

CROP WATCH

American Farm Bureau Insurance Services, Inc. Newsletter

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8 Application Tips for SCD

1. If the insured is transferring from another company, a copy of the signed application must be mailed to the Regional Office or e-filed to RRO PA.
2. Must complete the following items on the application:
 - Insured Information (name, address, phone, entity, ID number)
 - Coverage (county, crop, level, additional options)
 - Boxes checked (Conditions of Acceptance, Added Counties)
 - Signatures (Agent and Insured sign and date)
3. Must elect Enterprise, Whole Farm, and Multi-County Enterprise Units at the time of application.
4. Additional forms may be required (POA, Written Agreements, Applications for BFR/VFR/SCO/ECO, Limited Resource Farmer waiver)
5. Must submit BFR/VFR application for each individual on the policy. This would include a spouse and all SBIs for non-spousal policies.
6. If insuring Landlord or Tenant share, submit documentation granting authority and indicate correct person type and SSN.
7. Should complete SBI form for anyone with 10% or more interest.
8. When submitting forms online, you MUST keep the signed copies in your file. The Regional Office or RMA may request signed original records at any time.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Sales Closing Date/Application checklist to assist you and your policyholders in completing the application/change. All applications, change forms, and other applicable forms must be signed by the agent and the policyholder by the Sales Closing Date. The agent then has ten days from the Sales Closing Date to submit the application/change forms/other applicable forms to AFBIS.

Fall 2023 Crop Insurance Update Training

The 2023 Fall Update is NOW available via the Online Training Center!

This training will provide crop insurance changes and updates for Fall of the 2023 Crop Year (CY) and provide the required hours for your 2023 CY RMA certification! Take the training anytime you want. Available to you 24/7! NO CE credit hours are available for online updates.

The 3-hour certification training is broken down into 1-hour segments. You will be able to stop the training and pick up at the beginning of the section you most recently started so you don't have to complete the entire training in one sitting.

You can access your training by clicking to the Online Training Center once you log in to your AFBIS web account. Then click the "Course Catalog" when the new window opens and search for "Update" or scroll down until you see the "Update Training". PDF handout is available at the start of the course for you to download and follow along. Also available at this time are Private Product videos. These are available in a separate catalog, all titles begin with "Private Product" so that you can easily find those and view.

Important Reminders

Prevented Planting (PP)

Cover Crop: A Cover Crop planted on acreage claimed prevented from being planted can be Hayed, Grazed, or Cut for Silage, Haylage, Bailage, at any time without a reduction to the Prevented Planting payment, provided all other policy provisions are met. However, a Cover Crop harvested for Grain or Seed at any time will result in a Prevented Planting Payment reduction.

1-in-4 requirement - For acreage to be considered physically available for planting, the acreage must have been planted, insured, harvested, (or if not harvested, adjusted for claims purposes due to an insured cause of loss) within the same Crop Year in at least one of the four previous Crop Years.

Perennials - The annual regrowth of an insured Perennial such as Alfalfa, Red Clover, Mint, or Forage insured under Pasture Rangeland Forage (PRF) with an intended use of Hay will be considered planted when determining if the acreage was physically available to grow.

Separate Policies for Spouses: When separate spousal policies no longer meet the criteria to qualify for separate policies, one policy must be voided, and the voided policies acreage will be included under the remaining policy. The Acreage Report for the remaining policy must be revised and final premium and indemnity will be based on the revised Acreage Report. The policy to be voided will be determined following Risk Management Agency (RMA) outlined procedures.

Authorized Representative: A designated Authorized Representative may be added/changed/removed at any time via a Policy Change Form. The addition/change/removal of an Authorized Rep applies on or after acceptable completion and acceptance of the addition/change/removal.

Assignment of Indemnity: If an Assignment of Indemnity is signed digitally by the insured the requirement for a witness's signature is waived. If signed with pen-and-ink with the witness's signature is required.

AFBIS Company Store

Have you visited the new AFBIS Company Store yet? We encourage you to check out all we have to offer! We have men's and women's apparel which you can choose to embroider with either the AFBIS logo or the Farm Bureau Crop Insurance logo. There are also backpacks, laptop bags, drink-ware, camping chairs, and coolers along with so much more!

Visit afbispromacincstore.com to see what we have available!

