



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 grain or feed 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.

Annual Forage – Dual Use Wheat

As we are getting into the fall crop season, we wanted to remind you of the dual use option on your annual forage policies. The dual use option allows growers to have full MPC1 coverage on their wheat and receive partial coverage on their annual forage policy to account for the grazing period of the crop. Dual Use is only available in Growing Season One, plant dates between July 16th and October 15th. The annual forage coverage is equivalent to 40% on the county base value.



Another Wet Summer Followed by a Dry Winter?

It seems like the fire hose that was turned on this summer has been shut off once again. The US Drought Monitor website listed this July as the 25th wettest July in the last 128 years, showing 1.02” above normal. They also have this year as the 33rd driest in the same time period. The Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles are both still in some stage of established drought, along with 64% of the US.

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

- August 15th – September 14th – Projected wheat price is being measured off JUL 2023 KCBT board.
- September 15th – Final date to lock in an endorsement for Q4 of 2022 for DRP policies.
- September 30th – Final date to make changes or add coverage to your fall crops including wheat and triticale.
- October 1st – October 31st – Harvest prices are measured for cotton off DEC board.
- October 15th – Acreage reporting deadline for annual forage growing season 1 - this includes acres planted between July 16th and October 15th.
- November 1st – November 30st – Harvest prices for OK cotton measured off DEC board.
- November 14th – Production reporting deadline for 2022 harvested wheat. *
- December 1st – Final date to sign up or make changes to PRF Rainfall Index policies. Acreage reporting deadline for PRF Rainfall Index 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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