

“Crop TALK”

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Things You Need to Know:

- > Sales Closing Date is March 15th!
- > Industrial Hemp is insurable in 2020, but all policy provisions have not yet been released—please contact us for more info
- > 3rd tranche of MFP Payments will be made, according to Sonny Perdue (USDA Secretary)
- > President Trump has signed Phase I of the trade deal with China—impact not yet known...

Claims Deadline

According to the Crop Provisions, submitting a Notice of Loss must occur within 2 weeks of the completion of harvest. Waiting until January to verify production that was harvested in November, for example, is not in compliance with policy provisions. The restrictions imposed on the insurance companies continue to be tightened and late submitted claims are not likely to be accepted moving forward. THERE IS A CLAIM SUBMISSION DEADLINE—2 WEEKS AFTER COMPLETION OF HARVEST.

Good Farming Practice Handbook

Starting with the 2020 crop year, the government has created and published a Good Farming Practice Handbook. Please keep in mind that the government rarely does anything without “tipping their hand”. So in the future expect audits and increased scrutiny regarding farming practices.

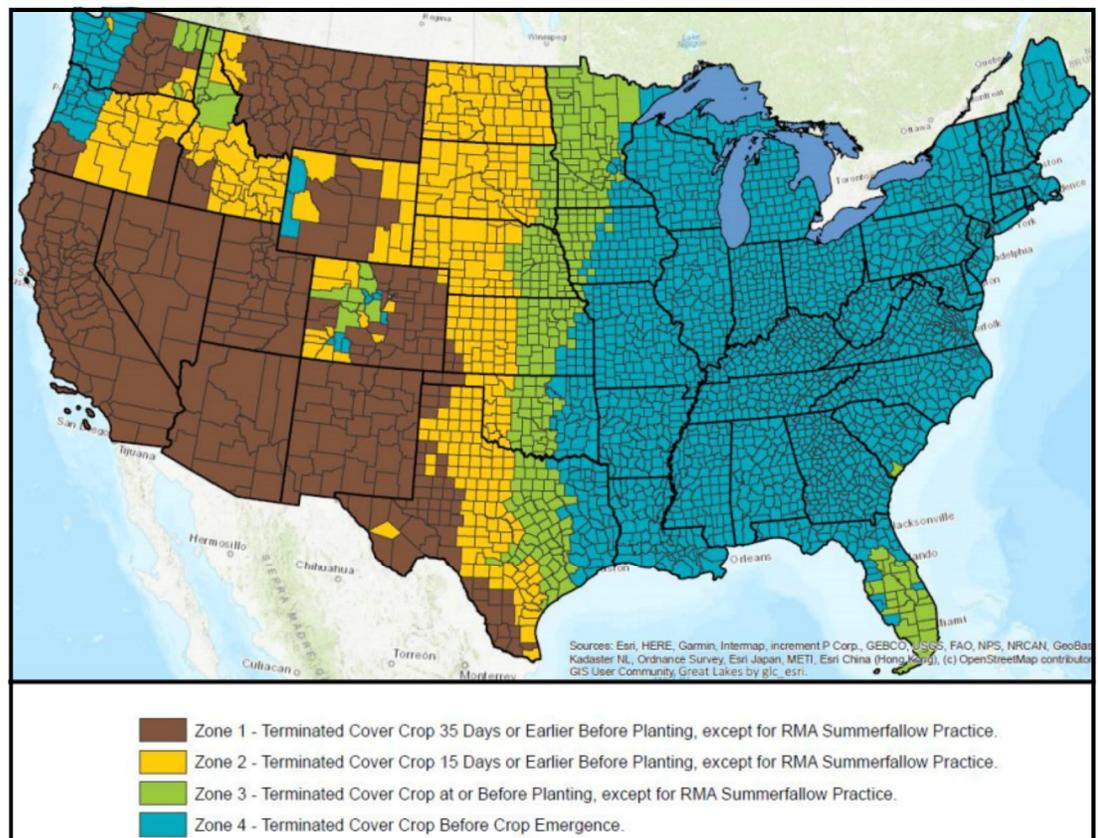
AD-1026

To be eligible for premium subsidy on crop insurance, insureds must have an AD-1026 Form on file at the applicable FSA Office. If you write a new policy, there is an Exemption Form that can be submitted to meet the requirements in the interim period until an AD-1026 Form can be completed at FSA. The Exemption Form is only valid for one year.

Cover Crops

As it pertains to wheat, if acreage that qualifies for the Summerfallow practice has a cover crop planted in the interim period, the acreage will still qualify for the Summerfallow practice if the crop is terminated prior to June 1st.

As it pertains to spring crops insurability and the planting of Cover Crops, please see the map below for Cover Crop Termination Deadlines that must be met to maintain insurability.





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T—Yield Changes

The government has recognized that improvements are being made in production agriculture and yields per acre are increasing, claims notwithstanding. As such, they have increased T-Yields for corn in several counties in Northeast Colorado:

Logan County

*Non-irrigated corn: 50 (2019) to 59 (2020)
 *Irrigated corn: 173 (2019) to 193 (2020)

Phillips County

*Non-irrigated corn: 51 (2019) to 69 (2020)
 *Irrigated corn: 197 (2019) to 202 (2020)

Morgan County

*Non-irrigated corn: 26 (2019) to 36 (2020)
 *Irrigated corn: 175 (2019) to 165 (2020)

Washington County

*Non-irrigated corn: 39 (2019) to 54 (2020)
 *Irrigated corn: 177 (2019) to 180 (2020)

Contact Info...?

Has your phone number changed? How about your email address or mailing address? At acreage reporting time, we will do our best to double check this information with you, but if you've made changes, let's visit prior to reporting acres.

The spring crop Sales Closing Date of March 15th is also another good time to update contact information.