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# AACI in Action



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we reflect on 2024, the American Association of Crop Insurers (AACI) continues working to ensure policymakers understand the indispensable role crop insurance plays in securing the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers, stabilizing rural economies, and sustaining the nation's food supply.

This year, AACI faced a rapidly shifting legislative landscape, highlighted by the ongoing reauthorization of the Farm Bill. Although Congress ultimately passed a one-year extension as part of a Continuing Resolution instead of a full bill, we leveraged every opportunity to advocate for a strong and stable crop insurance program. We were steadfast in ensuring policymakers understood crop insurance's critical role in mitigating risks and delivering economic security to agricultural producers. While the debate continues into 2025, I am proud of the groundwork we have laid to strengthen our advocacy efforts and position AACI as a leading voice in these discussions.

AACI's successes this year were made possible by our members' unwavering engagement. Together, we hosted impactful events, including the annual Crop Insurance Industry Convention and fly-ins that brought our message directly to Capitol Hill. Our members' commitment to participating in these initiatives ensured that crop insurance remained a priority for lawmakers, and our industry's perspective was well-represented in legislative negotiations.

Throughout 2024, we also stood firm against proposals that threatened to undermine the public-private partnership at the heart of the crop insurance system and celebrated notable victories. AACI played a key role in opposing RMA's proposed interest deferral for producers, raising concerns about additional costs and timing. Our advocacy led to RMA's decision not to issue a waiver in 2024, marking a significant win that could potentially end the precedent for deferring interest in future years.

As we move into 2025, AACI remains committed to advancing policies that support the efficiency and effectiveness of the crop insurance program. We must remain united and proactive in championing the needs of the crop insurance industry as negotiations continue on the Farm Bill.

With your continued support and direct involvement in our advocacy, I am confident we will achieve our shared goals and ensure a sustainable future for the farmers and ranchers who feed the world.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to AACI.

Sincerely,



**SCOTT GRAVES**

President, American Association of Crop Insurers



## Our Mission

The American Association of Crop Insurers advocates on behalf of all segments of the private crop insurance industry from companies to agents to its affiliates. AACI provides a unified voice to promote and protect a viable, affordable, and diverse crop insurance program.

## Our Values

Since our founding in 1983 as the primary trade association of insurance providers, we have followed a set of core values. These founding principles guide our efforts to promote policies that encourage the effective and efficient private sector delivery of crop insurance.

- 1 We support American farmers and ranchers in their pursuit to provide our nation and the world with an affordable, abundant, and secure food, fiber, and feed supply.
- 2 We support protecting the integrity of the crop insurance program by continually working to identify and correct inefficiencies and abuses of current policies.
- 3 We support partnering with industry leaders to foster vibrant rural communities.
- 4 We support promoting the stewardship of our nation's natural resources.
- 5 We support expanding crop insurance so that farmers, ranchers, and growers all across the country have access to this essential risk management tool regardless of their farm size, background, location, or method of production.

## Our Goals

AACI has identified the following strategic goals to align both its organizational mission and values.



- 1 Maintain and advance strong policies that support the effective and efficient private sector delivery of the federal crop insurance program.
- 2 Continue to expand coverage of crop insurance to reach a diverse range of farmers, ranchers, and growers across the country.
- 3 Increase awareness of the value and cost-effectiveness of crop insurance and work to ensure adequate resources are available to maintain the viability of the program.
- 4 Foster strong, purposeful relationships within the legislative and executive branches of government in a proactive manner by promoting the critical role that crop insurance plays in contributing to a safe, abundant, and affordable domestic food and fiber supply.
- 5 Build upon existing relationships within the agricultural, conservation, and wildlife communities and identify opportunities to expand support for the federal crop insurance program.

# Farm Bill, Disaster Aid, And Government Funding

## House Farm Bill

On May 1st, House Committee on Agriculture Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA) released a title-by-title overview of the bipartisan policies and priorities in the 2024 farm bill. On May 10th, Chairman Thompson released additional details on all 12 titles of the bill, which included several provisions to bolster the private sector delivery system within crop insurance, including increased funding for data mining and other compliance activities to enhance program integrity measures; reinstating an inflation adjustment factor for the cap on Administrative and Operating Expenses; establishing a minimum A&O reimbursement rate for specialty crop insurance policies; preserving the availability of services for producers, and supplementing Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) expenses for the increased cost of loss adjustments in states that experience widespread losses.

On May 17th, Chairman Thompson released the full legislative text of the bill and scheduled a committee markup for the following week on May 23rd. In terms of crop insurance, six amendments were offered to amend the crop insurance title, some of which may have been detrimental to the program. Two amendments from Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS) and Rep. Nick Langworthy (R-NY) were accepted. Fortunately, the other four problematic amendments were withdrawn and never received a recorded vote. Ultimately, the committee passed the bill on a bipartisan vote of 33-21, with four Democrats joining the Republicans – Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO), Rep. Don Davis (D-NC), Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL), and Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA).



