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Cover Crops and Prevented Planting Update for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June X, 2011 – An announcement made by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) today states that producers are eligible for prevented planting on acreage where the cover crop was not timely terminated and the subsequent crop was prevented from planting due to an insurable cause of loss.

The statements in the Special Provisions of Insurance are relevant to insuring a spring crop (e.g. corn, soybeans, etc.) following a crop or small grain crop that has reached the headed stage. Producers who plant a crop after a cover crop that has headed, budded, or has been harvested in the same calendar year are required to request a written agreement through their crop insurance agent. Producers have until July 15th to request a written agreement request through their agent, but are encouraged to submit their request as early as possible because a crop inspection is required as part of the written agreement. The inspection must show a yield potential equal to 90 percent of the guarantee. Filing a request early will ensure producers are protected from losses during the growing season.

Producers are encouraged to talk to their insurance agent and ask questions related to their insurance policy, coverage, and prevented planting.

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