

What is the Risk Management Agency(RMA)?

RMA is a USDA agency that manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation(FCIC).

RMA, via the FCIC, provides crop insurance to American producers.

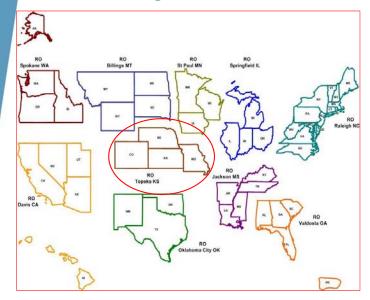
13 companies have Standard Reinsurance Agreements & 10 have Livestock Price Reinsurance Agreements with RMA.

The companies provide agents that sell the crop insurance to producers.

The companies manage loss adjusters and pay all claims.



10 RMA Regional Offices

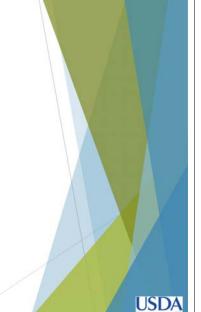


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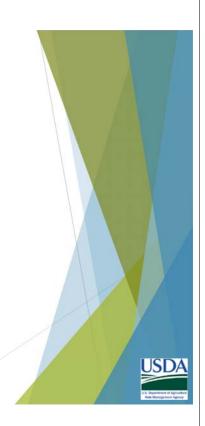
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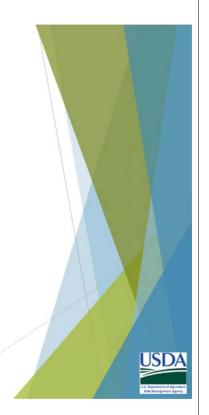
Agenda

- ► CY2025 Hot Topics & anticipated changes
 - ▶ High-Risk Maps
 - Kansas
 - ► Spring Wheat
 - ▶ Planting Date Changes: Cotton & Camelina
 - ▶ Expansion: Type/Practice: FAC Grain Sorghum and Soybean
 - ▶ Special Provision Statement Change: Silage Sorghum
 - ► Limited Irrigation
- Program Performance Assessment (PPA)



Agenda (continued)

- Additional Resources
- Written Agreement Handbook
 - ▶ Part 2: Processing WA Requests
 - ► Section 1: General Information and Rules
 - ► Section 2: WA Submission Requirements
 - ▶ Section 3: RO Review for WA Consideration
 - ▶ Section 4: Requirements for a WA Offer
 - ▶ Part 3: Specific Guidelines for WA Types
 - ▶ Para 72: HR Type High-Risk Rated Areas
 - ▶ Para 83: TD Type Dry Bean Types
 - ▶ Para 84: TP Type Unrated Practice/Type
 - ▶ Para 85: XC Type County Without Actuarial Documents
 - ▶ WA Offer Expiration Dates, Acceptance, Non-Acceptance, or Rejection





High-Risk Maps

TRO High Risk maps are being reviewed on a 5-year cycle and different State/County High-Risk maps are reviewed each year. We have a few High-Risk map updates in Nebraska and Missouri in CY2025, and we anticipate completing several High-Risk maps in Colorado and Kansas in CY 2026.

Spring Wheat

- ▶ In the past several years, there has been increased interest in growing spring wheat in NW Kansas, SW Nebraska, and NE Colorado. Currently available with a TP Written Agreement.
- Normally, we need an Ag Expert Opinion (WAH 22A(3)) for new WA requests, but for SW Nebraska and NW Kansas where most of our spring wheat requests currently originate we have one on file from KSU and UNL
- ► For Colorado or SW Kansas, we would need an ag expert letter → requirement can be judged on a case-by-case basis depending on the requested location county



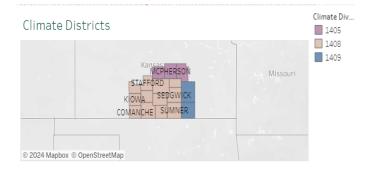
Spring Wheat

TP —	Initial Year: ARD [see	(1) APH containing the requested P/T, if grown prior.
Unrated P/T	footnote (3)]	
		(2) Producer's normal planting and harvesting dates.
See <u>Para. 84</u>	Subsequent Years: SCD	
		(3) Evidence that the P/T is commercially grown with a viable marketing outlet.
		(4) If irrigated, water source, method of irrigation, and if there is a reasonable expectation of receiving adequate water to carry out a good irrigation practice.
		(5) Additional requirements exist if request is for organic certified or organic transitional practices not on AD.



Kansas- CY2025 anticipated changes (NOT final)

- ▶ Planting Date Changes: Cotton
 - ▶ 2024 Final Planting Date 06.01
 - ▶ 2025 Recommended Final Planting Date of 06.05

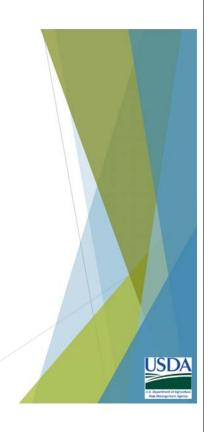




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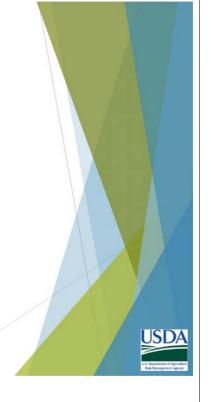
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County	County
Rice	Pratt
McPherson	Kingman
Edwards	Sedgwick
Stafford	Comanche
Reno	Barber
Harvey	Harper
Butler	Sumner
Kiowa	Cowley
Marion	



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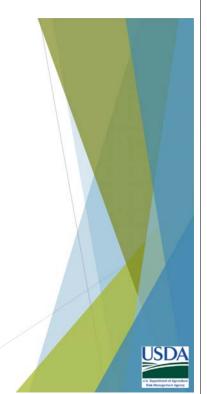
- ▶ Planting Date Changes: Camelina
 - ▶ 2024 Final Planting Date 10.05
 - ▶ 2025 Recommended Final Planting Date of 11.05
 - ► End of Late Planting Period 11.20
- ▶ This is for Harper County, KS. (Only county in the US with Fall Planting Dates.)



