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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the Springfield Region

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

I. **BACKGROUND**

On December 22, 2022, Informational Memorandum [IS-22-003](#) was issued to detail actions RMA is taking as part of a broader set of commitments made last spring 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 simplifying and expanding options to insure double crop acreage in areas that don't offer coverage. This memo details the Following Another Crop (FAC) written agreement options and requirements available to 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.

This memo provides details on the Blanket Written Agreement (BL) offers that are available in the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio for the 2023 crop year.

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

Blanket Written Agreements (BL) are available in all counties that offer soybean coverage in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, in which the Following Another Crop (FAC) practice is not available. 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 2023 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 blanket written 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

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. 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.

For producers that missed the sales closing date deadline, new type/practice T/P written agreement requests may be accepted until the acreage reporting date for the crop. 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 [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/Topics/Double-Cropping-Initiative.

DISPOSAL: Effective for the 2023 Reinsurance Year.

Exhibit A
BL Offer Numbers by County

State	County	Soybean BL Offer Number
Illinois	Boone	230104811
Illinois	Brown	230129011
Illinois	Bureau	230136311
Illinois	Carroll	230136511
Illinois	Cass	230136711
Illinois	Champaign	230136811
Illinois	Christian	230121911
Illinois	Coles	230136911
Illinois	Cook	230137111
Illinois	Cumberland	230137711
Illinois	De Kalb	230137911
Illinois	De Witt	230138111
Illinois	Douglas	230138611
Illinois	Du Page	230138811
Illinois	Edgar	230139111
Illinois	Ford	230139311
Illinois	Fulton	230139511
Illinois	Grundy	230139811
Illinois	Hancock	230140411
Illinois	Henderson	230140711
Illinois	Henry	230141111
Illinois	Iroquois	230141311
Illinois	Jo Daviess	230141511
Illinois	Kane	230141611
Illinois	Kankakee	230143011
Illinois	Kendall	230143511
Illinois	Knox	230144111
Illinois	Lake	230144211
Illinois	La Salle	230144411
Illinois	Lee	230144611
Illinois	Livingston	230144811
Illinois	Logan	230145411
Illinois	McDonough	230145811
Illinois	McHenry	230145911

State	County	Soybean BL Offer Number
Illinois	Mclean	230146011
Illinois	Macon	230146111
Illinois	Marshall	230146511
Illinois	Mason	230146311
Illinois	Menard	230146611
Illinois	Mercer	230146811
Illinois	Morgan	230147011
Illinois	Moultrie	230147111
Illinois	Ogle	230147511
Illinois	Peoria	230147611
Illinois	Piatt	230147711
Illinois	Putnam	230147811
Illinois	Rock Island	230147911
Illinois	Sangamon	230144311
Illinois	Schuyler	230144511
Illinois	Scott	230144911
Illinois	Stark	230145011
Illinois	Stephenson	230145711
Illinois	Tazewell	230146211
Illinois	Vermilion	230146411
Illinois	Warren	230146711
Illinois	Whiteside	230146911
Illinois	Will	230147211
Illinois	Winnebago	230147311
Illinois	Woodford	230147411
Indiana	Adams	230137311
Indiana	Allen	230152811
Indiana	Benton	230153111
Indiana	Blackford	230153211
Indiana	Boone	230153311
Indiana	Carroll	230153411
Indiana	Cass	230153511
Indiana	Clinton	230153611
Indiana	De Kalb	230153711
Indiana	Delaware	230153811
Indiana	Elkhart	230153911
Indiana	Fountain	230154011
Indiana	Fulton	230154111

State	County	Soybean BL Offer Number
Indiana	Grant	230154211
Indiana	Hamilton	230154311
Indiana	Hancock	230154411
Indiana	Hendricks	230154511
Indiana	Henry	230154611
Indiana	Howard	230155011
Indiana	Huntington	230155111
Indiana	Jasper	230155611
Indiana	Jay	230155811
Indiana	Kosciusko	230156011
Indiana	Lagrange	230156211
Indiana	Lake	230156411
Indiana	La Porte	230153011
Indiana	Madison	230152911
Indiana	Marion	230152711
Indiana	Marshall	230152611
Indiana	Miami	230152511
Indiana	Montgomery	230151511
Indiana	Newton	230151411
Indiana	Noble	230151311
Indiana	Parke	230151211
Indiana	Porter	230151111
Indiana	Pulaski	230151011
Indiana	Putnam	230150911
Indiana	Randolph	230150811
Indiana	St Joseph	230150711
Indiana	Starke	230150611
Indiana	Steuben	230150511
Indiana	Tippecanoe	230150411
Indiana	Tipton	230150311
Indiana	Vermillion	230150211
Indiana	Wabash	230150011
Indiana	Warren	230140911
Indiana	Wayne	230140511
Indiana	Wells	230140111
Indiana	White	230137411
Indiana	Whitley	230136411
Ohio	Allen	230127111

State	County	Soybean BL Offer Number
Ohio	Ashland	230136211
Ohio	Ashtabula	230137211
Ohio	Auglaize	230137511
Ohio	Carroll	230137811
Ohio	Columbiana	230138011
Ohio	Coshocton	230138211
Ohio	Crawford	230138411
Ohio	Defiance	230138511
Ohio	Delaware	230138711
Ohio	Fulton	230139211
Ohio	Geauga	230139611
Ohio	Hancock	230139911
Ohio	Hardin	230140211
Ohio	Henry	230140311
Ohio	Holmes	230140611
Ohio	Knox	230140811
Ohio	Logan	230141011
Ohio	Mahoning	230141211
Ohio	Marion	230141711
Ohio	Medina	230141811
Ohio	Mercer	230141911
Ohio	Morrow	230142011
Ohio	Paulding	230142111
Ohio	Portage	230142311
Ohio	Putnam	230142411
Ohio	Richland	230142511
Ohio	Seneca	230142611
Ohio	Shelby	230142711
Ohio	Stark	230142811
Ohio	Summit	230142911
Ohio	Trumbull	230143111
Ohio	Tuscarawas	230143311
Ohio	Union	230143411
Ohio	Van Wert	230143611
Ohio	Wayne	230143711
Ohio	Williams	230143911
Ohio	Wyandot	230144011