

## Sense of the Board

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors (Board) issues deadlines through FCIC Board resolutions, which include deadlines for applicants to submit 508(h) submissions during a specified submission window following approval for advance payment. Due to issues related to COVID-19, the FCIC Board is extending all 508(h) submission deadlines issued through FCIC Board resolutions prior to the May 2020 Board meeting by six months.

Similarly, in recognition of the challenges facing cattle and swine producers due to COVID-19, the FCIC Board considered and ultimately approved modifications to Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) – Fed Cattle, Feeder Cattle, and Swine although these modifications were submitted to FCIC after the deadline established by FCIC for consideration at the May 2020 Board meeting.

The FCIC Board took these actions in recognition that the LRP – Fed Cattle, Feeder Cattle, and Swine are sold on a daily basis, a contrast to other policies, and delaying consideration until the August 2020 Board meeting would have prevented the Board from considering modifications to improve risk management options to producers over the course of three months during the COVID-19 pandemic when these livestock producers seek improved risk management options. The FCIC Board continues to remind submitters that new submissions or modifications submitted outside the submission window will not be considered until the next scheduled Board meeting unless there is a compelling reason that merits the Board's immediate attention.