Kansas- CY2025 anticipated changes (NOT final)

► Expansion: Type/Practice: FAC Soybean

Kansas	Atchison	
Kansas	Brown	
Kansas	Clay	
Kansas	Doniphan	
Kansas	Jackson	
Kansas	Jefferson	
Kansas	Leavenworth	
Kansas	Marshall	
Kansas	Nemaha	
Kansas	Pottawatomie	
Kansas	Riley	
Kansas	Washington	
Kansas	Wyandotte	



Kansas- CY2025 anticipated changes(NOT final)

► Expansion: Type/Practice: FAC Grain Sorghum

Kansas	Allen 001
Kansas	Anderson 003
Kansas	Atchison 005
Kansas	Bourbon 011
Kansas	Brown 013
Kansas	Butler 015
Kansas	Chase 017
Kansas	Chautauqua 019
Kansas	Cherokee 021
Kansas	Clay 027
Kansas	Coffey 031
Kansas	Cowley 035
Kansas	Crawford 037
Kansas	Dickinson 041

Kansas	Doniphan 043
Kansas	Douglas 045
Kansas	Elk 049
Kansas	Franklin 059
Kansas	Geary 061
Kansas	Greenwood 073
Kansas	Harvey 079
Kansas	Jackson 085
Kansas	Jefferson 087
Kansas	Johnson 091
Kansas	Labette 099
Kansas	Leavenworth 103
Kansas	Linn 107
Kansas	Lyon 111



Kansas- CY2025 anticipated changes (NOT final)

► Special Provision Statement Change: Silage Sorghum

Insured Crop: In addition to section 5 of the Silage Sorghum Endorsement, for the non-irrigated practice only, you must submit acceptable records of acreage and harvested silage tonnage by the production reporting date that are used in setting your Actual Production History approved yield. The records must show that you planted and harvested silage sorghum in at least two of the last four crop years and that such silage tonnage was either sold or fed. Insured producers who have at least two years of acceptable records of producing corn silage that was sold or fed may use such records or a combination of corn silage and silage sorghum records to meet this qualification requirement. You must provide supporting evidence/verifiable records of the fed or sold silage production in accordance with the Crop Insurance Handbook procedures.



Why Limited Irrigation?

Irrigation Practice Definition

"A method of producing a crop by which water is artificially applied during the growing season by appropriate systems and at the proper times, with the intention of providing the quantity of water needed to produce at least the yield used to establish the irrigated production guarantee or amount of insurance on the irrigated acreage planted to the insured crop."



Acres eligible for insurance as irrigated (Section 9(b) of the Common Crop Insurance Policy)

"If insurance is provided for an irrigated practice, you must report as irrigated only that acreage for which you have adequate facilities and adequate water, or the reasonable expectation of receiving adequate water at the time coverage begins, to carry out a good irrigation practice. If you knew or had reason to know that your water may be reduced before coverage begins, no reasonable expectation exists."



Coverage Options for Reducing Irrigation Water

- ▶ Option 1 is to plant fewer irrigated acres and report the rest of the planted acres as non-irrigated.
- ▶ Option 2 is to continue to plant all your acres with limited water and insure them under a non-irrigated practice.
- ► For certain counties in Kansas, a 3rd Option exists. Option 3 is to request a limited irrigation yield by written agreement. This option is only available for corn and soybeans in select counties.

Failure to take any of the above options, can result in the following procedures per Paragraph 301 C (6) of the 2022 Loss Adjustment Manual Standards Handbook:



Failure to take action when reducing irrigation may have adverse consequence if there is a loss.

(Par. 301 C (6) of the 2022 Loss Adjustment Manual Standards Handbook)

If the acreage reported for insurance under the IRR practice exceeds the capacity of the irrigation facilities and/or water supply reasonably expected at the time of planting (or on the calendar date for the beginning of the insurance period for perennial crops), limit (reduce) the number of acres insured under the IRR practice to an amount which could have been adequately irrigated.

Example: An insured reports 100 acres under the IRR practice. It is later determined that, at the time insurance attached, the facilities or water supplies were adequate for only 75 acres but were used on the 100 acres.



Failure to take action when reducing irrigation may have adverse consequent if there is a loss.

(Par. 301 C (6) of the 2022 Loss Adjustment Manual Standards Handbook)

(Continued)

Proceed as follows:

- a) Document the number of acres that are insurable as IRR (75 acres, in this case).
- b) Determine, to the extent practical, the highest yielding 75 acres to be the IRR acres, appraise any reduction in production on the 75 acres caused by applying the available water to the 100 acres, and enter the appraisal on the claim as an uninsured-cause appraisal.
- c) If only IRR acreage is insurable in the county for the crop, prepare a revised AR showing 75 acres insured under the IRR practice. Enter the 25 acres as uninsured acres, and explain the 25 acres are uninsurable acreage due to inadequate facilities and/or water supplies.

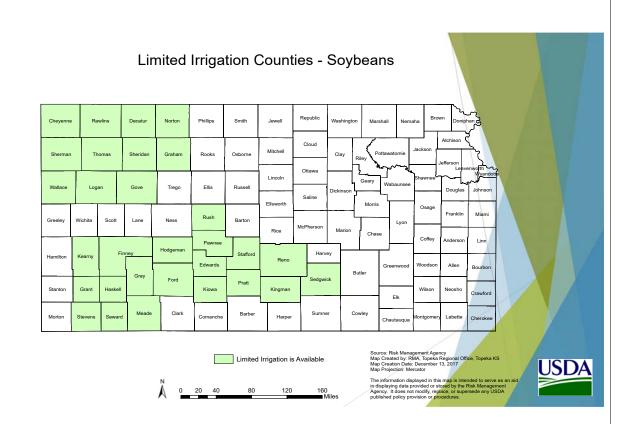


Limited Irrigation Availability

- ► RMA authorized limited irrigation written agreements in the Sheridan County 6 High Priority area beginning in 2013.
 - ▶ This area was the first Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) plan received by the Kansas Division of Water Resources.
- ▶ RMA expanded the area for limited irrigation written agreements to additional counties beginning in 2017.
 - Any producer implementing limited irrigation in the identified counties is eligible for written agreement



Cheyerne Rawfins Decatur Noton Philips Smith Jewell Regulated Weshington Marchal Nemaha Brown Doniphais Sherman Thomas Sheridan Grahum Roods Oaborne Mitchell Clay Care House Ca



