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## When is it Practical to Replant Corn Acreage?

Central Indiana opened the 2017 planting season on April 5 for corn. Growers have two months from the initial plant dates to sow their seeds in the ground before the June 5 deadline.

We have been blessed with mild temperatures and moderate rainfall since April 5. Despite decent conditions, Mother Nature is very unpredictable during Springtime in Indiana. Weather can quickly go from warm and sunny to cold and soggy. A corn crop that was planted during the perfect conditions could still encounter perils throughout the planting season.

What happens if you are faced with a poor crop and need to replant? For 2017, the RMA stated that it will be "considered practical to replant during the late planting period." ***This means that a grower with a struggling corn crop must replant to corn until we are outside of the late planting period for that crop.***

The late planting period for corn goes to July 1 (25 days past the June 5 final plant date), so corn must be planted following the original corn crop until this date passes.

This change also brings new language to the replant guidelines:

1.) If you decide not to replant the damaged corn crop, the RMA has determined that the corn acreage is deemed uninsurable. No indemnity will be paid for the destroyed crop. Likewise, no premium is due for those acres.

2.) If you switch to soybeans before July 1, the soybeans are treated as the first insured crop and are 100% covered. Since the corn crop was never reported on the acreage report, it is as if the corn crop never existed.

With all of these updates to the replant guidelines, our first recommendation is to ***contact your agent immediately following your decision to replant your acres.***

Your agent can work with you on the best course of action to ensure your crops are protected throughout the growing season.

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Beans — \$10.19 / bu  
...for 2017

### Important Dates

Planting Date Range for Corn:	April 5/10 to June 5
Planting Date Range for Soybeans:	April 20/24 to June 20
Acreage Reports returned to agent:	7/1/2017
RP YP ARPI Harvest Price for Corn:	Oct. Ave Dec CBOT
RP YP ARPI Harvest Price for Soybeans:	Oct Ave Nov CBOT

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# Watch for 2017 Acreage Reports soon. Due Mid July.

As you might expect, we are close to getting all the 2017 Map-Based Acre Report forms mailed or delivered in the coming weeks. Since this report is the basis of your 2017 insurance coverage—we can not stress enough how important timeliness and accuracy are with these forms. Last year was our first year where the map-based forms were used on a widespread basis. For many of you and for us, it was a sometimes frustrating experience, as farms were mis-

labeled, missing, grouped in strange ways, had poor imagery. While our goal is 100% accuracy and zero frustration, realistically we are sure these goals will not happen overnight or in a single season. Given that reality, we ask for grace and patience with us and the Companies we represent, to try to get this important information from you—as was reported to FSA, (By CLU - Common land unit).

Here are a few things you can do to help this process go smoothly:

- Notify us before planting of

any new farms—including FSN, Location Sec. Twp. Range, Share % and Share persons, crops intended.

- Keep accurate account of crops, dates and acreages planted as you plant.
- Keep any replanting acres separate from original planting. (Notify 1st if replanting)
- Ask FSA to email us copies of 578 Producer Print & Map to [agency@dicksimsinc.com](mailto:agency@dicksimsinc.com)
- Prevent Plant—Notify us ASAP—certify PP w/ FSA
- Be Careful— We need You!!



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*Coming Soon!*  
*We are working on something for this years 2017 Cass County 4-H Fair*  
*July 9th -15th*  
*Stay tuned*

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First Name Last Name  
Address  
City, State Zip

## DSA to Sponsor 2 Rivers on 2 Wheels tour on June 24th

For the 9th straight year—it has been our privilege to give back to the community and support healthy lifestyles, family values and recreation by being a major sponsor of this great bicycle tour. New this year, the tour will start and stop at the Logansport Cass County Family YMCA located at 905 E Broadway. This year the most ambitious route actually crossed 3 rivers, as the route goes all the way into Winamac crossing the Tippecanoe. For less seasoned riders, four other distances are mapped out, with routes featuring as few as 20 miles in the offering. For additional information, or to register, look at the routes, or download an entry form, please visit our dedicated web site [2riverson2wheels.org](http://2riverson2wheels.org) or search for our Facebook page. Hope to see you there this year!