



CROP INSURANCE UPDATE JANUARY 2024



Planting Intentions

We welcome information as to your planting intentions for 2024. This data is very helpful in a number of ways. By knowing the crops planted to each field, we'll be able to give you an accurate quote on total insurance costs. It will also alert us to any potential added land, new crops, and yield information we may need to set up before the March 15th deadline.

This planting intention information can be moved to our mapping system and allow us to customize and correct errors on fields before you report those acres to the FSA. We'll be able to print helpful mapping reports, color coded per crop, as an aid in relaying planting information to custom floater operators, lenders, employees and the FSA.

These are not intended to replace the maps prepared by the FSA office. Our intention is to have them completed with the acres already calculated and set by the FSA. For those of you who provide planting data with GPS mapping systems, we'll be able to correct any potential reporting errors, gather planting dates, and prepare maps that you can take to your FSA acre certification appointment.

Ideally the colored maps should reduce the number of errors by showing the separate crop colors for anyone with access. Our local FSA office is fully on board with this procedure!

Stop in or call us with your 2024 planting intentions and we'll tell you more about this procedure.

Agency Highlights

We're pleased to announce over 90% of our claims have been completed. Those that remain have been contacted and some have deferred until after the new year or have put off the process until time allows them to gather necessary information. Once a claim is completed with a signature from the producer, we can print the check the next day. Our agency was the first agency in the state of Nebraska allowed to do so by the largest writer of crop insurance in the nation.

Our unique ability to use mapping to separate dryland yields on pivot corners has made the process of determining dryland yields very accurate, especially in a dry year where most dryland corners are eligible for substantial loss payments.

2024 Spring Meeting

Our annual spring update meetings will be held at the end of February. We will be holding 3 separate meetings at our office like we did last spring. The 3 smaller meetings give us the opportunity to talk with more of our customers before and after the meeting. Our meal will be served by Country Catering. We will be in contact by postcard to get you set up with a meeting time.

We're currently attending industry update meetings with our companies to learn of any new options and changes in the crop insurance program. We aren't aware of any major changes that will alter the way you've insured in the past, but new options are always available. We will be looking into those options and will be prepared to answer any questions you may have.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, February 27th

11:30 AM

Wednesday, February 28th

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5:30 PM



ARC/PLC Choices for 2024

The 2018 farm bill required producers to choose a “safety net” option each crop year. This choice must be made by March 15th. If a choice isn’t made by this date, the previous year’s selection will stay in place.

We aren’t in a position to make this decision for you, but based on previous year’s statistics the ARC has a higher participation share in both Buffalo and Sherman Counties. ARC on corn accounted for 64.6% in Buffalo and 77.1% in Sherman. For soybeans ARC was used on 79.4% of the acres in Buffalo and 80.9% in Sherman. Our office has copies of this statistical data available to anyone interested.

The PLC program is a calculation exclusively on price. Last year the reference price was \$3.70 for corn, \$8.40 for soybeans. It has been revised to \$4.01 for corn and \$9.26 for soybeans for the 2024 marketing year. The ARC is a revenue product that compares the year’s revenue with that of the previous 5 years, minus the high and low years. As past year’s revenue is calculated with higher commodity prices, the ARC becomes more valuable. In 2022 small program payments in excess of \$50 were made on non-irrigated crops in both Buffalo and Sherman corn & soybeans. Keep in mind payments under either ARC or PLC are only made on 85% of base acres on a farm.

Changes in Your Operation?

Each year a few producers add new land to their farm operation. This would be land farmed for the first time, not just a new crop on land in your current operation.

It’s important to let your agent know early of any land to be added to the operation in the coming year. There are many rules that apply to added land and early notification will allow the agent to gather the information needed to obtain the best insurance coverage available.

Other items to pay attention to are changes in ownership, marital status, or formation of an LLC or other new entity. For corporations and partnerships any person with more than a 10% interest must be listed. Please notify us prior to the March 15th deadline if any of these changes apply to your operation.

Farming land in a new county for the first time must be added prior to the March 15th sign-up deadline. Crop share changes can be done as soon as those agreements are in affect, but no later than acreage reporting time. When in doubt, give our office a call. We love hearing from you!



Livestock Risk Protection

Livestock Risk Protection continues to grow in popularity as a way to protect falling prices for your feeder or fat cattle. Government subsidies as high as 40% apply to this product. The LRP policy will protect the price you receive for cattle against market moves without limiting upside potential.

The ending price is the price used to determine payable losses. Current ending prices are above \$250 per cwt from August through November. Your cost per cwt ranges from \$8 to \$10 for ending dates for these months.

A recent change requires an earlier deadline for binding coverage. We must now have the information ready to upload no later than 8:25 am. To get exact coverage, pricing and binding information call our office at 308-388-3333.