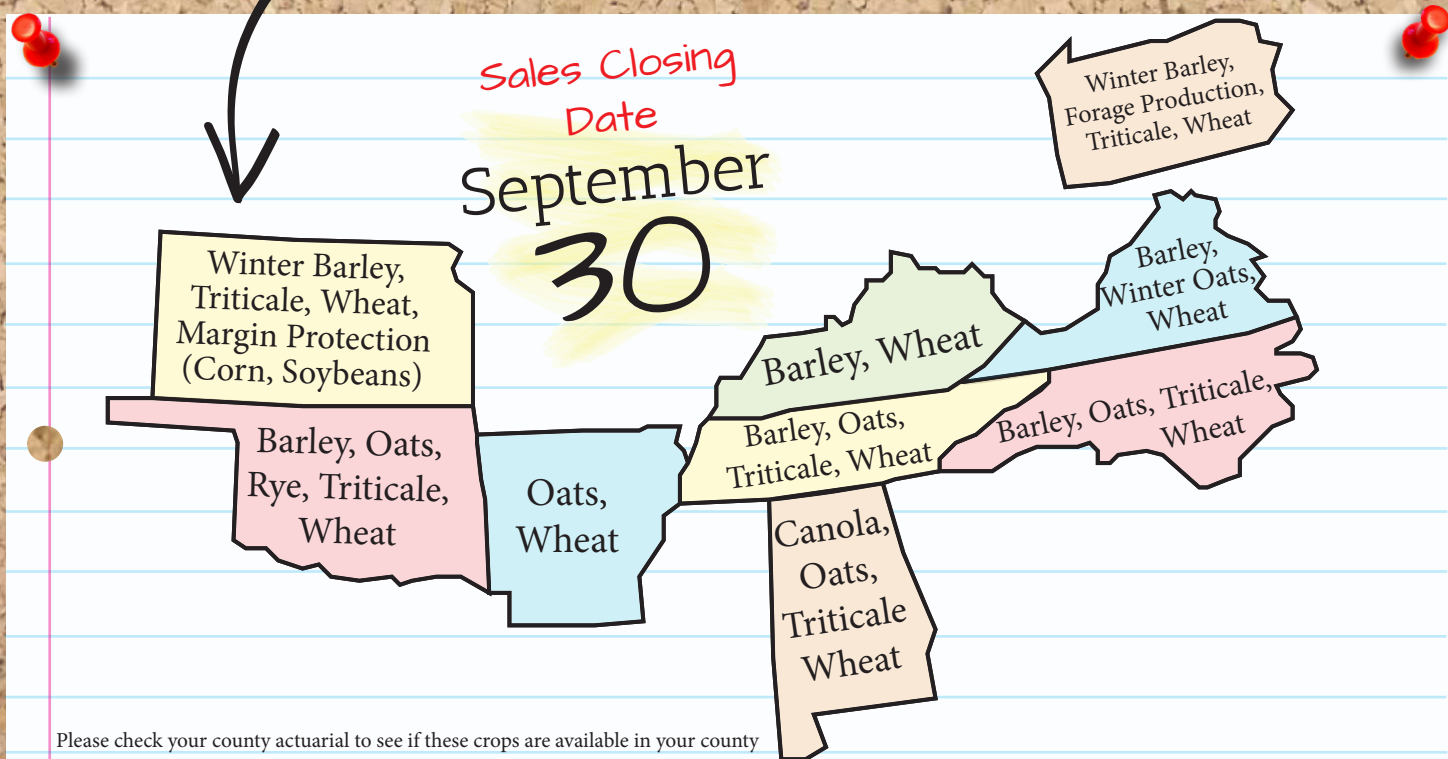
Important Dates

SEPT 14 Production Reporting Date
CLARY SAGE
NC

SEPT 30 Sales Closing Date
All States & Crops Listed Below

OCT 15 Production Reporting Date
CANOLA
KS, KY, NC, OK, TN, VA

OCT 15 Acreage Reporting Date
ANNUAL FORAGE Season 1
KS, OK



Premium Billing

Crop Year 2022 Fall - The third and FINAL Premium Billing notice for MPCY 2022 CY fall policies with a 9/30 Term Date was mailed to policyholders on September 1.

To view the current amount due for your policyholders, you may access the "Policy Due List" feature by logging in to your web account.

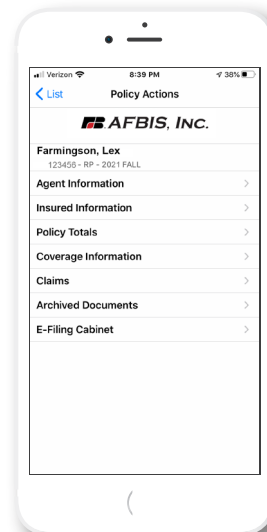
GO	Reset Selection Criteria
Report:	Policy Information
Line of Insurance:	Policy Information
Reinsurance Year:	Name & Address
State:	New Applications
OR	Policy Due List
Agent:	Claim Log
Adjuster:	Archived Document Information

Premium Payment Options for Policyholders

- Mail the premium payment to the AFBIS, Inc. Fargo Regional Office.
- Bring a premium payment to the agent's office. The check should be made payable to AFBIS, Inc., Logged on the web, and sent to:
AFBIS, Inc. - P.O. Box 2866, Fargo, ND 58108-2866
- Make a premium payment online with a checking or savings account by setting up a web account.
- Pay crop insurance premium on the Unity Mobile app. Payments can be made using a checking or savings account by downloading the app and setting up an insured account.

Download the Unity Mobile App

- Submit and view the status of claims
- Look up policyholder contact information
- View policy dates, totals, and coverage
- E-filing
- Retrieve archived policy documents
- Push Notifications
- E-Sign



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