



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation**  
**SPRINKLER IRRIGATED RICE ENDORSEMENT TO RICE CROP PROVISIONS (11-0018)**

(This is a continuous Endorsement. Refer to Section 2 of the Common Crop Insurance Policy (11-BR)  
– Life of Policy, Cancellation, and Termination)

In return for your payment of the premium for the coverage contained herein, the Sprinkler Irrigated 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 herein.

**1. Applicability**

- (a) You must have the Basic Provisions and Rice Crop Provisions in force to elect to insure Sprinkler Irrigated 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 is continuous but requires an annual application to be completed to certify that all documentation requirements will be followed.
- (d) This Endorsement will apply to all eligible acreage of rice insurable under the Rice Crop Provisions for which the practice of sprinkler irrigation applies.
- (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.

**2. Definitions**

**Sprinkler Irrigation Practice** – A method of crop irrigation in which the equipment applies water through nozzles operated under pressure to form a spray pattern to cover the acreage whereby the planted acreage is intentionally sprayed with water in non-ponding applications throughout the growing season.

**3. Unit Division**

In addition to the provisions of Section 2 of the Rice Crop Provisions, you may have separate optional units for flood irrigated and sprinkler irrigated practices.

**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 canceled 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.
- (b) Your insurance coverage for this Endorsement will be determined from the accepted acreage report submitted under guidelines established by Section 6 of the Basic Provisions.

**6. Annual Premium.**

- (a) The premium amount for this coverage will be determined by multiplying the number of your insured acres of rice by the liability amount (per acre), by the premium rate for the practice of sprinkler irrigation contained in the actuarial documents, and by the percentage of projected price.
- (b) You must pay the premium by the due date contained in the Basic Provisions or the consequences in section 2 of the Basic Provisions will apply.

**7. Insured Crop.**

- (a) In lieu of Section 6(C) of the Rice Crop Provisions and in accordance with Section 8 of the Basic Provisions; the insured crop will be rice that is sprinkler irrigated.
- (b) The rice grown under a sprinkler irrigation practice shall meet the

characteristics described in the Special Provisions.

- (c) Rice grown under a sprinkler irrigation practice is not insurable as organic rice. Organic practices do not apply to rice grown under a sprinkler irrigation system.

**8. Good Farming Irrigation Practices.**

- (a) You must follow good farming practices that are a part of and incorporated in the Sprinkler Irrigated Rice Endorsement Application and underwriting guidelines, which are considered part of this Endorsement.
- (b) To qualify for coverage under this endorsement you must also sign and agree to the requirements contained in the Sprinkler Irrigated Rice Endorsement Application and provide documentation that you met the requirements upon our request. If the required documentation of farming practices is not complete, we may declare the rice grown under sprinkler irrigation uninsurable.
- (c) You must use a third-party agronomy scout or Certified Crop Advisor to document the following practices and make them available to us upon request:
  - (i) Selection of rice variety that is a short to medium season maturity variety or hybrid.
  - (ii) Sprinkler irrigation system capacity to apply a minimum of 7.5 gallons of water per minute per acre and to irrigate the entire crop planted under the irrigation system within 24 hours.
  - (iii) Weekly documentation of the management of water application and herbicide, insecticide, fungicide and nutrition programs.

**9. Equipment Requirements**

- (a) You must have sprinkler irrigation equipment that is well-maintained and in good working order and the water source must be sufficient to meet the irrigation needs of the rice crop.

Additionally, the irrigation system must:

- (i) Have the capacity to deliver at least 7.5 gallons of water per minute per acre.
- (ii) If the irrigation is not a pivot or linear (i.e., a solid-set system), the irrigation system shall be designed and installed to ensure appropriate uniformity over the irrigated area, as well as having adequate system capacity.

- (b) You must maintain sprinkler irrigation equipment to deliver capacity and application performance. If the sprinkler irrigation equipment is not maintained and cannot meet the minimum requirements in Section 9(a), no insurance coverage shall attach to the rice crop grown under the sprinkler irrigation system and shall be deemed uninsurable.

**10. Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss**

All responsibilities outlined in section 14(b)(1) of the Basic provisions shall be followed. In addition, your duties shall include:

- (a) Providing documentation of weekly inspections made by a third-party crop scout to a company loss adjuster by unit.
- (b) Documentation of production by sprinkler irrigated unit.

**11. Sprinkler Irrigated Rice Payment**

Claim payment shall follow the procedure outlined in section 12, Settlement of Claim, of the Rice Crop Provisions.

**12. Written Agreements**

Written agreements are not allowed with this Endorsement.

**13. Late and Prevented Planting**

- (a) There is no prevented planting coverage available for sprinkler irrigated rice.
- (b) There is no late planting provision for sprinkler irrigated rice. Any rice planted under a sprinkler irrigation system after the stated final planting date is uninsurable.