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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers

**FROM:** Brian Frieden, Director of the Springfield Regional Office

**SUBJECT:** Following Another Crop Blanket Written Agreement (Standardized Written Agreement) Details for the Springfield Region

**I. BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is continuing efforts to simplify sign-up and expand double cropping coverage availability for the 2025 crop year. These efforts will help enable agricultural producers to produce two crops on the same land each year, such as spring-planted soybeans or grain sorghum following the harvest of a crop such as winter wheat.

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) reviewed and updated the double crop Blanket Written Agreement (BL) counties in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio for the 2025 crop year. This memo provides details on the BL offers that are available in all counties that offer soybean coverage in the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio in which the Following Another Crop (FAC) practice is not available for the 2025 crop year.

**II. FAC Written Agreement Options and Requirements**

A BL Offer is a standardized written agreement offer prebuilt by RMA into the Regional Office Exceptions (ROE) System which allows for a producer to choose to insure their FAC soybeans. Since the written agreement offer is prebuilt by RMA, a producer does not have to go through an extensive underwriting process and can simply choose to insure their FAC crop by submitting the request with an actuarial change request (ACR) form through their agent and Approved Insurance Provider (AIP).

Each county has a unique written agreement number that AIPs can access. The BL in each county provides the terms and conditions of insurance available to producers interested in insuring FAC

soybeans in the states of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio for the 2025 crop year. The rates and T-yields for the FAC practice may vary by county just as they do for other insurable crops.

For all FAC soybeans insured under BL, the definition for FAC applies:

*FAC (Following Another Crop): A planted crop following:*

- 1. A perennial hay crop that was harvested in the same calendar year; and*
- 2. A crop (other than a cover crop) that has reached the headed or budded stage prior to termination, regardless of the percentage of plants that reached the headed or budded stage;*

*Termination means growth has ended. A crop that follows a cover crop that meets the criteria outlined in the Insurance Availability section of the Special Provisions is considered NFAC.*

The BL agreements available in the Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio do not provide coverage for organic or specialty type soybeans. Coverage for these types can be requested through the traditional written agreement request process.

### **III. Blanket Written Agreement Numbers**

BL Offers were used previously with breeched levees, which is where the BL designator originated. See Exhibit A for BL Offer numbers for each county and each crop where they are offered.

### **IV. Action**

Insured's can select a BL Offer by submitting a signed and dated ACR form for soybeans, where applicable, to their crop insurance agent by the sales closing date. AIPs may apply the BL Offer to the applicable crop types and practices. AIPs process the BL Offers as they would a pre-approved and accepted written agreement, attaching the BL WA number to the insured's policy, and transmitting to RMA within 30 days of the sales closing date.

For producers that may miss the sales closing date deadline, new type/practice (TP) written agreement requests may be accepted until the acreage reporting date for the crop if they did not utilize the BL Offer or have a T/P written agreement for the FAC practice in 2024. A crop inspection may be required if the producer applies after the sales closing date. The rates, T-yields, and dates offered under a TP written agreement request will be like those offered under a blanket written agreement. All other requirements for a TP written agreement request apply in accordance with the [Written Agreement Handbook](#). All other general guidance, frequently asked questions, maps, and other material related to the double cropping expansion can be found at [rma.usda.gov/about-crop-insurance/highlighted-initiatives-plans/double-cropping](http://rma.usda.gov/about-crop-insurance/highlighted-initiatives-plans/double-cropping).

**DISPOSAL:** Effective for the 2025 Reinsurance Year.

Exhibit A: BL Offer Numbers by County and Crop

Location State	Location County	Soybean BL Offer Number
17 Illinois	007 Boone	250097711
17 Illinois	009 Brown	250097811
17 Illinois	011 Bureau	250098011
17 Illinois	015 Carroll	250098111
17 Illinois	017 Cass	250098211
17 Illinois	019 Champaign	250098311
17 Illinois	021 Christian	250098411
17 Illinois	029 Coles	250098511
17 Illinois	031 Cook	250098611
17 Illinois	035 Cumberland	250098711
17 Illinois	037 DeKalb	250098911
17 Illinois	039 De Witt	250099011
17 Illinois	041 Douglas	250099211
17 Illinois	043 DuPage	250099111
17 Illinois	045 Edgar	250099311
17 Illinois	053 Ford	250099411
17 Illinois	057 Fulton	250099511
17 Illinois	063 Grundy	250099711
17 Illinois	067 Hancock	250099811
17 Illinois	071 Henderson	250099911
17 Illinois	073 Henry	250100011
17 Illinois	075 Iroquois	250100111
17 Illinois	085 Jo Daviess	250100211
17 Illinois	089 Kane	250100311
17 Illinois	091 Kankakee	250100411
17 Illinois	093 Kendall	250112011
17 Illinois	095 Knox	250100511
17 Illinois	097 Lake	250100611
17 Illinois	099 La Salle	250100711
17 Illinois	103 Lee	250100811
17 Illinois	105 Livingston	250100911
17 Illinois	107 Logan	250101011
17 Illinois	109 McDonough	250101211
17 Illinois	111 Mchenry	250101111
17 Illinois	113 Mclean	250101311
17 Illinois	115 Macon	250101411
17 Illinois	123 Marshall	250101511
17 Illinois	125 Mason	250101611
17 Illinois	129 Menard	250101711
17 Illinois	131 Mercer	250101811
17 Illinois	137 Morgan	250101911
17 Illinois	139 Moultrie	250102011
17 Illinois	141 Ogle	250102111