Requesting a Written Agreement

- Complete a request for a type/practice (TP) written agreement (Agents should be familiar with process)
- You will need:
 - ▶ Minimum documentation according to RMA's Written Agreement Handbook
 - ▶ Information from Water Use Reports
 - > Your intended maximum level of irrigation for the current year
 - ▶ Your type of irrigation system
- The following Application can facilitate the limited irrigation written agreement request and estimate limited irrigation yield

https://geohydro.kgs.ku.edu/geohydro/rma/wr_lookup.cfm



Limited Irrigation Yield Estimate Application

Water Right Selection Please enter a water right file number for the RMA Tool. Bolded indicates a required field. Right Type: Vested County Code: Water Right Number: Water Right Qualifier: Select Water Rights

https://geohydro.kgs.ku.edu/geohydro/rma/wr lookup.cfm

Disclaimer

For information on the RMA Documentation Tool, please contact Richard Rockel. For water right related questions, please contact Alex ansas Whitesell. For web page or internet based comments, please contact Brownie Wilson. RMA Limited Irrgation Tool updated Summer, 2017. Water rights data updated daily.







For more information on limited irrigation or how to request limited irrigation coverage by Written Agreement, go to the Topeka RO webpage at:

https://www.rma.usda.gov/rmalocal/regional-offices/topeka-kansas

What is Program Performance Assessment (PPA)?

PPA is a fact-based assessment program to ensure policy language, program performance, loss adjustment activities, and general policy implementation is adaptive, effective, and actuarially sound and RMA is being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

- Are our Policies and Procedures Working as we Intended?
- Do Our Policies and Procedures Meet The Needs of Producers and the Industry?
- Are our Policies and Procedure Sound, Efficient, and Flexible?



Program Performance Assessment (PPA)

Crops Reviewed in 2024:

Blueberries

Canola Cotton Cabbage ELS Cotton

Clary Sage
Cultivated Wild Rice

Dry Peas

Grapes

Millet

Mint

Onions

Strawberries



Program Performance Assessment (PPA)

Crops to be Reviewed in 2025:

Alfalfa Seed

Peanuts

Popcorn

Corn

Sweet Corn

Barley

Caneberries

Grain Sorghum

Banana Tree

Fresh Market Tomatoes

Fresh Market Sweet Corn

Citrus Fruit Policies

Peppers



Available Resources- RMA Website

- ► Home | Risk Management Agency (usda.gov)
 - ▶ RMA Map viewer was recently revamped and works well now, this is a great visual way to find what commodities are in what area & what important dates are for specific Commodity/Crop/Practice. This can be found by clicking Tools & Reports, choosing RMA Map Viewer and choosing what type of map you are looking for.
 - All Fact Sheets can be found by clicking <u>About Crop Insurance</u>, then choosing <u>Fact Sheets</u>
 - We are highlighting Written Agreements later in this presentation and there is a fact sheet for 2 different types of written agreements: XC Type (Requesting Insurance Not Available in Your County) and UC Type (Unrated Land)



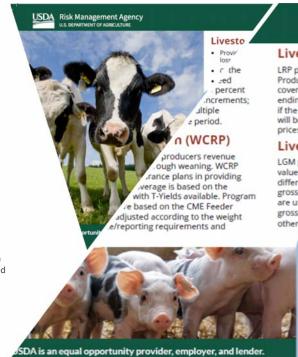
Available Resources-Info Cards with QR Codes

- QR code takes you to the <u>Beginning</u> <u>Farmer Rancher site:</u>
 - ► Fact Sheets & Publications
 - ► Frequently Asked Questions
 - Press Releases
 - ▶ More Information



Available Resources-Info Cards with QR Codes

- QR code takes you to the <u>Livestock</u> Insurance Programs main site:
 - ► Fact Sheets & Publications
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Other Livestock Resources
 - **Weaned Calf Risk Protection has an hour and a half-recorded presentation on the website.



Livestock Risk Protection

LRP provides protection against livestock producers may buy LRP insurance through coverage prices ranging from 70 to 100 peending value of their animals. At the end ciff the actual ending value is below the cow will be paid an indemnity for difference. Prices, and actual ending values are poste

Livestock Gross Margin (LO

LGM provides protection against loss of gr value of the livestock minus the feed costs difference between the gross margin guar gross margin at the end of the insurance pare used to determine the expected gross gross margin. LGM does not insure agains other loss of livestock.

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Livestock Insurance Plans

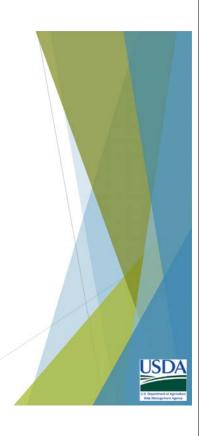
- Dairy Revenue Protection provides protection against a decline in revenue (yield and/or price) on the milk produced from dairy cows on a quarterly basis.
- Livestock Gross Margin Cattle Provides protection against the loss of gross margin on cattle. Market value of livestock minus feeder cattle and feed costs.
- Livestock Gross Margin Dairy Provides protection against the loss of gross margin on milk. Market value of milk minus feed costs.
- Livestock Gross Margin Swine Provides protection against the loss of gross margin on swine. Market value of swine minus feed costs.
- Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) Protects producers against a decline in market prices below a producer's selected coverage price.
- Weaned Calf Risk Protection (WRP) New for 2024 that offers Actual Production History (APH) coverage for beef cow-calf producers to insure revenue from their spring calving operations.





Available Resources-Info Cards with QR Codes

- QR code takes you to the Whole Farm/Micro Farm site:
 - ► Fact Sheets & Publications
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Additional Information
 - Record Keeping Aids
 - Locate a Whole Farm/Micro Farm Agent list



Whole Farm Revenue Protection(WFRP) Basics

- ► A whole-farm insurance product that provides producers with risk management protection for all commodities on the farm under one insurance policy. Whole Farm can be used on its own, or used in conjunction with other MPCI policies.
- Provides protection against loss of revenue that a producer expects to earn or will obtain from commodities produced or purchased for resale, including animals and animal products, during the insurance period.
- Commodity Any agricultural product established or produced on your farm operation, except timber, forest, and forest products, animals for sport, show or pets.



