



## Current Reminders

- Make certain you call to get prior authorization before replanting any crops.
- If you have prevented planting questions, call for details on your specific situation and policy.
- The projected prices for 2019 corn and beans are \$4.00 and \$9.54 respectively.

## Approaching Deadlines

Final Plant Date Corn	(Last day to plant corn and get 100% of insurance guarantee)	6/5/19
Final Plant Date Soybeans	(Last day to plant beans and get 100% of insurance guarantee)	6/20/19
Corn, Soybean Acreage Reporting Deadline		7/15/19
Wheat insurance premiums due		7/31/19

The political front has been very active over the past three weeks. Below are some 3<sup>rd</sup>-party links and resources which you may use to stay up to date and informed on potential changes and/or benefits available to farmers.

DISCLAIMER: Due to the speculative nature of some of the information provided, the agency offers no guarantees with regard to the payment projections from the MFP or potential future changes to coverages on prevented planting acres in 2019. As of right now, there are no changes to your insurance contract regarding prevented planting coverage levels.

The official press release from the USDA on the Market Facilitation Program (MFP) for 2019 can be found here: <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2019/05/23/usda-announces-support-farmers-impacted-unjustified-retaliation-and>.

An independent analysis of potential payments by county can be found here: <https://www.farmprogress.com/usda/tariff-aid-could-vary-widely>.

Other resources from University of Illinois and Kansas State regarding prevented planting and related government payments can be found here: Kansas State Article→<http://agmanager.info/crop-insurance/risk-management-strategies/update-prevented-planting-decisions-and-related-government>, University of Illinois Article→<https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2019/05/prevented-planting-2019-market-facilitation-program-payments-disaster-assistance-and-price-dynamics.html>.

On 6/3/19, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2157 – Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019. This bill had already been passed by the Senate so it will now become law after President Trump signs it. The speculation as to whether or not there will be changes to the amount of coverage available on prevented planted acres in 2019 all stems from this bill. The commodity title of the bill is only about one page in length so it is an easy read. The link to the entire bill can be found here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2157/text>. I have copied the entire first paragraph of the bill onto page 3 of this newsletter so you may read and form your own opinion of the text and what it means to farmers over the next 6-12 months.

A link to an article published by [www.agweb.com](http://www.agweb.com) titled “Does the Disaster Aid Bill Increase Prevent Plant Payments?” can be found here: <https://www.agweb.com/article/does-the-disaster-aid-bill-increase-prevent-plant-payments/>

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## Know you options!

See below for options if all or a portion of your intended corn acres are not planted by 6/5/19

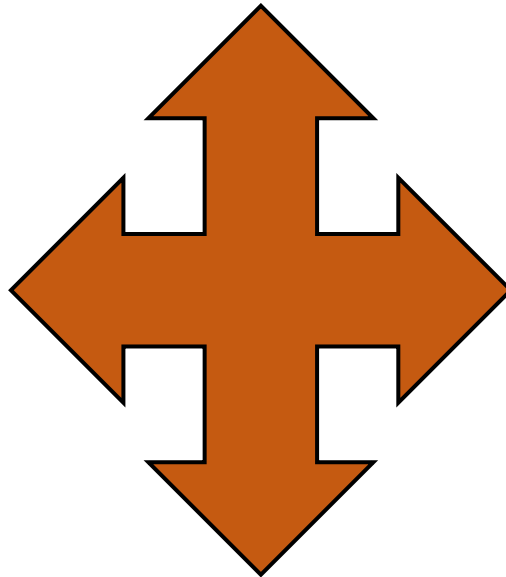
### Option 2

Keep planting corn. Your insurance guarantee on corn planted 6/6 thru 6/25 will be reduced by 1% per day starting 6/6.

Additionally, you may be benefited by a higher harvest price on planted acres of corn if you have yield shortfall. The harvest price is established in the month of October each year.

### Option 1

Plant an alternative crop (ie. Soybeans. Beans planted on/before 6/20/19 have full coverage)



### Option 3

Pursue an indemnity by filing a prevented planting corn claim on 6/6.

See page 2 from the May 2019 Lund and Smith Agency Newsletter

### Option 4

Pursue prevented planting corn and receive 35% of your prevented planting payment if all other qualifiers and requirements are met.

Plant beans on the exact same acres that were declared prevented planting on/after 6/26/19. The beans can be insured, but with reduced coverage because they're planted after 6/20/19.

A yield history penalty of 60% of the approved yield will be inserted into the corn history database for 2019 corn acres that were prevented. This penalty in yield will continue to be in your yield database for those acres for at least 10 years.

# DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

### PROCESSING, RESEARCH AND MARKETING

#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

*For an additional amount for the “Office of the Secretary”, \$3,005,442,000, which shall remain available until December 31, 2020, for necessary expenses related to losses of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commodities, crops prevented from planting in 2019, and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines, as a consequence of Hurricanes Michael and Florence, other hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, and wildfires occurring in calendar years 2018 and 2019 under such terms and conditions as determined by the Secretary: Provided, That the Secretary may provide assistance for such losses in the form of block grants to eligible states and territories and such assistance may include compensation to producers, as determined by the Secretary, for forest restoration and poultry and livestock losses: Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading, tree assistance payments may be made under section 1501(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 ([7 U.S.C. 9081\(e\)](#)) to eligible orchardists or nursery tree growers (as defined in such section) of pecan trees with a tree mortality rate that exceeds 7.5 percent (adjusted for normal mortality) and is less than 15 percent (adjusted for normal mortality), to be available until expended, for losses incurred during the period beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018: Provided further, That in the case of producers impacted by volcanic activity that resulted in the loss of crop land, or access to crop land, the Secretary shall consider all measures available, as appropriate, to bring replacement land into production: Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading, not more than \$7,000,000 shall be available to make payments to agricultural producers whose Whole Farm Revenue Protection indemnity payments were reduced following 2018 crop year losses due to assistance received through state-legislated agriculture disaster assistance programs: Provided further, That the total amount of payments received under this heading and applicable policies of crop insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act ([7 U.S.C. 1501](#) et seq.) or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 ([7 U.S.C. 7333](#)) shall not exceed 90 percent of the loss as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That the total amount of payments received under this heading for producers who did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance for an insurable commodity for the applicable crop year under the Federal Crop Insurance Act ([7 U.S.C. 1501](#) et seq.) for the crop incurring the losses or did not file the required paperwork and pay the service fee by the applicable State filing deadline for a noninsurable commodity for the applicable crop year under NAP for the crop incurring the losses shall not exceed 70 percent of the loss as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That in the case of a crop under this heading for which the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation offers a revenue insurance policy under section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act ([7 U.S.C. 1508](#)), the Secretary shall use the greater of the projected price or the harvest price for such crop to determine the expected value of such crop: Provided further, That producers receiving payments under this heading, as determined by the Secretary, shall be required to purchase crop insurance where crop insurance is available for the next two available crop years, excluding tree insurance policies, and producers receiving payments under this heading shall be required to purchase coverage under NAP where crop insurance is not available in the next two available crop years, as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That, not later than 120 days after the end of fiscal year 2019, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress specifying the type, amount, and method of such assistance by state and territory: Provided further, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*