

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE
DOWNED RICE ENDORSEMENT (25-DR-0018A)
(Released November 2024)**

The following is a brief description of changes to the Downed Rice Endorsement that will be effective for the 2025 and succeeding crop years. Please refer to the Endorsement for more complete information.

- Throughout the policy –
 - Made non-substantive editorial revisions; and
 - Updated formatting to two columns to be consistent with the Crop Provisions.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
DOWNED RICE ENDORSEMENT

(This is a continuous Endorsement. Refer to section 2 of the Common Crop Insurance Policy.)

In return for your payment of the premium for the coverage contained in your policy, the Downed Rice Endorsement (Endorsement) will be attached to and made part of the Common Crop Insurance Policy, Basic Provisions (Basic Provisions) and the Rice Crop Provisions, subject to the terms and conditions described in your policy.

1. Applicability

- (a) You must have the Basic Provisions and Rice Crop Provisions in force to elect to insure against downed rice under this Endorsement.
- (b) You must elect this Endorsement in writing on or before the applicable sales closing date for rice.
- (c) This Endorsement will apply to all eligible planted acreage of all types of rice insurable under the Rice Crop Provisions where the actuarial documents provide downed rice coverage.
- (d) You are eligible for coverage under this Endorsement only if you are the person responsible for all (100 percent) of the costs associated with the harvesting of the downed rice for the unit.
- (e) You may not elect this Endorsement if your rice crop is insured under the Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement.
- (f) Except when in conflict with this Endorsement, all provisions of the Basic Provisions and Rice Crop Provisions apply.
- (g) Coverage under the Endorsement will attach when the rice crop is planted.

2. Definitions

Downed rice - Rice that falls over due to wind or rain such that the rice is flattened or leaning and requiring the rice to be harvested in such a way that it leaves a stubble height of 8 inches or less unless a different height is allowed in the Special Provisions.

Downed rice deductible - The amount of downed rice acreage that must be harvested before any payment will be made under this Endorsement. The deductible is initially equal to 10 percent of the insured acreage in the unit. The downed rice deductible will decrease as the percentage of the insured acreage in the unit which qualifies as harvested downed rice increases. If the number of harvested downed rice acres is 50 percent or more of the insured acreage in the unit, the downed rice deductible will equal zero.

Eligible acreage - All insured planted acreage that is located in a county where the actuarial documents provide downed rice coverage.

Flattened - Downed rice which is lying flat on the ground.

Harvest expense amount (per acre) - The additional expense per acre to harvest downed rice as contained in the actuarial documents.

Harvested downed rice - Downed rice, including adjacent areas of standing rice, that is harvested in such a way that it leaves a stubble height of 8 inches or less unless a different height is allowed in the Special Provisions. The acreage of harvested downed rice may

include all acreage in the field, or any part of the field, if normal harvesting practices would require the rice to be harvested as downed rice.

Leaning - Rice that falls over due to wind or rain to the extent that the rice stalks are bent at an angle less than 45 degrees unless otherwise allowed in the Special Provisions.

Payable downed rice acres - Number of acres that qualify for a downed rice payment. Payable downed rice acres are equal to the acres of harvested downed rice minus the downed rice deductible.

3. Unit Division

In accordance with the Basic Provisions, basic and optional units are applicable, except that optional units by irrigated and non-irrigated practices do not apply. Enterprise and whole farm units may be allowed if specified in the Special Provisions.

4. Cancellation and Termination

- (a) This Endorsement may be cancelled in accordance with the Basic Provisions and Rice Crop Provisions.
- (b) If at any time your rice insurance policy is cancelled or terminated, this Endorsement is automatically cancelled or terminated as of the same date.

5. Report of Acreage

- (a) You are not required to file a separate report of acreage when you elect this Endorsement. Your insurance coverage for this Endorsement will be determined from the accepted acreage report submitted under section 6 of the Basic Provisions except that your insured share for purposes of this Endorsement will be 100 percent for the unit.
- (b) In addition to section 6 of the Basic Provisions, you must:
 - (1) Submit by the acreage reporting date a map or maps showing the insured planted acreage for each insured rice unit in the county;
 - (2) Identify on each map the unit number that corresponds to the unit number contained on your acreage report (if the map contains more than 1 unit, identify the insured planted acreage on each unit on the map with its applicable unit number); and
 - (3) Number each field within each unit on each map.

6. Annual Premium

- (a) The additional premium amount for this coverage will be determined by multiplying the number of your insured planted acres of rice by the harvest expense amount (per acre) by the premium rate for this Endorsement contained in the actuarial documents and by your percentage of the projected price.

- (b) You must pay the additional premium by the due date contained in the Basic Provisions or the consequences in section 2 of the Basic Provisions will apply.

7. Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

Your Duties:

- (a) In lieu of the notice requirements contained in section 14(b)(1) of the Basic Provisions, you must notify us within 24 hours, and prior to any harvest of the downed rice, of:
 - (1) Discovery of downed rice on any insured acreage on any unit;
 - (2) The cause of damage for the downed rice; and
 - (3) The date of damage.
- (b) Your notice under section 7(a) must include, by unit:
 - (1) The estimated number of acres:
 - (i) That has been harvested before the rice was downed;
 - (ii) Of unharvested downed rice; and
 - (iii) Of unharvested rice that is not downed;
 - (2) The field number of the field containing the downed rice as shown on the applicable map;
 - (3) The location(s) of the downed rice in the field (for example, north side, southeast corner, etc.); and
 - (4) The expected harvest date for the unharvested downed rice acreage and any other unharvested acreage.
- (c) You must file a separate notice for the same unit in accordance with section 7(a) if additional unharvested acreage in section 7(b) qualifies as downed rice following the initial date of damage or because of a current cause of damage. The notice will include the following information not contained in a prior notice:
 - (1) If applicable, the current cause of damage and the date damage occurred;
 - (2) The estimated number of additional acres harvested that was not downed;
 - (3) The estimated number of additional acres of unharvested downed rice for the unit;
 - (4) The estimated number of acres of unharvested rice that is not downed;
 - (5) The field number of the field containing the downed rice as shown on the applicable map;
 - (6) The location(s) of the downed rice in the field (for example, north side, southeast corner, etc.); and
 - (7) The expected harvest date for the unharvested downed rice acreage and any other unharvested acreage.
- (d) If required by us at the time of any preharvest inspection, you must provide 2 different photographs for each downed rice location identified by you in sections 7(b)(2) and (3) and 7(c)(5) and (6), as applicable. You must include on the reverse side of the photograph the field number of the field, the location in the field (for example, north side, southeast corner, etc.) the photograph represents, and the date each photograph was taken.
- (e) You must give us notice within 24 hours of the completion of harvest of the downed rice acreage on the field or unit, as applicable. We may require 2 additional photographs for each separate downed

rice location after the downed rice has been harvested. Each photograph must be identified as specified in section 7(d). This requirement may be waived by us if authorized in approved procedure.

- (f) All notices required in this section may be made by telephone or in person to your crop insurance agent but must be confirmed in writing within 15 days.
- (g) You may not harvest the downed rice acreage covered by any notice under this section until the earlier of:
 - (1) Our inspection; or
 - (2) The date we give you consent to harvest the acreage.
- (h) Any downed rice payment for which the acreage may have qualified will be denied if you:
 - (1) Harvest the downed rice acreage before it is inspected by us or we give you consent; or
 - (2) Destroy (includes flooding by the insured for purposes of producing a 2nd rice crop on the acreage) the rice stubble of any insured harvested downed rice acreage without our consent.

8. Downed Rice Payment

- (a) A downed rice payment, by unit, will be made on the insured rice crop if the downed rice acreage:
 - (1) Is eligible acreage;
 - (2) Exceeds the downed rice deductible for the unit in accordance with the definition of "downed rice deductible" in section 2 and section 8(c)(1); and
 - (3) Qualifies as harvested downed rice.
- (b) No downed rice payment will be made on any downed rice acreage:
 - (1) That is harvested and you failed to meet the requirements of section 7;
 - (2) That does not meet the requirements contained in section 8(a); or
 - (3) That is not harvested.
- (c) We will determine your downed rice payment for the unit as follows:
 - (1) Multiply the insured acreage in the unit by 10 percent;
 - (2) Multiply the insured acreage in the unit by 50 percent;
 - (3) If the acres of harvested downed rice in the unit are less than or equal to the result of section 8(c)(1), no downed rice payment will be made;
 - (4) If the acres of harvested downed rice in the unit are greater than the result of section 8(c)(1), determine the payable downed rice acres as follows:
 - (i) If the acres of harvested downed rice in the unit are more than the result of section 8(c)(1) but less than the result of section 8(c)(2), subtract the result of section 8(c)(1) from the acres of harvested downed rice, and multiply the result by 1.25 to determine the number of payable acres; or
 - (ii) If the acres of harvested downed rice in the unit are equal to or greater than the result of section 8(c)(2), the payable downed rice acres are equal to actual acres of harvested downed rice; and

- (5) Multiply the applicable result of section 8(c)(4)(i) or (ii) by the harvest expense amount (per acre) and by your percentage of the projected price.
- (d) Any downed rice payment made under this Endorsement will be in addition to any other indemnities or payments you are eligible for under the Basic Provisions and Rice Crop Provisions.

Example:

You have 1 unit with 100 eligible acres of rice. Your percentage of the projected price is 100 percent. Damaging winds resulted in a total of 45 acres of harvested downed rice. The harvest expense amount (per acre) is \$67.00. Your downed rice payment is calculated as follows:

- (1) 100 eligible acres of rice \times 10 percent = 10 acres
- (2) 100 eligible acres of rice \times 50 percent = 50 acres
- (3) Since 45 harvested downed rice acres are greater than step (1), go to step (4)
- (4) Since 45 harvested downed rice acres are less than step (2); then 45 acres $-$ 10 acres = 35 acres
- (5) 35 acres \times 1.25 = 43.8 payable downed rice acres
- (6) Downed rice payment = \$2,935 (43.8 payable downed rice acres \times \$67.00 harvest expense amount (per acre) \times 100 percent of the projected price; rounded to whole dollars) [NOTE: Share under this Endorsement is always 100 percent]

9. Written Agreements

Any written agreement applicable to your insured rice crop shall be applicable to the coverage under this Endorsement; however, no written agreements may be issued specifically to modify the terms of this Endorsement.