Micro Farm Program Micro Farm Program The Micro Faem program provides a risk management safety nor for all commodifies on your farm under one insurance policy. This insurance pairs in subsert of ray farm with up to \$100,000 in approved revenue, including farms with upecialty or organic commodities (both crops and livestock), or those marketing to local, regional, farms-identity preserved, specialty, or direct Availability Causes of Loss Micro Farm provides protection against the loss of insured revenue due to unavoidable natural causes which occur during the insurance period. Micro Farm will also provide carryores loss coverage if you are insured the following year: See the policy for a list of covered causes of loss.

Important Dates

Sales Cloring, Cancellation, & Termination Dates January 31, February 28, or March 15 (by county) Revited Farm Operation Report Dates All Countes. July 15 Contract Change Date. August 31 Talk to your crop insurance agent about the dates that apply for your county.

Insurance Period

Coverage is provided for the duration of your tax year (the insurance period). The insurance period is a calendar year if your taxes are filed by calendar year, or a fiscal year if your taxes are filed by fiscal year.

Eligibility for Micro Farm coverage requires you to:

Be eligible to receive Federal benefits;

- . Be a U.S. citizen or resident;

File either a Schedule F tex form or other firm tax from that can be converted to a Substitute Schedule F file a specified number of years (see "Information Y you Provide" below).

Here no more than \$100,000 of approved revenue (or \$115,000 if you had Minor Farm the previous year); and Hare no nore than \$0 percent of total revenue from commodities purchased for resale.

FACT SHEET

Coverage

Micro Farm protects your farm against the loss of farm revenue that you earn or expect to earn from:

- All commodities on your firm except timber, forest, and forest preducts, and animals for sport, show, or pets.

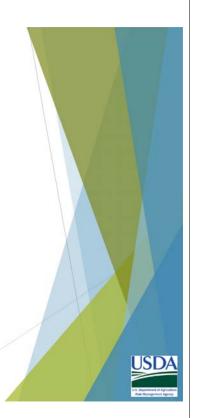
 Commodities you produce during the insurance period, whether they are told or not.

 Commodities you buy for resale during the insurance period.

- Whole-Farm History Report,
- Farm Operation Report, and
 The coverage level you choose (50-85 percent) multiplied by the approved revenue is the insured revenue amount.

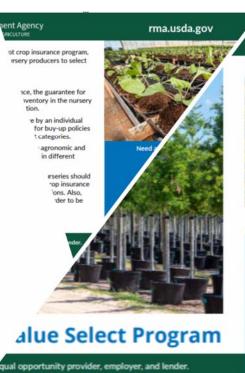
Information You Provide

There are certain documents you must provide to your crop insurance agent to get Whole-Farm Revenue Protection insur



Available Resources-Info Cards with QR Codes

- QR code takes you to the Nursery Value Select site:
 - ► Fact Sheets & Publications
 - ► Frequently Asked Questions
 - Press Releases
 - ▶ More Information
 - ▶ Quick 'about' presentation at the top of the site
 - ▶ Detailed training presentation if you keep scrolling down





Scan the QR Code to learn more



Other Available Resources

- As noted on previous slides Weaned Calf & Nursery Value Select currently have recorded presentations on their websites.
- ► Controlled Environment has a recorded 30-minute presentation from the experts: Controlled Environment | Risk Management Agency (usda.gov)
- ► Specialty Crops: New searchable agent directory on this website for producers to search agents that have experience with WFRP & MF on this link: Specialty Crops | Risk Management Agency (usda.gov)



DISCLAIMER

This presentation highlights features of the RMA Written Agreement Handbook and is not intended to be comprehensive. The information presented neither modifies nor replaces terms and conditions of RMA Written Agreement Handbook procedures.

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Written Agreement Handbook

▶ Provides the standards and criteria for written agreements, and instructions for each Risk Management Agency Regional Office and Approved Insurance Provider to process written agreement requests.

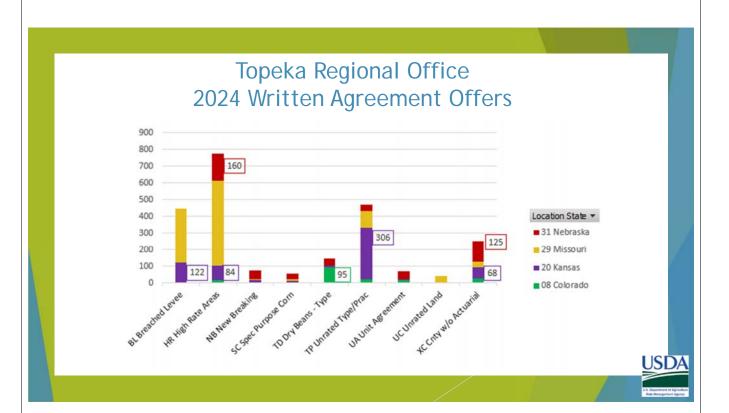


WRITTEN AGREEMENT HANDBOOK



FCIC-24020 (06-2024) 2025 and Succeeding Crop Years





WAH Part 2, General Rules & WA Submission Requirements

- ► A separate WA request must be submitted for each producer and for each county in which the producer is requesting a change.
- ► WA Requests must contain:
 - ► Request for Actuarial Change Form
 - Current year's completed APH
 - Evidence of adaptability
 - ▶ Legal description
 - Aerial photography
 - ► NRCS Soils Survey (if applicable)



WAH Part 2, Section 1, Para 12 - General Rules (continued)

- 6. A WA request for acreage that was covered by the terms of a WA the prior crop year is a renewal request. See Para. 22 for detailed information and requirements for new and renewal WA requests.
- Multiple WA requests submitted on or before the applicable deadline in Para. 21 for the same condition, or for the same crop, may be treated as one WA request by the RO (e.g., to insure corn on ten legal descriptions where there are no AD in the county, or the WA request is to lower high-risk premium rates).

WAH Part 2, Section 1, Para 12 - General Rules (continued)

- 19. AIPs must be able to substantiate submission dates of all electronically submitted documents required for WA requests.
- 22. In accordance with 7 CFR Part 457, the AIP (not the RO) is the verifier authorized by the FCIC to calculate approved yields. Accordingly, it is the AIP's responsibility to ensure that production records are acceptable and accurately entered in the APH database or production report in accordance with applicable procedure contained in the CIH for yield-based plans of insurance. If the production records are not acceptable or are not accurately entered in the APH database or APH production report, the RO may contact the AIP for resolution or reject the WA request.

