

# December 2011 Crop Watch

**AFBIS, Inc.**

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## MPCI Notice of Claim Requirements

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, which is the earlier of the harvest date of the unit or the calendar date stated below.



DATE	CROP	STATE
12/10/11	Corn	All States
12/10/11	Soybeans	All States
12/10/11	Grain Sorghum	All States
12/10/11	Popcorn	IN, MO
5/31/12	Nursery	All States



## Fruit Deadlines

**CO, ID, IN, MI**

Production Reports and Acreage Reports are due January 15, 2012.

## AGR DEADLINE

The Sales Closing Deadline is January 31, 2012

## \*\*Spring Premium Billings\*\*

Billings for MPCI premium due October 1 will be mailed December 1. **This is the third billing** and interest of 1.25% will attach for the second time.

Agents should access the "Policy Due List" from the "policy information selection criteria" after logging into the AFBIS, Inc. web site ([www.afbisinc.com](http://www.afbisinc.com)).

If an insured brings a premium payment to your office it must be mailed to our Fargo Office. The check should be payable to AFBIS, Inc. If you have any questions about unpaid premium, please call the Fargo office.

**FRO Underwriting: 1-800-662-5142 ext 6920**

## Non-Loss Unit Production

Insureds must report their production on non-loss units. Adjusters will not be collecting this information from the insured when the claim is worked.

## Updating Farm Serial Numbers

When you are completing the insured's Production Report or Acreage Report, please update the Farm Serial Numbers (FSN) when shown as a 1 and also when a location has been assigned a new FSN by the county FSA. **The '1' must be corrected to the correct FSN for 2012.** Now that RMA and FSA are data mining information, we need your help with cleaning up the databases showing the 1.

FRO will be closed  
December 23, 26 &  
January 2  
Happy Holidays



### Named Insured

Please ask your insureds "Do you do business by any other name?" when reviewing the person type and verifying the SSN/EIN. The name on the policy should be the name used when certifying at the FSA and/or selling commodities.

### Controlled Business

If you write MP crop insurance for your immediate family, RMA has asked us to notify all agents and subagents this business cannot be a significant part of the agent's total book of business in terms of compensation received for writing it. Please contact us if you have this situation.

### Broadcast Seeding

Reminder: If required by county actuarial Special Provisions, any acreage seeded in this manner MUST be inspected to be insurable for 2012.

### Web Based Claim Notices

Submitting a claim notice over the web is fast and easy. After you login to the [afbisinc.com](http://afbisinc.com) website, click on "Report a Claim" at the top of the page. Enter the appropriate selections and click "GO". Please contact our Support Department if you have any problems at 800-662-5142 ext. 6919.

### 2012 Fruit Policies (SCD 11/20/11)

All Fruit policyholders are required to complete the Producer's Pre-Acceptance Worksheet. This form is due January 15, 2012.



### APH Tips for Agents

1. Please be certain all farms planted in 2011 have production reported.
2. When adding a farm, please list the legal location, the correct FSN, any production history or indicate "added land" if applicable, and full share name.
3. FSN or legal description change must be noted at this time. All FSN's listed as "1" MUST be corrected.
4. If the insured is a New Producer, please indicate on the Production Report.
5. THE INSURED AND AGENT MUST SIGN AND DATE THE FORM.
6. Past years production can be reported, as long as it is reported continuously.
7. Production divided by acres equals the yield. Please check all calculations!!
8. Report Full Share Name.

\*If your insured is a **NEW APPLICANT**, the insured and agent must complete a blank Production and Yield worksheet by the applicable deadline.

\*If the insured is a **TRANSFER** from another company, we must have the 2011 Production completed on a blank Production Report.

### **\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

Agents in every state are required to keep signed documentation for all forms when information is submitted via the web – agents agree to this in writing when they accept the web procedure.

### Agent Book of Business

View your MPCl and Crop Hail policy information, incoming/outgoing paperwork, premiums paid/unpaid, active policyholders, claims information via the internet at [www.afbisinc.com](http://www.afbisinc.com). Click on Agents: enter your USERID and PASSWORD: and click on View Policies. APH, Acreage and Notice of Claim can also be submitted via your book of business.

If you have forgotten your ID and/or Password, check the "E-mail forgotten User ID and Password" to have it sent to your e-mail.

### **WHISTLEBLOWER PHONE NUMBER**

The toll-free number for the Inspector

General's Hotline is 800-424-9121.

