exchange contracts may also be requested.
  - (ii) You must provide the names of all your brokers and persons with whom you have off-exchange contracts described in section 18(e)(1), if any.
- (2) The following terms and conditions apply to all requests for records or assistance under section 18(e)(1) above:
  - (i) Request for brokerage records or records of private transactions under section 18(e)(1) must be limited to those dates on which a potential violation of section 3(j) might have occurred.
  - (ii) Request for brokerage records or records of private transactions under section 18(e)(1) may be extended to persons with a substantial beneficial interest in you, and to any entity in which such persons have a substantial beneficial interest.
  - (iii) If you refuse to comply with any requests for records and information under this section 18(e), you will be in breach of this policy and we will deny an indemnity for all SCEs in effect for the crop year. All premiums will still be owed.

### 19. Mediation, Arbitration, Appeal, Reconsideration, and Administrative and Judicial Review

- (a) *In general.*— All determinations required by the policy will be made by us. All disputes involving determinations made by us, except those specified in section 19(f), are subject to mediation or arbitration.
  - (1) If the dispute involves an interpretation regarding the meaning of a policy provision or procedure, either you or we may obtain a final agency determination (FAD) from FCIC in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart X.
    - (i) If you and we have opposing interpretations, FCIC encourages a joint request for a final agency determination in one request.
    - (ii) A FAD is only applicable to the party or parties requesting such a determination.
    - (iii) FCIC's role in disputes arising from a policy provision or procedure is limited to interpreting the meaning of that policy provision or procedure in the form of a FAD.
    - (iv) If you or we disagree with FCIC's FAD:
      - (A) You may request an administrative review in accordance with 7 CFR 400, subpart J, or appeal to the National Appeals Division in accordance with 7 CFR part 11; or
      - (B) We may request administrative review in accordance with 7 CFR 400, subpart J.
  - (2) Any mediator or arbitrator with a familial, financial, or other business relationship to you or

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us, or our agent or loss adjuster, is disqualified from hearing the dispute.

(b) *Mediation*—

- (1) To resolve any dispute through mediation, you and we must both:
  - (i) Agree to mediate the dispute;
  - (ii) Agree on a mediator; and
  - (iii) Be present, or have a designated representative who has authority to settle the case present, at the mediation.
- (2) All agreements reached through mediation must be in writing and contain at a minimum a statement of the issues in dispute and the amount of the settlement.

(c) *Arbitration*—

- (1) If the disagreement cannot be resolved through mediation, or you and we do not agree to mediation, you must seek resolution through arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), except as provided in section 19(c) and (e), and unless rules are established by FCIC for this purpose.
- (2) You must file a demand for arbitration with an arbitration organization or service, or with us, within 1 year of the date we denied your claim or made the determination with which you disagree, whichever is later, or you waive your right to arbitration and judicial review.
  - (i) A demand for arbitration must be postmarked or received on or before the expiration of the 1-year time period.
  - (ii) An incomplete demand for arbitration will not suspend the 1-year deadline for filing for arbitration.
  - (iii) A denial to reopen a claim cannot form the basis of a new determination, adverse decision, or denial of loss for the purposes of the requirement to file a demand for arbitration within 1 year of the initial claim denial or the determination we made with which you disagree.
  - (iv) An arbitration award in a previous crop year is not binding on a determination in a successive crop year unless you dispute the successive determination and initiate a separate arbitration within 1 year of such determination.
- (3) The arbitrator must provide to you and us a written statement describing the issues in dispute, the factual findings, the determinations and the amount and basis for any award and breakdown by claim for any award. The statement must also include any amounts awarded for interest. Failure of the arbitrator to provide such written statement may be appealed in accordance with the FAA.
- (4) The FAA governs arbitrations initiated under section 19(c) and any decision rendered in arbitration is binding on

you and us unless vacated, modified, or corrected in accordance with the FAA.

(d) *Judicial review*—

- (1) You must complete arbitration prior to filing for judicial review.
- (2) You and we have the right to judicial review of any decision made in arbitration regardless of any provision in the rules of the AAA stating otherwise.
- (3) If judicial review is sought, you must file a motion to vacate, modify, or correct the arbitration award within 3 months of the date the arbitration decision was made in accordance with section 12 of the Federal Arbitration Act.

(e) *Direct FCIC involvement*—If you disagree with any adverse decision made by FCIC or any claim where FCIC is directly involved in the claims process or directs us in the resolution of the claim, you may obtain an administrative review in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart J (administrative review), or appeal to the National Appeals Division in accordance with 7 CFR part 11 (appeal).

- (1) If you elect to bring suit after completion of any appeal, such suit must be filed against FCIC not later than 1 year after the date of the decision made in such appeal.
- (2) Such suit must be brought in the United States district court for the district in which the insured commodity is located.
- (3) Under no circumstances can you recover any attorney's fees or other expenses, or any punitive, compensatory or any other damages from FCIC.
- (4) If FCIC elects to participate in the adjustment of your claim, or modifies, revises, or corrects your claim, prior to payment, you may not bring an arbitration, mediation, or litigation action against us. You must request administrative review or appeal to the National Appeals Division.

(f) *Conflicting authority*—In any mediation, arbitration, appeal, administrative review, reconsideration, or judicial process, the terms of this policy, the Act, and the regulations specified in 7 CFR chapter IV, including the provisions of 7 CFR part 400, subpart P, are binding. Conflicts between this policy and any State or local laws will be resolved in accordance with section 16. If there are conflicts between any rules of the AAA and the provisions of your policy, the provisions of your policy will control.

