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## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the Springfield Region

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**

On December 5, 2023, Informational Memorandum [IS-23-003](#) was issued to detail actions RMA is taking as part of a broader set of commitments made by President Biden and Secretary Vilsack to increase domestic food production amid potential global food shortages related to the invasion of Ukraine. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is building on lessons learned in 2023 and continuing efforts to simplify sign-up and expand double cropping coverage availability for the 2024 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.

For the 2024 crop year, producers intending to plant soybeans or grain sorghum after wheat and other fall-seeded crops (double cropping) in counties where the Following Another Crop (FAC) practice is not available, may have the option to request coverage in select counties through their crop insurance agent. Additionally, producers in some areas of the country also have the option to request coverage for soybeans planted into wheat or camelina using a relay cropping practice. This memo provides details on the Blanket Written Agreement (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 2024 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 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 2024 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 breached 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**

Insureds 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. The offers are available through the sales closing date for soybeans. 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.

Producers that miss the sales closing date deadline may have the opportunity to request a new type/practice T/P written agreement request by the acreage reporting date if they did not utilize the BL Offer or have a T/P written agreement for the FAC practice in 2023. A crop inspection may be required if the producer applies after the sales closing date. The rates, yields, and dates offered under a T/P written agreement request will be the same as those offered under a blanket written agreement. All other requirements for a T/P

written agreement request apply in accordance with the [2024 Written Agreement Handbook \(WAH\)](#)

All other general guidance, frequently asked questions, maps, and other material related to the double cropping expansion can be found at [rma.usda.gov/Topics/Double-Cropping-Initiative](https://rma.usda.gov/Topics/Double-Cropping-Initiative).

**DISPOSAL:** Effective for the 2024 Reinsurance Year.

**Exhibit A**  
**BL Offer Numbers by County**

<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
Illinois	Boone	240078311
Illinois	Brown	240078511
Illinois	Bureau	240078611
Illinois	Carroll	240078711
Illinois	Cass	240078811
Illinois	Champaign	240079011
Illinois	Christian	240079111
Illinois	Coles	240079211
Illinois	Cook	240079311
Illinois	Cumberland	240079411
Illinois	De Kalb	240079511
Illinois	De Witt	240079611
Illinois	Douglas	240079711
Illinois	Du Page	240079811
Illinois	Edgar	240079911
Illinois	Ford	240080011
Illinois	Fulton	240080111
Illinois	Grundy	240080211
Illinois	Hancock	240080311
Illinois	Henderson	240080411
Illinois	Henry	240080511
Illinois	Iroquois	240080611
Illinois	Jo Daviess	240080711
Illinois	Kane	240080811
Illinois	Kankakee	240080911
Illinois	Kendall	240081011
Illinois	Knox	240081111
Illinois	Lake	240081211
Illinois	La Salle	240081311
Illinois	Lee	240081411
Illinois	Livingston	240081511
Illinois	Logan	240081611
Illinois	McDonough	240081711
Illinois	McHenry	240081811

<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
Illinois	Mclean	240082011
Illinois	Macon	240082111
Illinois	Marshall	240082211
Illinois	Mason	240082311
Illinois	Menard	240082411
Illinois	Mercer	240082511
Illinois	Morgan	240082611
Illinois	Moultrie	240082711
Illinois	Ogle	240082811
Illinois	Peoria	240082911
Illinois	Piatt	240083011
Illinois	Putnam	240083111
Illinois	Rock Island	240083211
Illinois	Sangamon	240083311
Illinois	Schuyler	240083411
Illinois	Scott	240083511
Illinois	Stark	240083611
Illinois	Stephenson	240083711
Illinois	Tazewell	240083811
Illinois	Vermilion	240083911
Illinois	Warren	240084011
Illinois	Whiteside	240084111
Illinois	Will	240084211
Illinois	Winnebago	240084311
Illinois	Woodford	240084411
Indiana	Adams	240084511
Indiana	Allen	240084611
Indiana	Benton	240084711
Indiana	Blackford	240084811
Indiana	Boone	240084911
Indiana	Carroll	240085011
Indiana	Cass	240085111
Indiana	Clinton	240085211
Indiana	De Kalb	240085311
Indiana	Delaware	240085411
Indiana	Elkhart	240085511
Indiana	Fountain	240085611
Indiana	Fulton	240085711

<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
Indiana	Grant	240085811
Indiana	Hamilton	240085911
Indiana	Hancock	240086011
Indiana	Hendricks	240086111
Indiana	Henry	240086211
Indiana	Howard	240086311
Indiana	Huntington	240086411
Indiana	Jasper	240086511
Indiana	Jay	240086611
Indiana	Kosciusko	240086711
Indiana	Lagrange	240086811
Indiana	Lake	240086911
Indiana	La Porte	240087011
Indiana	Madison	240087111
Indiana	Marion	240087211
Indiana	Marshall	240087311
Indiana	Miami	240087411
Indiana	Montgomery	240087611
Indiana	Newton	240087711
Indiana	Noble	240087811
Indiana	Parke	240087911
Indiana	Porter	240088011
Indiana	Pulaski	240088111
Indiana	Putnam	240088211
Indiana	Randolph	240088311
Indiana	St Joseph	240088411
Indiana	Starke	240088511
Indiana	Steuben	240088611
Indiana	Tippecanoe	240088711
Indiana	Tipton	240088811
Indiana	Vermillion	240088911
Indiana	Wabash	240089011
Indiana	Warren	240089111
Indiana	Wayne	240089211
Indiana	Wells	240089311
Indiana	White	240102611
Indiana	Whitley	240089511
Ohio	Allen	240089611

<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Soybean BL Offer Number</b>
Ohio	Ashland	240089711
Ohio	Ashtabula	240089811
Ohio	Auglaize	240089911
Ohio	Carroll	240090011
Ohio	Columbiana	240090111
Ohio	Coshocton	240090211
Ohio	Crawford	240090311
Ohio	Defiance	240090411
Ohio	Delaware	240090511
Ohio	Fulton	240090611
Ohio	Geauga	240090711
Ohio	Hancock	240090811
Ohio	Hardin	240090911
Ohio	Henry	240091011
Ohio	Holmes	240091111
Ohio	Knox	240091211
Ohio	Logan	240091311
Ohio	Mahoning	240091411
Ohio	Marion	240091511
Ohio	Medina	240091611
Ohio	Mercer	240091711
Ohio	Morrow	240091811
Ohio	Paulding	240091911
Ohio	Portage	240092111
Ohio	Putnam	240092211
Ohio	Richland	240092311
Ohio	Seneca	240092411
Ohio	Shelby	240092511
Ohio	Stark	240092611
Ohio	Summit	240092711
Ohio	Trumbull	240092811
Ohio	Tuscarawas	240092911
Ohio	Union	240093011
Ohio	Van Wert	240093111
Ohio	Wayne	240093211
Ohio	Williams	240093311
Ohio	Wyandot	240093411