



Emergency Relief Program Updates

At this time, you should have received your letter from FSA if you were eligible for Phase 1 ERP Payments. Now, you could be getting an additional ERP payment if you had additional coverage options on your policy in 2020 or 2021 and had a claim on that option. Additional coverage options include STAX, SCO and ECO.

Transitional and Organic Grower Assistance

Are you a producer transitioning to organic or maybe you already grow a certified organic crop? If the answer is yes, you can now get premium assistance from the USDA for the 2023 reinsurance year through the Transitional and Organic Grower Assistance (TOGA) Program. Eligible producers will receive a discount on their premium billing statement:

- For crops in transition to certified organic, producers can receive 10 percentage points of premium subsidy
- For certified organic grain and feed crops, producers can receive \$5 premium assistance per insured acre

If you are interested contact us for further information.

Prevented Planting

Prevented Planting (PP) has been and will continue to be the hot topic. As we get ready to finish up the 2022 crop year and are getting more CAP water cutbacks, there are a few things we wanted to remind you of regarding eligibility:

- **1 in 4 Rule** – In at least one of the four most recent crop years, eligible fields must have been planted, insured and harvested or adjusted for a claim. Alfalfa insured under a PRF Rainfall Index Policy does meet this requirement.
- **Timely Filed Claims** – We are required to file prevented planting claims within 72 hours of the crop's final planting period. Please let us know as soon as you believe you are eligible for PP so we can start working with you on your eligible acres and 2023 planting plan.

We know there are a lot of questions regarding prevented planting. We are ready to take any and all questions that you may have. We are here to help you in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Triticale in Yuma County

RMA has added triticale for **grain** coverage in Yuma County for the 2023 crop year. It is an APH policy, with an established price of \$6.79. This is a fall crop and will have the same sales closing date as wheat, October 31st. Feel free to reach out with any questions on this policy!



Interest Deferral

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) recognizes the challenges America's farmers and ranchers are facing in light of the drought and other conditions. RMA is providing flexibilities to help farmers and ranchers throughout these challenging times. If the premium billing date on your policy is between August 1, 2022, and September 30, 2022, interest accrual on premium payments and administrative fees will be waived to the earliest of an additional 60 days of the scheduled payment due date or the termination date. **Please note that if premiums are not paid by the termination date, you will not be eligible for crop insurance the following crop year.**

Rainfall Index

The 2023 PRF and Apiculture deadlines are approaching faster than we think. There was no change to the base values next year so premiums will be similar to this year. If you would like to go over your interval selections and make changes, please let us know. We are happy to run quotes and work with you to make sure you are comfortable with your policy. You can expect to see the renewal packets in the mail within a few weeks.

Don't Wait To Say

Any event that occurs that may adversely affect your yields is something we need to know about. You can never give us too much information. We are required to turn in claims timely or they may not be paid. If anything comes up please notify us.

Important Dates

- September 30th – Final date to make changes or add coverage to your forage policies in AZ.
- October 1st - October 31st – Harvest prices are measured for cotton and corn off DEC board.
- October 7th – Annual Pinal 40 Golf Classic.
- October 31st – Final date to make changes or add coverage to your fall crops including wheat, barley and garbanzo beans.
- November 20th – Final date to make changes or add coverage to citrus policies. Final date to make changes or add coverage to apple policies in AZ.
- December 1st – Final date to sign up or make changes to PRF Rainfall Index policies. Acreage reporting deadline for PRF Rainfall Index policies.
- December 15th – Fall production reporting deadline including wheat and barley. * Final date to lock in an endorsement for Q1 of 2023 for DRP policies.
- December 31st – Final date to make changes or add coverage to almond and pistachio policies.

*Don't forget that we are required to report production by section. As harvest time approaches, please be aware of how your production records are being kept!



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