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September 30 is Sales Closing Date for fall crops (excluding fruit and PRF).

Premium Billing

Billings for MPCI premium due July 1 will be mailed on September 5. **This is the 3rd and final billing.**

Non-payment of 2009 Fall premium will affect 2010 FSA Disaster Payments eligibility.

An insured may have a claim for an indemnity pending at the time of the termination date. A pending claim does not affect the obligations of the insured to pay the premium by the termination date to maintain eligibility for crop insurance coverage.

Agents should access the "Policy Due List" feature after logging on to the Agent Options page of the AFBIS, Inc. web site. (www.afbisinc.com). This will keep you up to date on premium payments posted.

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.

1-800-662-5142 ext 6920

FYI...

The Fargo Regional Office will be closed Monday, September 7, in honor of Labor Day.

Have a safe and fun weekend!

MPCI Notice of Claim Requirements

Notice of Claim is required to be within 72 hours after discovery of damage, but not later than 15 days after the end of the insurance period. The calendar date of the insurance period is below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CROP</u>	<u>STATE</u>
9/20/09	Proc Beans	MI, IN, ID
9/30/09	Nursery	All States
9/30/09	Corn Silage	All States
9/30/09	Dry Peas	ID, MT, ND
9/30/09	Blueberries	MI
9/30/09	Peaches	MI, CO
9/30/09	Mint	IN
9/30/09	Alfalfa Seed	ID, MT, WY
10/10/09	Tomatoes	IN, MI
10/10/09	Millet	ND



Broadcast Seeding

Reminder: If required by county actuarial Special Provisions, any acreage seeded in this manner **MUST** be inspected to be insurable for 2010.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PAYMENT AGREEMENT

If you have a producer who cannot pay the premium by the Termination Date, you may request a Payment Agreement. You must have the information in our office before the Termination Date of the crop as it must be approved by Corporate Management in Schaumburg. Any agreement received on or after the Termination Date will be denied per RMA.

2010 Fall Change Forms/SBI/Production Reports

The 2010 Fall Combo Forms (Change Form/SBI/Production Reports) have been mailed.

Please look for them in your mail this week.

2009 Agent Incentive Program Leaders as of 9/01/09

State	Agent	Acres	Level
CO	Steve Musgrave	1,158	1
CO	Kevin Pettay	953	2
CO	Linda Hayes	521	3
ID	Becky Chase	6,044	1
ID	Arden Anderson	5,106	2
ID	Loren West	2,791	3
IN	Gary Hancock	16,630	1
IN	John Carroll	14,887	2
IN	Ross Deatsman	11,966	3
MI	Dennis Greenman	7,486	1
MI	Gordie Moeggenborg	6,261	2
MI	Loren Carlisle	3,168	3
MN	Craig Espeseth	6,200	1
MN	Rick Solberg	5,260	2
MN	Tom Branson	3,115	3
MO	Chris Brown	7,313	1
MO	Bill Burnett	1,283	2
MO	Steve Reisenbichler	940	3
MT	Jim Krise	13,767	1
MT	Monte Harrison	5,838	2
MT	Larry French	3,464	3
ND	Cliff Weiler	112,626	1
ND	Pat Howard	55,022	2
ND	Scott Wilkens	29,256	3
OH	Ralph Geil	1,873	1
OH	Anthony Meyer	415	3
SD	Kent Clarke	5,619	1
SD	Jim Miller	1,497	2
SD	Leonard Osadchuk	1,388	3
WY	Keenan Brown	3,328	1
WY	Tom Allred	2,352	2

Requirements:

- ü Net acre growth
- ü MP and CH added together
- ü Not CAT policies
- ü Premium paid by 12/01/09

Winter Wheat

Do you have high risk ground in your county? Please remember that coverage for wheat on high risk ground in some states is only available by Written Agreement. The Written Agreement must be completed and submitted to FRO by September 30.

ATTENTION

RMA Bulletin:

IS-08-007: Controlled Business Requirements of the New Farm Bill

RMA has asked us to notify all agents and subagents as this bulletin addresses writing crop insurance for the agent's immediate family. It goes on to state this business cannot be a significant part of the agent's total book of business in terms of compensation received for writing it.

ACH (Direct Deposit) of Claim Payments

AFBIS now offers direct deposit through Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments to insureds requesting this service for both MPCl and Crop Hail claim payments. The amount of any claim related ACH payment is set at a maximum of \$100,000. Any claim in excess of this amount will have the claim check over-nighted to the insured. Be sure to offer and encourage this service to your insureds. One additional form, ACH Authorization Form, is needed to initiate the process. This process will speed up claim payments by eliminating mailing delays.

