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Check Maps in the Actuarial Information Browser

Agents are responsible for reviewing the insured's county map(s) for any changes. View the documents by clicking on the link titled Actuarial Information Browser 2011 and Beyond located under the MPCRI Resources tab on the AFBIS website. This link will redirect you to RMA's website. Select the criteria and click the Maps tab.

Please call FRO Underwriting if you have questions regarding the actuarial maps.

Important Dates and Deadlines

February 1: Sales Closing Date (SCD) CO, ID, MI - Onions

February 28: Sales Closing Date (SCD) MO - Rice

March 15: Sales Closing Date (SCD) for spring crops This is the final date to add or change coverage or cancel a policy for the 2012 crop year.

Production Reporting Date: 45 days after the March 15 SCD This is the final date to report 2011 harvested production and request optional units. Failure to report production will result in a 25% reduced penalty yield and Basic Unit coverage for 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 changes must be noted at this time. All incorrect FSN's **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 APH form by the applicable deadline.

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

Quotes – Premium Estimator

February 1 is the beginning of the price discovery period for the projected prices on Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Barley, Grain Sorghum, Canola, Sunflowers, Rice and Cotton. We will be doing Mass Price/Volatility Overrides each afternoon to assist you with quoting.

If you have questions or need help doing quotes, give us a call before you meet with the insured. We will be happy to walk you through a quote.

The website is ready to accept your spring Production Reports and we are up to date on the reports that have been submitted. We encourage you to report your production NOW rather than waiting. Having the current APH processed will make for more accurate quoting!!!

****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.

Insuring CRP Acreage

Acreage emerging from CRP within the two most recent crop years is insurable under the Common Crop Insurance Policy. In the initial year of planting after emergence from CRP, the acreage must be reported on a separate line by Farm Serial Number, Tract and Field Number on the Acreage Report. Acreage not planted within 2 years of CRP emergence is considered to be New Breaking and may be insurable via a Written Agreement.

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 Named Insured and TIN on the policy must be the same as is used when filing their tax forms with the IRS. It should also be the name used when selling commodities.

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.

****Spring Premium Billings****

Billings for MPCl premium due October 1 were mailed February 1. **This is the fifth billing** and interest of 1.25% will attach for the third 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).

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.

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New Breaking Land

Written Agreement Deadline is SCD

The 2012 fall plantings included a large increase in New Breaking land going into production. Many Written Agreement requests for coverage on these crops were made last fall. It is expected that this trend will continue into the spring planting cycle.

Please be advised that in MOST instances, New Breaking land (unless it's within 2 years of emergence from CRP) will require a special Written Agreement request in order to receive consideration of coverage on these crops. The deadline for Written Agreement requests is the Sales Closing Date for the crop.

New Breaking land is generally defined as: Acreage not planted and harvested OR insured in one of the three previous crop years.

Updating Farm Serial Numbers

When you are completing the insured's Production Report or Acreage Report, please update the Farm Serial Numbers (FSN) when an incorrect number is shown, or when a location has been assigned a new FSN by the county FSA. These numbers need to be correct in 2012 as RMA and FSA are data mining information, and we need your help to make sure all numbers are correct. Agents now have the ability to change all FSN's from one number to another when submitting production reports on-line.

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