## Senate Farm Bill

On May 1st, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) released a section-by-section summary of her version of a farm bill, dubbed the 'Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act.' The 94-page document includes hundreds of proposals, including over 50 within the crop insurance title alone. On June 11th, Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member John Boozman (R-AR) released the framework for his vision of a farm bill. His draft mirrors many of the proposals included in the House-passed bill, and one of his key priorities is modernizing farm safety to ensure producers have adequate risk management tools.

On November 18th, Chairwoman Stabenow finally released the official text of her farm bill. The text broadly aligns with the framework she put out in May, with some changes such as limiting USDA's use of its internal Commodity Credit Corporation fund and increasing premium support across all policy coverage levels. The bill also proposes several significant changes to the private sector delivery system that would be detrimental to the overall delivery of the program. Due to the bill's content and partisan approach, it was deemed dead on arrival. You can find AACI's response to the bill [here](#).

## Disaster Aid and One-Year Farm Bill Extension

When it became clear that Congress would not pass a bipartisan farm bill before the end of the year, additional calls for disaster aid (due to hurricanes and other weather events) and economic assistance (due to high inputs and suppressed prices) came from the agricultural community. As a last-ditch effort to help producers, Congress attempted to include disaster aid and economic assistance in a year-end funding package. However, after several other Democratic-related items made their way into the bill, President-elect Trump and his allies (on and off the Hill) tanked the plan. Ultimately, Congress passed a CR with a one-year farm bill extension and \$20 billion in disaster aid, plus an additional \$10 billion in economic assistance. However, farm bill negotiations will bleed well into next year as Congress must first deal with funding the government, appointments, reconciliation, and other unexpected items.



# ELECTION IMPACT

## Trump Returns to the White House

For a political process that in recent years has been viewed as controversial, confusing, and involving an overly fickle electorate, the 2024 election represented a snapshot of undeniable political decisiveness. President Trump secured more than enough Electoral College votes (312 to 226) to again ascend to the highest office as only the second individual ever to serve nonconsecutive presidential terms. The other was Grover Cleveland, who served as the 22nd and 24th president, winning in 1884 and 1892.

Much focus was placed on the Blue Wall, a collection of 18 states that have voted reliably for Democrats from 1992 through 2012. Trump notably flipped three of these states in 2016: Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin – all of which President Biden won back in 2020. These three states account for 44 of the 93 electoral votes the seven battleground states collectively represent. The overarching strategy for the Harris campaign was that if Harris were to secure all Democratic-leaning states and the three blue wall swing states, she would reach the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House. However, President Trump was declared the winner in nearly every swing state: Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arizona, and Nevada. If the electoral map wasn't decisive enough, the former president also carried the popular vote, besting Vice President Harris by more than 3 million votes.

President Trump's campaign was able to successfully appeal to voters in targeted regions with tailored messages that spoke to the region's working class of each state and policies that would expand their opportunities and quality of life, such as autoworker jobs in Michigan, immigration in Arizona, fracking in Pennsylvania, and 'no tax on tips' in Nevada. Meanwhile, despite an initial bump in enthusiasm when President Biden stepped aside, the Harris campaign could never find solid footing

concerning messaging and struggled to take solid positions on an array of issues – most likely a direct result of not being forced to navigate a competitive primary.

## Republicans Take Senate Majority

In the Senate, Republicans came out with a 53-47 majority after flipping four seats—West Virginia, Montana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, which put the Republicans back in the majority of the upper chamber with stronger numbers than they've seen in recent years. Once the Senate results were known, Republicans held a historical leadership election to choose the individual who would succeed Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) as Majority Leader, who's had the position since 2007. After some intense lobbying of their colleagues, Sen. John Thune (R-SD) beat both Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Rick Scott (R-FL) for the position. On the Agriculture front, Senator John Boozman (R-AR) will take over as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) will take over as the top Democrat, replacing retiring Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

## Republicans Continue House Majority

After the final races were called in the House, Republicans secured 220 seats, and Democrats secured 215. However, Trump selected three Republican House members to serve in cabinet positions, meaning Republicans can't lose more than two in their party for any given vote. Even when new members get sworn in, the Republican margin will be just as small or smaller than what they had previously of 220 seats to Democrats 212 (3 vacancies). Of note: Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) announced his plans to remain the Speaker while saying he expects the House to continue to be controlled by the GOP. Also noteworthy, in a surprise election, Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN) beat out both current Ranking Member David Scott (D-GA) and veteran Rep. Jim Costa (R-CA) for the top Democratic spot on the House Agriculture

Committee. Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson will retain his position as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

