



Daum Insurance Newsletter

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Points of Interest:

- * Loss Notification
- * Production Reporting/ Record Keeping
- * Conservation Compliance 1026 form by June 1, 2017
- * Application Review
- * Schedule of Insurance Review

Dates to Remember:

- Production is needed ASAP
- **March 15**- Sales closing for Corn and Soybeans. **APPLICATIONS DUE.**
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Loss Notification

Per Memorandum 16-006 issued by RMA, "...it is the policyholder's responsibility to submit a notice of loss in accordance with the terms of the policy." The insured needs to make sure that any losses are submitted to our office as soon as possible.

The RMA is becoming more strict with insurance companies on when claims are submitted as well. Late notices are becoming an issue. As soon as a loss is a possibility, please turn in the claim to our office. The policy does state that, "...a producer must submit a notice of damage or loss within 72 hours of the initial discovery...". Turning in a claim does not effect your policy it can easily be withdrawn by and adjuster, but it is best to have one turned in if you think there might be a chance of a loss.

When the production numbers are verified in the case of audit or inspection a reviewer will need to see settlement sheets, bin measurements, feed records, and load log sheets. The production reported to us must match these numbers.

We can provide you with a load log that we have made and we now have the capabilities to print a map based acreage report which can be used to make notes on and keep track of production numbers for that growing season.



Production & Record Keeping

As a reminder, when reporting production it needs to be reported as the farms are listed on the schedule of insurance. The RMA is becoming more strict on reported production. In cases where there is an audit or review, the production totals need to match as close as possible. Once the grain is sold if the numbers need to be updated or changed based on what you originally gave us we can update those so that we have the most accurate numbers. Record keeping has also been an important topic.

Conservation Compliance

With the new farm bill in 2014, producers are required "to have an AD-1026 form on file with USDA. The form informs producers of HELC and WC requirements, certifies that the producer is compliant with the HELC and WC provisions, identifies those affiliated with the producer completing the form, and provides authorization for USDA representatives to service their determination request and spot check compliance with the HELC and WC provisions."

With this in place, anytime there is a change made to your farming operation such as the name, SSN, EIN, etc, the AD-1026 form needs to be updated at the FSA office by June 1 prior to the next reinsurance year (the form would need to be signed by June 1 of 2017 to be eligible for crop insurance subsidy for the 2018 crop year).

Document Review

Please remember to review all documents sent to you related to crop insurance. The application needs to be reviewed to make sure all information is correct such as phone number, address, social security numbers for you or the farming entity as well as a spouse or anyone else listed on the policy that has interest in the operation. This information has to match how it is reported at the FSA office and on your tax documents.

Also, make sure to look over the schedule of insurance that you receive after you report your acres. We need to make sure these are correct as soon as you get them because at that time we are still able to make corrections. When it is time for a claim to be paid these changes are hard to make.

