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CROP WATCH

American Farm Bureau® Insurance Services, Inc. Newsletter

AUGUST 2015

Fall Agent Training Sessions

Listed below is the schedule for 2015 Fall Agent Training.

Oklahoma - August 10 - Basic - Oklahoma City, OK

Oklahoma - August 11 - Update - Oklahoma City, OK

Weekly update training webinars will be scheduled August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3 for Arkansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Please check www.FarmBureauSellsCropInsurance.com for updates.

FALL Renewal Letters

The 2016 Fall Renewal Letters will be mailed to policyholders and agents in August.

MPCI Notice of Claim Requirements

A notice of claim is required to be submitted within **72 hours after discovery of damage**, but not later than 15 days after the end of the insurance period.—Refer to Section 14 of the Basic Crop Provisions for additional information

For a tutorial on how to file a notice of loss, login in to your AFBIS web account and click “Agent Resources” in the Agent Option menu. Select “How to File a Notice of Claims” to view the video.

Premium Billing

Crop Year 2015 Fall - The second Premium Billing notice for MPCCI 2015 CY fall policies was mailed to policyholders on August 1, 2015. If the July 2015 billings have not been paid, interest in the amount of 1.25% has accrued.

Crop Year 2015 Spring - The first Premium Billing notice for MPCCI 2015 CY spring policies will be mailed to policyholders in September.

Agents should access the “Policy Due List” feature on the AFBIS, Inc. website. Agents must login to www.FarmBureauSellsCropInsurance.com to view the current amount due for their policyholders.

If a policyholder brings a premium payment to your office, it must be sent to the Fargo Regional Office. The check should be made payable to AFBIS, Inc.

AFBIS, Inc.

P.O. Box 2866

Fargo, ND 58108-2866

If you have any questions regarding premium, please call the **Fargo Regional Office. 1-800-662-5142 Ext. 6935**



NEW! Margin Protection Plan of Insurance

A new plan of insurance is now available. Margin Protection provides coverage against an unexpected decrease in operating margin (revenue less input costs). Margin Protection is area-based, using county-level estimates of average revenue and input costs to establish the amount of coverage and indemnity payments. Because Margin Protection is area-based (average for a county), it may not reflect individual experience. Margin Protection can be purchased by itself, or in conjunction with a Yield Protection or a Revenue Protection policy. To the extent that the average margin for a county is lower than expected, due to a decrease in revenue and/or an increase in input costs, Margin Protection will cover a portion of that shortfall.

Current Coverage Availability:
 Rice - AR (select counties)

Important Dates Coming Up:

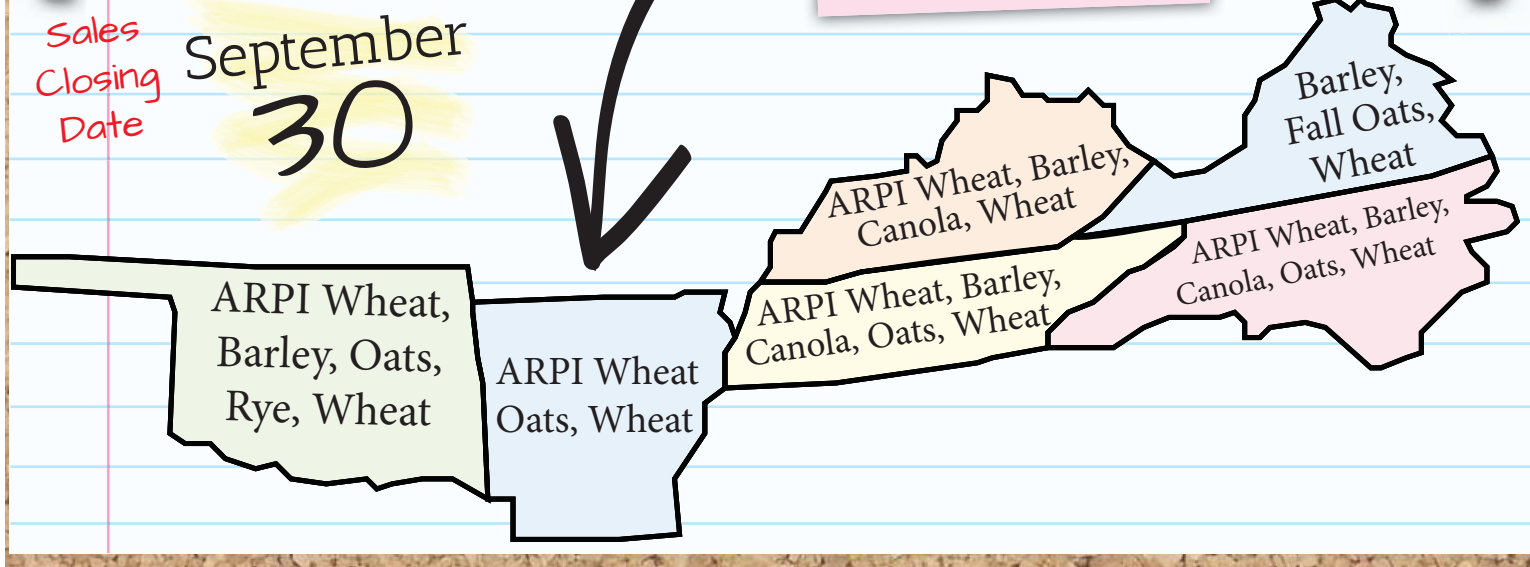
AUG 15 Acreage Reporting Date
PROCESSING BEANS
 TN

AUG 31 Sales Closing Date
CANOLA (FALL)
 OK

AUG 31 Production Reporting Date
ARPI Wheat
 AR, KY, NC, OK, TN

SEPT 01 Premium Billing Date
PRF & APICULTURE
 AR, NC, OK, VA

SEPT 30 Sales Closing Date
All States & Crops Listed Below



Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) & APH Yield Exclusion Expansion

RMA announced the expansion of SCO and APH YE to provide relief to farmers affected by severe weather, including drought and excess moisture.

The new online tools, Crop Insurance Decision Tool and the SCO/APH Yield Exclusion mapping tool, are designed to help determine the options that work best for a producers operations. These can be found at www.rma.usda.gov. These tools will provide you eligible crops, crop years, and counties where they may elect SCO and/or APH YE programs.

SCO and YE in select state/counties:

Alfalfa Seed, Apples, Spring Barley, Blueberries, Canola, Corn, Cotton, Cultivated Wild Rice, Dry Peas, Forage Production, Grain Sorghum, Grapes, Oats, Onions, Peaches, Potatoes, Prunes, Rice, Rye, Safflower, Soybeans, Tomatoes, Walnuts, Spring & Winter Wheat

SCO only in select state/counties:

Almonds, Cottonseed, Grass Seed, Mint

APH YE only in select state/counties:

Winter Barley, Peanuts, Popcorn, Sunflowers

Do you have a topic you would like to see covered in Crop Watch? Please let us know!

Raleigh Policy Admin 1-888-248-3588

WHISTLEBLOWER PHONE NUMBER

The toll-free number for the Inspector General's Hotline is 800-424-9121. ☎

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