WAH Part 2, Section 1, Para 13 – Request for Actuarial Change Form

The Request for Actuarial Change form must be signed and dated by the producer, the insurance agent, and the authorized representative of the AIP. By signing the Request for Actuarial Change form, the producer accepts the applicable statements contained on the form and certifies that all information provided on the form and documentation contained in the request is correct. See the DSSH Exh. 101 for the Request for Actuarial Change form standards and Exh. 7 for a Request for Actuarial Change form example.



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22A – All new WA requests must include:

Complete APH continued - provide an APH containing the requested crop or P/T showing zero acres and production with the corresponding crop years.

Example: Excerpt from APH database with a T-Yield of 100.				
Crop Year	Total Production	on Acres	Yield	
20XX	0	0	I100	
20XX	0	0	I100	
20XX	0	0	I100	
20XX	0	0	I100	
Average	Tota	400		
Yield:	Approved A	100		
Preliminary	Rate Y			
Yield: 100	Prior Year	N/A		



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22A – All new WA requests must include:

- evidence of adaptability from local agricultural experts that the crop/P/T or variety can be produced in the county if the WA request is to provide insurance for a crop/P/T or variety that is not insurable, unless such evidence is not required by the RO. Evidence of adaptability must include:
 - recommended planting and harvesting dates;
 - area conditions conducive to growing the crop/P/T, including if the crop/P/T or variety is adapted to the area or acreage;
 - c) area research and/or area yield data for the crop/P/T; and
 - other information specific to the WA types in Part 3 when local agricultural expert information is required (e.g., rotation exception agricultural expert information).



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

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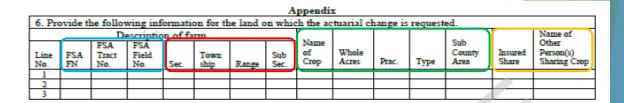
- 2) Completed APH continued
 - c) A completed APH must include all APH databases for the requested crop(s) in the county. If the producer has not produced the requested P/T, but has produced the crop in the county, APH databases for the crop must still be included with the WA request.

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22A – All new WA requests must include:

- 2) Completed APH continued
 - d) If a producer is transferring APH history from another producer/entity or utilizing an APH database from an SBI, the APH database must be designated as such. The AIP must disclose the name of the SBI or transferor and the associated identification number, when available to the AIP. If the identification number of the SBI or transferor is not available to the AIP, the AIP must ensure that accurate names of the SBI or transferor are provided to the RO to identify the SBI or transferor.

WAH Exhibit 7 – Request Form Example



- FSA FN, Tract Number, Field Number & Legal Description (Sec/Township/Range) Along with the map, helps us locate the acreage
- Crop/Type/Practice/Sub County Area
- Whole Acres
- Insured Share/Name of Other Person(s) Sharing in Crop



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22A – All new WA requests must include:

- FSA aerial photograph, acceptable GIS or GPS maps, or other legible maps delineating field boundaries (including the legal description of the land and FSA FN, Tract number, and Field numbers) where the producer intends to plant the crop, or where the crop is planted, for which a WA is requested. When available, use (4) and (5) of this subparagraph to identify the requested fields. If the location of the land cannot be identified by legal description:
 - the maps must contain information which allows the RO to identify the location of the land (e.g., street or road names); or
 - an addendum must be provided describing the location of the land relative to the location of a nearby identifiable landmark, address, or crossroads.



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22A – Topeka RO does not require:

NRCS soil surveys, if required by the RO [see footnote (1) of Exh. 5A];

United States Department of Agriculture August 27, 2019

Farm Production

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Management Agency

All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the States of Colorado,

Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska

Topeka Regional

Collin Olsen, Director /s/ Collin Olsen

Topeka Regional Office

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SUBJECT: Suite 201 Topeka, Kansas 66614-4971

TO:

FROM:

2020 Written Agreement Handbook Paragraph 22 A (7) - New WA

requests and NRCS Soils

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22A – New WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22A – All new WA requests must include:

information as specified in Part 3 and Part 4 of this handbook, the CP, the Special Provisions, or as required by the RO.

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22B – Renewal WA Submission Requirements

What is a renewal request?

Section 2, subparagraph 22B(1)

A renewal WA request is a request to renew a WA, or parts of a WA, which has expired or been cancelled that was in effect for the crop year prior to the current crop year (even if the WA that was in effect for the prior crop year was with a different AIP). In addition, if a producer requests changes to a current multi-year WA, that request is considered a renewal request and must meet the renewal requirements. All other WA requests (e.g., new land locations not included as part of the previous WA, new crops, new P/T, new WA types, etc.) are new requests.



WAH Part 3, WA TYPES and Deadlines

- ➤ XC (County Without AD) on or before the Cancellation date for new requests and Sales Closing Date (SCD) for renewal requests
- On or before the Acreage Reporting Date for new requests (unless specified otherwise in the Crop Provisions or Special Provisions (SP))
 - ► High Risk Rated Areas and Unrated Land (HR)
 - ► Unrated Land (UC)
 - Special Purpose Corn (SC)
 - ► Interplanted with Another Crop (SG)
 - ► Non-Irrigated Corn Grain (TC)
 - ► Unrated P/T (TP)
 - ► Written Unit Agreement (WUA)



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22B – Renewal WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22B(3) – All renewal WA requests must include:

- a) a completed Request for Actuarial Change form (including information in the DSSH Exh. 101; see Exh. 7 for an example);
- b) the current year's completed APH
- c) the legal description of the land, where available (e.g., section, township, range);
- d) FSA FN, Tract number, and Field numbers, when provided by FSA (resource land units, or RLUs, are not allowed for WA requests);

WAH Part 2 & 3, WA TYPES and Deadlines

- On or before the SCD contained in the CP or SP
 - ► All Renewal requests
 - ► Unrated Insurance Option (OP)
 - ▶ Policy Exceptions (PE)
 - ► Rotation Exceptions (RE)
 - Striped Mined (SM)
 - ► Seed Potato (SP)
 - Dry Bean Types (TD)



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 21 - Deadlines

WAH Part 2 Section 2, subparagraph 21 – If the date by which the producer is required to sign, date, and submit a Request for Actuarial Change form for a WA, or a renewal of a WA, falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a federal legal holiday, such documentation must be signed, dated, and submitted by the next business day. This does not extend any subsequent deadline, which is calculated using the original deadline date.

