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December 2017 Newsletter Summary

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Approaching Deadlines	
Ohio Wheat Acreage Reporting Deadline	12/15/17
Claim Filing Deadline for Price Loss Claims, Corn & Beans	12/15/17
RSVP for Lund & Smith Update Meetings	1/3/18
Sales Closing Date, Corn & Beans	3/15/18



Providing Crop Insurance to America's Farmers since 1991.

Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings to gain valuable insight on risk transfer tools available to your operation in 2018.

Monday, January 8th Sycamore Community Center 3498 SR 103 Sycamore, OH 44882 10am start with lunch to follow TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH WATER'S EDGE EVENT CENTER 170 SUMMERSET DRIVE Ashland, OH 44805 BREAKFAST AT 8AM WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH Wakeman Eagle's Club 35 E. Main Street Wakeman, OH 44889 LUNCH AT NOON WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH THE BARN RESTAURANT 22611 OH-2 ARCHBOLD, OH 43502 10 AM START WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW

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As fall harvest comes to a close, please take a moment and certify production with your agent. Also, any standing crops in fields beyond December 10th will need appraised by an adjuster so please contact your agent if you are in this situation.



Are new crop prices too cheap?

New crop price insight from a crop insurance perspective Each year the Spring price for crop insurance in Ohio is established by using the average close of new crop corn and bean futures through the month of February. The December futures contract is used for corn while the November futures contract is used for beans. We can use a rolling monthly average for new crop corn and beans to garner some insight into where the price for crop

insurance protection might land on March 1, 2018. Right now, those prices are tracking at \$3.88 and \$10.00 respectively for corn and beans. From a profitability standpoint these values leave much to be desired for many operators, but they are relatively in line with what we have seen in most recent history when grain supplies are adequate. Below is a history of the spring prices for corn and beans from 2007 on.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spring Price</u>	<u>Harvest Price</u>
2007	\$4.06	\$3.58
2008	\$5.40	\$4.13
2009	\$4.40	\$3.72
2010	\$3.99	\$5.46
2011	\$6.01	\$6.32
2012	\$5.68	\$7.50
2013	\$5.65	\$4.39
2014	\$4.62	\$3.49
2015	\$4.15	\$3.83
2016	\$3.86	\$3.49
2017	\$3.96	\$3.49
2018	\$3.88**	

Corn

Soybeans

<u>Year</u>	Spring Price	Harvest Price
2007	\$8.09	\$9.75
2008	\$13.36	\$9.22
2009	\$8.80	\$9.66
2010	\$9.23	\$11.63
2011	\$13.49	\$12.14
2012	\$12.55	\$15.39
2013	\$12.87	\$12.87
2014	\$11.36	\$9.65
2015	\$9.73	\$8.91
2016	\$8.85	\$9.75
2017	\$10.19	\$9.75
2018	\$10.00**	

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