



# Dick Sims Crop Insurance

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## Rough Start to the Season: What Are Your Options?

Beautiful weather in late April and early May provided decent planting conditions for area producers. On the flipside, mid to late May was a soggy, messy and cold month. The dramatic swing in the weather lead to damaged or unplanted crops over much of our local area.

Now what should you do? **Replant? PP? Please contact your agent prior to any action.** Improper actions can limit the ability to pay your claims.

Our agency is here to help with some basic guidelines:

### Replant

- To qualify for a payment, the replanted acres must add up to the smaller of 20% of a unit or 20 acres on a per crop, per county basis.
- Typical replants of less than 50 acres do not require inspection prior to the replanting. Regardless, **ALL** replant claims are to be **submitted to your agent prior to replanting.**

## Basic Prevented Plant Guidelines

Adverse weather conditions this Spring may prevent you from getting out and planting your acres by the final insurance date. One of your options, as mentioned above, is Prevented Plant.

Prevented Plant (PP) is the failure to plant the intended crops by the final planting date due to an insured cause of loss. Inability to plant due to *uninsured* causes, such as poor equipment or lack of manpower, are not considered.

- If you decide to replant to a **DIFFERENT** crop than originally planted, it **requires prior inspection** before proceeding.

### Late Plant

- A late planting option is automatically available if you choose to plant a crop after the published final plant date for your county. The late planted crop is still insured under this provision, but the guarantee is reduced 1% for each day the planting was delayed - up to 25 days late for a 25% reduction.

### Prevented Plant (PP)

- If during the Late Plant Period you decide you no longer want to try to plant due to poor conditions, you may declare Prevented Plant. **Report PP to FSA prior to June 20th.** See below for more details.

**REMINDER:** Please contact us immediately if you plan to file a claim or need any clarification of these basic rules. Your agent is always available to discuss your options so that you can have a successful growing season.

Prevent Plant is subject to the 20/20 rule, similar to the Replant Guidelines (see above). The payment for PP is 55% of the guarantee for corn or 60% for beans.

Once you have made the important choice to take part in PP, you must **contact your agent within 72 hours of your decision, no later than July 3rd.**

If you have any questions about this process, call your agent today.

**Spring Base Prices...**  
Corn — \$3.96 / bu  
Beans – \$10.19 / bu  
**...for 2017**

### Important Dates

**Late Planting Period for Corn:** June 6 - June 30

**Late Planting Period for Soybeans:** June 21 - July 15

**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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## Map-based Acreage Reports are Ready Now!

Acreage Reporting time is upon us! By now, you should have received a copy of your 2017 Acreage Report in the mail OR your agent has contacted you directly to discuss your 2017 crops.

All Acreage Reports are now completed by Common Land Unit (CLU). This helps us and you more accurately record the acreage for each crop that was planted.

When working through the report, be sure to include the planting dates, prevented plant acres and indicate first crop/ second crop acres. You can also take this opportunity to update shares on your existing lines.

Any new land must be reported on the Acreage Report. A blank mapping page is included at the back of your report for added land from any new farms you may have acquired.

**The report will need to be completed and returned by July 1st.** We strongly recommend you certify your acres at the FSA office as soon as planting is done and drop off and/or mail your 578s and maps to our office with your report.

You are welcome to call the DSA office at (574) 737-7467 or your agent directly with any questions and we will be happy to assist you.



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*DSA will be at the Cass  
County Pork Producers'  
Booth July 11-14. Bring the  
enclosed coupon for a meal  
and to say hello!*

Business/Farm Name  
First Name Last Name  
Address  
City, State Zip

## DSA Sponsoring 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 the 2 Rivers on 2 Wheels bicycle tour.

All are welcome to join us on June 24th. The tour will begin and end at the Logansport Cass County Family YMCA located at 905 E Broadway.

This year, the most ambitious route crosses THREE rivers, as the route goes all the way into Winamac, over the Tippecanoe River.

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 website

2riverson2wheels.org, or search for our Facebook page. Hope to see you there this year!