Note: Friday after Thanksgiving is not a Federal legal holiday

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22B – Renewal WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22B(3) – All renewal WA requests must include:

- a) a completed Request for Actuarial Change form (including information in the DSSH Exh. 101; see Exh. 7 for an example);
- b) the current year's completed APH
- the legal description of the land, where available (e.g., section, township, range);
- d) FSA FN, Tract number, and Field numbers, when provided by FSA (resource land units, or RLUs, are not allowed for WA requests);

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 22B – Renewal WA Submission Requirements (continued)

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 22B(3) – All renewal WA requests must include:

- e) for any Category C or perennial Category D crop, a producer's PAW if required by the CIH;
- f) for any Category C or perennial Category D crop, an acceptable inspection report for each unit (e.g., a PAIR), unless waived by the RO (a PAIR must have been completed within the last five years or more frequently if required by the CIH); and
- any additional data that may be required in Part 3 and Part 4 of this handbook, or as requested by the RO.

WAH Exhibit 4 – Deadlines, Documentation, and WA Availability Summary

- Exhibit 4A provides a summary list of:
 - ► Applicable submission deadlines
 - ► Required supporting documentation
- ► Exhibit 4B provides a listing of policies/plans/options/endorsements where WAs are not available
- Exhibit 4C provides a listing of crops that do not allow WAs



WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 23 – Receipt of WA Requests and Missing Information

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 23A - AIP Responsibilities

1. It is the AIP's responsibility to review all WA requests to determine whether all the required information is provided. A WA request and all required supporting documentation must also be legible to be considered a complete request and any submitted documentation determined not to be legible will be treated as missing information. If any information is missing and there is still time before the deadline contained in (2) of this subparagraph, the AIP must request the missing information from the producer. If the minimum required information is not received by such deadline, the WA request must not be sent to the RO and the producer should be notified in writing by the AIP that the WA request is not acceptable.

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 23 – Receipt of WA Requests and Missing Information

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 23A – AIP Responsibilities

If all information is timely submitted to the AIP, the AIP must transmit/log the information from the Request for Actuarial Change form electronically through the WA ROE system no later than 15 business days after the applicable deadlines in Para. 21. Once the applicable information is transmitted/logged into the WA ROE system, a folder is created for uploading the supporting documentation.

Note: The official submission date of the WA request to the RO is the date the AIP uploads the first document containing supporting documentation to the WA ROE system.

Unforeseen circumstances (e.g., the unavailability of the ROE system, AIP outage, etc.) – Contact the RO prior to the end of the 15-business day deadline to make other arrangements.

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 23 – Receipt of WA Requests and Missing Information

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 23B – RO Responsibilities

- 3. For WA requests that are received by the RO earlier than 15 business days after the applicable deadlines in Para. 21 and have missing information (see Subpara. 23A), the RO may:
 - b. attempt to notify the AIP of the missing information through the WA ROE system, by telephone, by facsimile, by encrypted email, or by mail if the RO discovers the missing information before the expiration of the 15-business day period. The RO will communicate to the AIP that the AIP must upload the missing information to the WA ROE system no later than 15 business days after the applicable deadlines contained in Para. 21; and

WAH Part 2, Section 2, Para 23 – Receipt of WA Requests and Missing Information

Part 2, Section 2, subparagraph 23B – RO Responsibilities

- 4. A request for additional required information (more than minimum required information) by the RO in accordance with Subpara. 22A(10) and 22B(3)(g), may be sent to the AIP if such information is necessary to evaluate the WA request or determine actuarially sound premium rates.
 - Generally, requested in writing through ROE
 - > We will provide a date by which the information must be received
 - > Information not received will be considered incomplete



WAH Part 2, Section 3, Para 33A – Non-Acceptance for Review of a WA Request

All WA Requests

- 4) minimum required information that was missing from a timely submitted WA request (including information required for a specific WA type as identified in Part 3) is not provided, or not provided by the applicable deadline;
- 5) Additional required information requested by the RO no received by the date established by the RO;
- 13) the WA request requests terms and conditions the producer already has in place (e.g., a request for a HR WA requesting standard rates of insurance for ground that already receives standard rates of insurance).

WAH Part 2, Section 3, Para 33B – Non-Acceptance for Review of a WA Request

Renewal WA requests in addition to Subpara. 33A

- it is determined the original WA was issued in error (e.g., the WA was not authorized by the policy);
- the WA terms and conditions have been incorporated into county AD; or
- 3) the WA is no longer applicable or consistent with the Act or the regulations published at 7 CFR Chapter IV.

WAH Part 2, Section 4, Para 42(1) – Crop Inspection Appraisal Requirements



The AIP must conduct a CI appraisal of the crop for which a WA is requested to determine the crop's potential yield by field for the acreage specified in the WA offer. The CI appraisal must comply with all applicable procedures in the LAM, with the exception that comparisons are made on a field basis for WA offers, not on a unit basis. For any field that does not have a potential yield equal to or greater than 90 percent of the yield used to determine the production guarantee or the amount of insurance, the field will not be insurable.



WAH Part 2, Section 4, Para 42(3) – Crop Inspection Appraisal Requirements

The WA offer must be signed by the producer on or before the earlier of the first CI appraisal date (if there are to be multiple fields with different CI appraisal dates), or the expiration date stated in the WA offer.

Cover letter of the WA offer -

A crop appraisal is required if acreage of the crop was planted on or before the date of this agreement. If the crop was not planted on this acreage as of the date of this agreement, a statement of this fact, signed and dated by the producer, is required if the producer accepts the offer. If an appraisal is needed, the producer must accept the written agreement before the first appraisal date (if there are multiple fields with different appraisal dates).



