



Bulletin

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Due to the continued cold & wet weather that has impeded planting this spring, we are providing the following grower information that may help the producer make timely and practical decisions this year. **While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this bulletin is not intended to be all inclusive.** If you have specific questions unique to your operation, it is always best that you contact your Ihry Insurance agent.

Prevented Planting

- **2019 PP Buy-up.** If you purchased the Buy-up option with your **2019 MPCI policy**, there was a reduction, new this year, that limited the Buy-up to **5%**. In addition, Prevented Planting coverage on Corn, & Canola, was reduced to **55%** of your guarantee, and Dry Beans to **50%**. For all other crops it is **60%** for 2019. If you took the Buy-up option, add that 5% to the crop Prevented Planting guarantee.
- **Duties in Event of Prevented Planting.**

Insured's Duties for Notice of Prevented Planting

(1) Insureds are required to provide a notice that they were prevented from planting an insured crop within **72 hours after**:

(a) The Final Planting Date, if the insured does not intend to plant the insured crop during the Late Planting Period or if an Late Planting Period is not applicable; or

(b) The insured determines he/she will not be able to plant the insured crop within any applicable Late Planting Period.

2) If the insured fails to provide a timely notice as described above, the PP claim will result in no PP coverage and no premium will be due unless the AIP can determine that they still have the ability to accurately adjust the loss, and provided:

(a) The notice was submitted prior to 60 days after the calendar date for the EOIP for the crop claimed as PP; and

(b) An AR was submitted by the ARD with PP acres for the crop for which the PP notice was submitted.

- **Eligible Acres.** The largest number of acres planted to that particular crop within the previous four (4) years. **Regardless of the number of eligible acres determined, PP coverage will not be provided for any acreage that does not constitute at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the insurable crop acreage in the unit, whichever is less.**
- **PP acreage within a field.** Any PP acreage within a field that contains planted acreage will be considered to be acreage of the same crop, type, and practice that is planted in the field (if there are multiple crops planted in a field, the insured may select which crop will be used for the PP acreage), unless:

(i) The PP acreage in the field constitutes at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the total insurable acreage in the field, and the insured produced both crops, crop types, or followed both practices in the same field in the same CY within any of the 4 most recent CYs;

- **Acreage Which Is Not Eligible for Prevented Planting Coverage.**

(ii) The insured was prevented from planting a first insured crop, and a second crop was planted in the same field (There can only be one first insured crop in a field unless the requirements in subparagraph (a)(i) or (iii) are met); or

(iii) The insured crop planted in the field would not have been planted on the remaining PP acreage; e.g., **where rotation requirements would not be met or the insured already planted the total number of acres specified in the processor contract.**

Example: The insured's sugar beet contract is for 100 acres and all 100 acres of sugar beets are planted into a 160-acre field. Since the insured could not continue to plant sugar beets because of the limitation of 100 acres in the sugar beet contract, the remaining 60 acres of land in the field are eligible for a PP payment as a separate crop, provided all other PP eligibility requirements are met.

Regardless of the number of eligible acres determined from using the instructions in paragraph 26C, PP coverage will not be provided for any acreage:

(1) That does not constitute at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the insurable crop acreage in the unit, whichever is less (after the minimum acreage requirement on the unit is met, PP payments are on a per acre basis). For Whole Farm Units, the 20 acres/20 percent requirement will be applied separately for each crop in the Whole Farm Unit.

(a) Any PP acreage within a field that contains planted acreage will be considered to be acreage of the same crop, type, and practice that is planted in the field (if there are multiple crops planted in a field, the insured may select which crop will be used for the PP acreage), unless:

(i) The PP acreage in the field constitutes at least 20 acres or 20 percent of the total insurable acreage in the field, and the insured produced both crops, crop types, or followed both practices in the same field in the same CY within any of the 4 most recent CYs;

- **Rotational Requirements.** Crop rotational requirements **do apply** to Prevented Planting provisions.
- **1st Crop - 2nd Crop.** Whenever the insured elects to plan a 2nd crop on acreage where the 1st crop was prevented from being planted, a yield equal to 60% of the approved yield for the 1st insured crop will be used to calculate the average yield for subsequent crop years for the 1st insured crop.
 - If the 2nd crop planted is an insurable crop on the policy, it must be reported and insured.
 - Any applicable PP payment will be reduced if the insured receives cash rent for the PP acreage or if another person plants a 2nd crop on the PP acreage.

A 2nd crop may not be planted until we have passed the Late Planting Period for the 1st crop PP acreage.

- **Report PP acres as the crop you intended to plant.**
- **Call your Ihyr Insurance Agent for more details specific to your policy.**
- **Reminder – YOU must report a PP claim, we are unable to do that for you.**