<b>Location State</b>	<b>Location County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
17 Illinois	143 Peoria	250102211
17 Illinois	147 Piatt	250102311
17 Illinois	155 Putnam	250102411
17 Illinois	161 Rock Island	250102511
17 Illinois	167 Sangamon	250102611
17 Illinois	169 Schuyler	250102711
17 Illinois	171 Scott	250102811
17 Illinois	175 Stark	250102911
17 Illinois	177 Stephenson	250103011
17 Illinois	179 Tazewell	250103111
17 Illinois	183 Vermilion	250103211
17 Illinois	187 Warren	250103311
17 Illinois	195 Whiteside	250103411
17 Illinois	197 Will	250103511
17 Illinois	201 Winnebago	250103611
17 Illinois	203 Woodford	250103811
18 Indiana	001 Adams	250103911
18 Indiana	003 Allen	250104011
18 Indiana	007 Benton	250104111
18 Indiana	009 Blackford	250104211
18 Indiana	011 Boone	250104311
18 Indiana	015 Carroll	250104411
18 Indiana	017 Cass	250104511
18 Indiana	023 Clinton	250104611
18 Indiana	033 DeKalb	250104711
18 Indiana	035 Delaware	250104811
18 Indiana	039 Elkhart	250104911
18 Indiana	045 Fountain	250105011
18 Indiana	049 Fulton	250105111
18 Indiana	053 Grant	250105211
18 Indiana	057 Hamilton	250105311
18 Indiana	059 Hancock	250105411
18 Indiana	063 Hendricks	250105511
18 Indiana	065 Henry	250105611
18 Indiana	067 Howard	250105711
18 Indiana	069 Huntington	250105811
18 Indiana	073 Jasper	250106011
18 Indiana	075 Jay	250106111
18 Indiana	085 Kosciusko	250106211
18 Indiana	087 Lagrange	250106311
18 Indiana	089 Lake	250106411
18 Indiana	091 La Porte	250106511
18 Indiana	095 Madison	250106611

<b>Location State</b>	<b>Location County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
18 Indiana	097 Marion	250106711
18 Indiana	099 Marshall	250106811
18 Indiana	103 Miami	250106911
18 Indiana	107 Montgomery	250107011
18 Indiana	111 Newton	250107111
18 Indiana	113 Noble	250107211
18 Indiana	121 Parke	250107311
18 Indiana	127 Porter	250107411
18 Indiana	131 Pulaski	250107511
18 Indiana	133 Putnam	250107611
18 Indiana	135 Randolph	250107711
18 Indiana	141 St Joseph	250107911
18 Indiana	149 Starke	250108021
18 Indiana	151 Steuben	250108111
18 Indiana	157 Tippecanoe	250108211
18 Indiana	159 Tipton	250108311
18 Indiana	165 Vermillion	250108611
18 Indiana	169 Wabash	250108711
18 Indiana	171 Warren	250108811
18 Indiana	177 Wayne	250108911
18 Indiana	179 Wells	250109011
18 Indiana	181 White	250114411
18 Indiana	183 Whitley	250109111
39 Ohio	003 Allen	250109211
39 Ohio	005 Ashland	250109311
39 Ohio	007 Ashtabula	250109511
39 Ohio	011 Auglaize	250109411
39 Ohio	019 Carroll	250109711
39 Ohio	029 Columbiana	250109811
39 Ohio	031 Coshocton	250109911
39 Ohio	033 Crawford	250110011
39 Ohio	039 Defiance	250110211
39 Ohio	041 Delaware	250110311
39 Ohio	051 Fulton	250110111
39 Ohio	055 Geauga	250110411
39 Ohio	063 Hancock	250110511
39 Ohio	065 Hardin	250110611
39 Ohio	069 Henry	250110711
39 Ohio	075 Holmes	250110811
39 Ohio	083 Knox	250112111
39 Ohio	091 Logan	250112211
39 Ohio	099 Mahoning	250112311
39 Ohio	101 Marion	250112411

<b>Location State</b>	<b>Location County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
39 Ohio	103 Medina	250112511
39 Ohio	107 Mercer	250112611
39 Ohio	117 Morrow	250112711
39 Ohio	125 Paulding	250112811
39 Ohio	133 Portage	250112911
39 Ohio	137 Putnam	250113011
39 Ohio	139 Richland	250113111
39 Ohio	147 Seneca	250113311
39 Ohio	149 Shelby	250113411
39 Ohio	151 Stark	250113511
39 Ohio	153 Summit	250113611
39 Ohio	155 Trumbull	250113711
39 Ohio	157 Tuscarawas	250113811
39 Ohio	159 Union	250113911
39 Ohio	161 Van Wert	250114011
39 Ohio	169 Wayne	250114111
39 Ohio	171 Williams	250114211
39 Ohio	175 Wyandot	250114311