Web Based Claim Notices

Submitting a claim notice over the web is fast and easy. After you login to the afbisinc.com website, click on "Policy Information". Bring up your policies and select "Notice of Claim" from the pull down menu on the left. Please contact our Support Department if you have any problems at 800-662-5142 ext.6919.

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.

Help Our Adjusters!

Please enter the cell phone number of the insured on the Notice of Claim. This will assist our adjusters when contacting the insured.

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. 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.

2010 Fall Sales Closing Dates and Established Prices

Colorado

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Barley	September 30	\$3.70
Forage Production	September 30	\$146.00

Idaho

Canola		
Fall Planted	August 31	\$0.1562
Dry Peas (Winter Coverage Option)		
All Types	September 30	Contact Agent
Barley	September 30	\$3.70
Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Alfalfa Seed	September 30	\$1.56
Mint		
Peppermint	September 30	\$23.00
Spearmint	September 30	\$16.00

Indiana

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Barley	September 30	\$3.70
Mint		
Peppermint	September 30	\$23.00
Spearmint	September 30	\$16.00

Michigan

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Forage Production		
All Types	September 30	\$128.00

Minnesota

Cultivated Wild Rice	September 30	\$1.15
Forage Production		
All Types	September 30	\$118.00

Missouri

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Barley	September 30	\$3.70

Montana

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Alfalfa Seed	September 30	\$1.56
Forage Production		
Alfalfa & AGM	September 30	\$85.00
Grass Alfalfa	September 30	\$82.00

North Dakota

Forage Production	September 30	
Alfalfa & AGM	September 30	\$68.00
Grass Alfalfa	September 30	\$52.00
Rye	September 30	\$4.30

Ohio

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Barley	September 30	\$3.70

South Dakota

Forage Production		
Alfalfa & AGM	September 30	\$82.00
Grass Alfalfa	September 30	\$67.00
Rye	September 30	\$4.30
Wheat	September 30	\$5.20

Wyoming

Wheat	September 30	\$5.20
Alfalfa Seed	September 30	\$1.56
Forage Production		
Alfalfa & AGM	September 30	\$108.00
Grass Alfalfa	September 30	\$105.00

APPLICATION TIPS

The following are helpful tips for completing applications:

1. Review SBI requirements.

*****ALL corrections to SSN/EIN require the insured's signature and date*****

2. Telephone number required.

3. Include applicants e-mail address if applicable.

4. Agent and insureds signature on or before the SCD.

5. Complete Landlord/Tenant questions.

6. High Risk Land Exclusion due at SCD.

7. If applicant is transferring from another company, we **MUST** have the previous company's name and policy number.

8. Enterprise and Whole Farm unit options must be selected by SCD.

9. Conditions of Acceptance must be answered for new policies and carryover policies if the coverage level, plan of insurance or options are changing for the new crop year.

10. Designate a primary county if the **Insure All Counties** option is elected. **This option is not available on Forage Production policies. Please be sure to list all counties the insured may plant or obtain land in on the Change Form/Application by SCD.**

11. Options must be elected by the SCD.

12. All Written Agreements are due at SCD.

13. New applicants must have their Request to Waive Administrative Fees form completed, signed and attached to the application if they are a limited resource farmer. Carryover insureds have until the Acreage Reporting Date to submit a Waiver.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW.....

1. Late filed Applications are no longer accepted for any reason!

2. Landlord/Tenant policy requirements:

Information due by Sales Closing Date:

- a. The application must clearly state the intent
- b. Evidence of other party's approval (lease, POA, etc.)
- c. The landlord or tenant's name **and** SSN/EIN information

3. Successor in interest

A successor-in-interest policy continues the insurance protection, APH yield history, and favorable insurance experience/premium discounts (if the successor qualifies) that were accumulated by the former insured.

Qualified applicants – **Must** have participated in an active farming capacity (e.g. managed, performed the physical activities necessary to produce the crop, or received a share of the crop)

- a. Immediate family member
- b. An authorized representative
- c. A person whose status has changed (e.g. dissolution or a declaration of incompetence or incapacity)
- d. A change of insurable entity (e.g. dissolution or formation of partnership, corporation, trust or settlement of estate) applications

***Contact Underwriting for more details.**



WHISTLEBLOWER PHONE NUMBER

The toll-free number for the Inspector General's Hotline is 1-800-424-9121.