(g) *Liability limitation*—Except as provided in sections 19(h) and 10, no award or settlement in mediation, arbitration, appeal, administrative review, reconsideration process, or judicial review can exceed the amount of liability established or which should have been established under the policy.

(h) *Extra-contractual damages*—In judicial review only, you may recover attorney's fees or other expenses, or any punitive, compensatory or any other damages from us only if you obtain a determination from FCIC that we, our agent, or loss adjuster failed to comply with the terms of this policy or procedures issued by

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FCIC and such failure resulted in you receiving a payment in an amount that is less than the amount to which you were entitled. Requests for such a determination should be addressed to the following: USDA/RMA/Deputy Administrator for Compliance/Stop 0806, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0806.

### 20. Contract Changes

- (a) We may change the terms of your coverage under this policy from year to year.
- (b) Any changes in policy provisions, amounts of insurance, premium rates, program dates or the LGM Commodity Exchange Endorsement, if applicable, can be viewed on RMA's website not later than the contract change date, except:
  - (1) As specified in section 3; or
  - (2) To correct clear errors.
- (c) After the contract change date, all changes specified in section 20(b) will also be available upon request from your crop insurance agent.
- (d) Not later than 30 days prior to the cancellation date, you will be notified, in accordance with section 15, and provided with a copy of the changes to the Basic Provisions, LGM Commodity Exchange Endorsement, and Special Provisions
- (e) Acceptance of the changes will be conclusively presumed in the absence of notice from you to change or cancel your policy.
- (f) The contract change date is April 30 preceding the cancellation date.

### 21. Multiple Government Benefits

If you are eligible to receive an indemnity under this policy and are also eligible to receive benefits for the same loss under any other USDA program, you may receive benefits under both programs, unless specifically limited by the policy or by law.

### 22. Correction of Errors

- (a) If RMA is notified there has been a clear and obvious error made in any offers of insurance, such as but not limited to premiums announced that are significantly lower than those for any previous offer, and the error is discovered after acceptance of the SCE by the RMA system, we will provide you with a notice of the error. You must agree to maintain coverage under corrected terms within 5 business days of the received notice, or the affected coverage will be voided.
- (b) Any corrections to your elections on the SCE that impact the premium, liability, or record requirements must be submitted to RMA within 14 calendar days of the effective date. The request must include a timely signed SCE and supporting documentation. Supporting documentation must be dated prior to the end of the SCE sales period and must demonstrate that a clear and inadvertent error was made. The correction is subject to RMA approval.
- (c) In addition to any other corrections allowed in your policy subject to sections 22(a), (b), and (d), we may correct:
  - (1) Within 60 days after the sales closing date, any

incorrect information on your application or provided by the sales closing date, including identification numbers for you and any person with a substantial beneficial interest in you, to ensure that the eligibility information is correct and consistent with information reported by you to any USDA agency;

- (2) Within 30 days of any subsequent correction of data by FSA, erroneous information corrected as a result of verification of information; and
  - (3) At any time, any incorrect information if the incorrect information was caused by electronic transmission errors by us or errors made by any agency within USDA in transmitting the information provided by you for purposes of other USDA programs.
- (d) Corrections may be made but will not take effect for the current crop year if the correction would allow you to:
- (1) Avoid ineligibility requirements for insurance or obtain a disproportionate benefit under the crop insurance program or any related program administered by the Secretary;
  - (2) Obtain, enhance, or increase an insurance guarantee or indemnity if a cause of loss exists or has occurred before any correction has been made, or avoid premium owed if no loss is likely to occur; or
  - (3) Avoid an obligation or requirement under any Federal or State law.

### 23. Subsidy Capture

- (a) Unless the producer can demonstrate a clear and inadvertent error, the following practices are presumed to be subsidy capture, and are in violation of section 3(j):
  - (1) If you buy an SCE, and also sell a new put option on the relevant live cattle futures contract, such that:
    - (i) The put option contract month is equal to or is the 1st succeeding contract month to a calendar month for which you have declared target marketings;
    - (ii) The put option is sold within 2 trading days before or 5 trading days after the SCE effective date; and
    - (iii) At the time you sold the put option, the option premium (per cwt) was higher than 80 percent of your SCE premium.
  - (2) If you buy an SCE, and also sell a new call option on the relevant live cattle futures contract, such that:
    - (i) The call option contract month is equal to a calendar month for which you have declared target marketings;
    - (ii) The call option is sold within 2 trading days before or 5 trading days after the SCE effective date;
    - (iii) At the time you sold the call option, the option premium (per cwt) was higher than 80 percent of your SCE premium; and
    - (iv) At the time you sold the call option subject to

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the time period in section 23(a)(2)(ii), you also bought the underlying futures contract, such that these 2 positions jointly created a payoff schedule equivalent to selling a put option.

(3) If you buy an SCE, and also buy a new call option on the relevant live cattle futures contract, such that:

- (i) Call option contract month is equal to a calendar month for which you have declared target marketings;
- (ii) Call option is bought within 2 trading days before or 5 trading days after the SCE effective date; and
- (iii) At the time you bought the call option, the option premium (per cwt) was higher than 80 percent of your SCE premium.

(b) Any off-exchange contract is presumed to be subsidy capture, and is in violation of section 3(j) if:

- (1) Uncertain future indemnities for SCEs are effectively exchanged for a certain dollar amount; or
- (2) Structure of the off-exchange contract is substantively equivalent to practices prohibited under 23(a).