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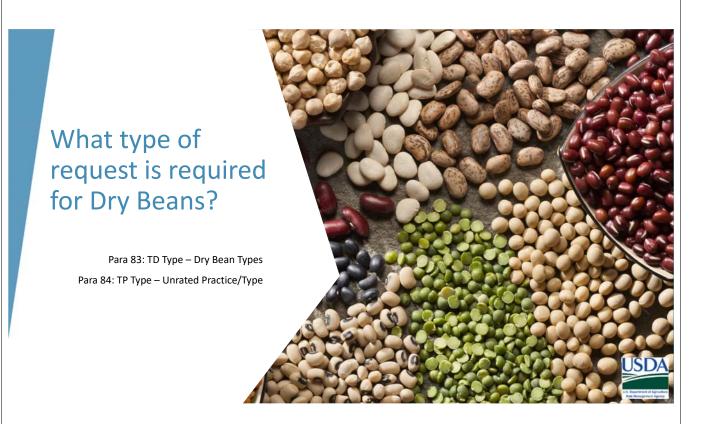
Part 3: Specific guidelines for WA Types



WAH Part 3, Para 72-HR and UC Types – Levee Information

- ▶ WAH 72B.1
- ▶ Information needed for a levee
 - ▶ Map showing the location of the levee(s)
 - ▶ Date (month/year) construction of the levee(s) was completed
 - Provide documentation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Natural Resources, NRCS, a licensed professional engineer (must be licensed and registered in the state where the levee is located), or a survey from a licensed surveyor that supports the levee(s) location and indicates the:





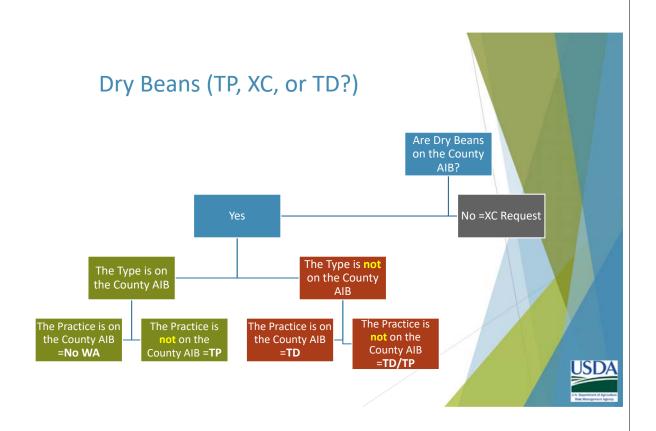


Exhibit 4: Written Agreement Handbook

Request Type	Submission Deadline	Minimum Supporting Documentation						
TD – Dry Bean	Initial and Subsequent Years: SCD	(1) APH containing the requested dry bean type, if grown prior.						
Types		(2) Producer's normal planting and harvesting dates.						
See <u>Para. 83</u>		(3) If irrigated, water source, method of irrigation, and if there is a reasonable expectation of receiving adequate water to carry out a good irrigation practice.						
		(4) Two years of applicable production reports and minimum one year of prices received for the specific type; or, two years of university or seed company test plot data, recommendations, and evidence of market potential.						
TP –	Initial Year: ARD [see	(1) APH containing the requested P/T, if grown prior.						
Unrated P/T	footnote (3)							
Coo Doro O4	Cubsoquent Voors: CCD	(2) Producer's normal planting and harvesting dates.						
See <u>Para. 84</u>	Subsequent Years: SCD	(3) Evidence that the P/T is commercially grown with a viable marketing outlet.						
		(4) If irrigated, water source, method of irrigation, and if there is a reasonable expectation of receiving adequate water to carry out a good irrigation practice.						
		(5) Additional requirements exist if request is for organic certified or organic transitional practices not on AD.						



Acceptable Verifiable Production Records: When are they required?

Para 85: XC Type – County Without Actuarial Documents



Are Verifiable Production Records required?

Answer:

The records requirements outlined in 2025 WAH Paragraph 85 for an XC request must always be met.

2025 WAH Paragraph 85, Parts A, B and C go into details on the requirements depending on the history of the producer.

85 B (4) provides an order of precedence on which records are to be used:

- (4) The order of precedence on which records are to be used for an XC WA request are as follows:
 - (a) the producer's requested crop records from the county or area;
 - (b) the producer's similar crop records from the county or area;
 - (c) an SBI(s) requested crop records from the county or area; or
 - (d) an SBI(s) similar crop records from the county or area.



Are Verifiable Production Records required?

The history of the producer and what was provided in the request is what we use to evaluate. Not what history the producer wants us to use.

- -e.g. "three most recent crop years...in which the crop was planted"
- 85 B (4), (5), (6) and (7) provide specific guidance on the requirements based on the insured's history.
 - 85 C(4)(b) provides specific detail on acceptable verifiable records and directs the agent/AIP to the CIH for specific criteria for Acceptable Verifiable Production records
 - 85 C (4)(c) introduces a Marketing Certificate that can be used when the insured direct-markets, and the CIH further expands on Marketing Certificate requirements

Crop Insurance Handbook Part 14 (Sec 4-5)

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1412 Records of Production Commercially Sold to or Stored by a Disinterested Third Party (Continued)

B. Required Information

The following information must be included on the record for the record to be acceptable (if items (6) through (9) below are not provided on the record, the insured must provide this information separately):

- (1) crop;
- quantity of production that can be converted to the proper unit of measure, if necessary;
- (3) name of insured;
- (4) date of transaction;
- (5) name of warehouse, elevator, marketing outlet, storage facility, processor, packer, buyer, broker, distiller, boiler house or first handler, as applicable;
- (6) the unit number, block number, or location of the production;
- (7) practice and type of crop;
- (8) crop year commodity was produced; and
- (9) planting period from which production was produced, if actuarial documents designate separate planting periods for the crop.

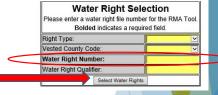


Limited Irrigation Yield Estimate Application

The Risk Management Agency is working in partnership with the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) and the Kansas Water Office to assist producers in understanding the Limited Irrigation product available in select Kansas counties for Corn and Soybeans via written agreement. The first step to learning how the program relates to Kansas producers is to get water usage information via the website below. Simply enter your water right information in the appropriate boxes and click on the 'Select Water Rights' button to retrieve your water use records from the KGS.



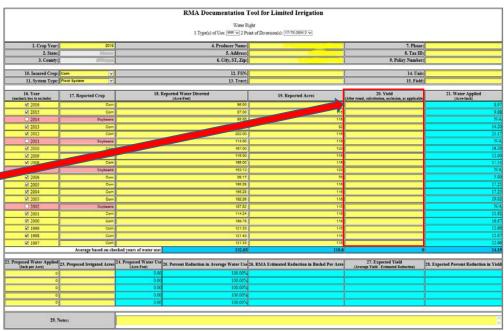
Water Right Number is the only required entry for this page. Click on the 'Select Water Rights' box once you have entered the Water Right Number.



https://geohydro.kgs.ku.edu/geohydro/rma/wr lookup.cfm



After entering your water right information, you will be directed to a web page like the one to the right. Simply enter the information needed in sections 1 - 15. Sections 16 - 19 are auto populated. Enter correct yield information in section 20.





Update Form

The lower portion of the Limited Irrigation Yield Estimate Application is used to explore differing scenarios to show how the limited irrigation practice affects yield expectations and crop insurance coverage. By entering different water application rates and acres, a producer can see how much reducing irrigation is expected to lower yield by both bushels and by percentage. Section 27 shows what total expected yield for the acreage would be. Once water application and acres are entered, click on the "Update Form" button to have the application run updated calculations.

22. Proposed Water Applied (Are Feet)

23. Proposed Irrigated Acres | 24 | Proposed Irrigated Acres | 25 | Proposed Water Use | 25 | Proposed Water Use | 26 | RMA Estimated Reduction in Bushel Per Acre | (Are Feet) | (Are Feet) | 27 | Expected Yield - Estimated Reduction in Yield | (Are Feet) | (Are Fee





This page shows the expected impacts to yield of reducing irrigation. In this example, the producer had an average irrigation rate of 16.18 inches per acre on 120 acres of land. By reducing that irrigation by differing amounts, it is easy to see how different irrigation scenarios affect yield estimates. Once again, as different irrigation rates and acres are entered into the tool, the 'Update Form' button must be clicked to update the calculations.

22. Proposed Water Applied (Inch per Acre)	23. Proposed Irrigated Acres	24. Proposed Water Use (Acre-Feet)	25. Percent Reduction in Average Water Use	26. RMA Estimated Reduction in Bushel Per Acre	27. Expected Yield (Average Yield - Estimated Reduction)	28. Expected Percent Reduction in Yield				
13	120	130.00	19.63%	-13	174	6.91%				
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9	120	90.00	44.36%	-46	141	24.62%				
8	120	80.00	50.54%	-56	131	29.83%				
6	120	60.00	62.91%	-76	110	40.98%				
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Print the page and give to your crop insurance agent to request limited irrigation coverage by written agreement.



For more information what is limited irrigation how to request limited irrigation coverage by Written Agreement, go to the Topeka RO webpage at

www.rma.usda.gov/en/RMALocal/Field-Offices/Regional-Offices/Topeka-Kansas-Regional-Offices/



How to Request Limited Irrigation Coverage by Written Agreement

How to Request Limited Irrigation Coverage

Step 1: Visit your crop insurance agent and complete a request for (Agents should be familiar with process)

written agreement

Pull together needed documentation

offer.

Minimum documentation according to RMA's Written

Agreement Handbook for TP Type (Unrated Practice/Type)

www.rma.usda.gov/-/media/RMA/Handbooks/Underwriting---24000/Written-Agreement/2022-24020-Written-Agreement-Handbook.ashx





How to Request Limited Irrigation Coverage

Step 3: Agent submits the information to the Crop Insurance Company for review.

The Crop Insurance Company submits the request to the Topeka Regional Office electronically.

Step 5: Specialists from the Topeka Regional Office review the information. If everything is in order and an offer can be made, a yield and separate database is approved for limited irrigation.

The offer is issued electronically to the Crop Insurance

Offer is sent to producer to review and signature to either

Company for review. accept or reject the



Documentation to be included

- Completed APH
- The legal description of the land and FSA Farm, Tract, Field and aerial photographs of legible maps delineating field boundaries where the applicant intends to plant the crop for which insurance is requested
 - Information from Water Use **Reports**
 - irrigation for the current year
 - Your type of irrigation system

completed using the Limited · Your intended maximum level of Irrigation Yield Estimate Application.

Any other pertinent information to establish the distribution of irrigation water from a point of diversion to multiple fields or multiple USDA crops

This information can be

Limited Irrigation-**Example for Written Agreement**

- ▶ Historical water use of 15 acre-inches
- Producer applying 11 acre-inches irrigation for crop year 2022
- Results in a reduction of 4 acre-inches giving a 26 bushel reduction in Approved APH Yield Issued as limited irrigation T-Yield.
- All procedures for the irrigated practice are the same as fully irrigated and good farming practices must be followed



Limited Irrigation – Database Example

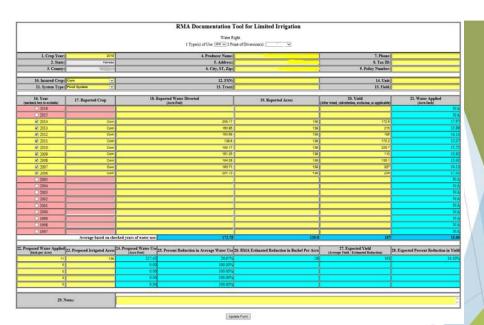
Irrigated APH

Crop Year	Acres	Yield	Yield Indicator
2013	139	234	Α
2014	139	227	Α
2015	139	135.1	Α
2016	139	65	YA
2017	139	225.7	Α
2018	139	170.2	Α
2019	139	195	Α
2020	139	215	Α
2021	139	172.6	Α
Rate Yield		182.2	
APH Yield		187.2	

Limited Irrigated APH

Crop Year	Acres	Yield	Yield Indicator	
2018		161	Т	
2019		161	Т	
2020		161	Т	
2021		161	Т	
Rate Yield		161		
APH Yield		161	1	





Limited Irrigation Yield Estimate Application can be found at:

https://geohydro.kgs.ku.edu/geohydro/rma/wr lookup.cfm



Limited Irrigation- Comparison of Coverage

	Irrigated Corn	<u>Limited Irrigated</u> <u>Corn</u>	Nonirrigated Corn		
APH yield bushels/acre	187	161	55		
Coverage Level	<u>x .70</u>	<u>x .70</u>	<u>x .70</u>		
Bushel Guarantee	131	113	39		
Projected Price	x <u>\$3.86</u>	x <u>\$3.86</u>	x <u>\$3.86</u>		
Insurance Guarantee	\$505.00	\$435.00	\$149.00		
Premium Per Acre	\$26.00	\$24.00	\$23.00		
Producer Paid Prem/Acre	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$9.00		
Base Premium Rate	5.15%	5.52%	15.44%		



Deadline to Request Limited Irrigation Coverage by Written Agreement

Acreage Reporting Date (July 15)



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www.rma.usda.gov/en/RMALocal/Field-Offices/Regional-Offices/Topeka-Kansas-Regional-Offices/Page

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10	-8.1	-16.7	-25.7	-35.1	-45.0	-55.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	
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