## Agriculture Leaders in Washington

### Brooke Rollins – Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture



Before being nominated by President Trump to lead the Department of Agriculture, Brooke Leslie Rollins served as the President and CEO of AFPI and is originally from Glen Rose, Texas. Rollins was formerly Director of the Domestic Policy Council and Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives in the White House under President Donald Trump, where she also previously served as Director of the Office of American Innovation. In these roles, she developed and managed the transformational domestic policy agenda of the Trump Administration, leading to historic achievements for the American people. Rollins graduated with honors from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural development and was the first female to be elected student body president. After earning her Juris Doctor with honors at the University of Texas School of Law, she served as Governor Rick Perry's policy director before running the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) for 15 years. At TPPF, Rollins elevated a small policy organization to a national force and redefined the possibilities for a state-based think tank — setting the model and aspiration for AFPI. Rollins and her husband, Mark, currently reside in Fort Worth and spend most of their free time taxiing their four very active children to baseball games, cattle shows, piano lessons, and Aggie football games.

### Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) – Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee



As Chairman and previously as Ranking Member, Sen. Boozman will lead his chamber in influencing policy related to the agriculture economy, nutrition programs, and quality of life in rural America. Since agriculture accounts for nearly one-quarter of Arkansas's economic activity, Boozman has consistently championed the state's farmers, ranchers, and loggers and was instrumental in the fight for an equitable farm bill. He's also a fifth-generation Arkansan, raised in Fort Smith and graduated from Northside High School. He went on to play football for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks while completing his pre-optometry requirements. He graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in 1977. Boozman entered private practice that same year, co-founding a family business with his brother that would ultimately become a major eye care provider in Northwest Arkansas. Decades of experience as a successful healthcare provider and a small business owner guide John's approach to governing. He is committed to advocating for economic policies that help Arkansas's small businesses continue to grow and add jobs to our state's economy.

### Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) – Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee



After the retirement of Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Klobuchar was selected to take over as the top Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee. Klobuchar has served on the committee since her first term in Congress and has worked to pass three Farm Bills. Senator Klobuchar's extensive experience and deep-rooted commitment to agricultural issues

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make her an exceptional choice for this pivotal role. She's also the first woman elected to represent Minnesota in the US Senate. Klobuchar has always embraced the values she learned growing up in Minnesota. Her grandfather worked 1500 feet underground in the iron ore mines of Northern Minnesota. Her father, Jim, was a newspaperman, and her mother, Rose, was an elementary school teacher who continued teaching until she was 70. Senator Klobuchar has built a reputation for putting partisanship aside to help strengthen the economy and support families, workers, and businesses. In 2019, an analysis by Vanderbilt University ranked her as the "most effective" Democratic senator in the 115th Congress.

**Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson (R-PA) – Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee**



After successfully passing a farm bill out of his Committee, Rep. Thompson will continue as Chair of the House Agriculture Committee. He's been an active Member for more than a decade, formerly serving as Ranking Member of the full committee during the 117th Congress and as Vice Chairman during the 116th Congress. He's also served as Chairman of the Subcommittees on Conservation and Forestry and Nutrition and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. He's also a member of the House Education and Labor Committee. Chairman Thompson is the descendant of a long line of dairy farmers and a lifelong Howard Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania resident. Before being elected to Pennsylvania's 15th District, Thompson spent 28 years as a therapist,

rehabilitation services manager, and licensed nursing home administrator.

**Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN) – Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Committee**



After challenging two more senior Members of Congress, Rep. Angie Craig was elected by her colleagues to lead House Democrats as Ranking Member of the Agriculture Committee in the 119th Congress. Rep. Craig learned the value of hard work from her mother, a single mom who raised three children while earning her teaching degree. Years later, she moved to Minnesota and fell in love with the strong communities and quality of life. She and her wife Cheryl Greene have four sons, and they lived in Eagan for nearly a decade. They recently moved to Prior Lake. Craig is fighting to ensure career skills and technical education are an option for every young person, to lower the cost of healthcare, and to work toward a solution that expands healthcare to many more Americans. Craig has also advocated for infrastructure investments that benefit our communities – big and small, and for policies that reward people for their hard work – especially family farmers and small business owners. She plans to pursue these priorities through her appointments on the House Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.



## UPDATE: *Seeding the Future Leadership Class*

Members of AACI's leadership development program, Seeding the Future, completed their last two courses during roughly the last half of 2022. Congratulations to our Seeding the Future participants on their hard work and development as leaders in our industry.

### Leadership Class Update

In November, the leadership class traveled to Kansas City for the fourth and final course, "PAC Grassroots & Policy." This class focused on AACI's relationship with NCIS and the industry, as well as understanding how PACs work, how to organize local events, and how to gain an understanding of the functions of congressional district offices.

First, the group visited the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) office, meeting with several key staff members. These individuals provided a brief history of the organization and gave an overview of their roles and responsibilities. They also reviewed several key areas the organization focuses on, such as agent and adjuster education. They explained how they interact with RMA, including their role during the renegotiation of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA). At the end of the presentation, the leadership class followed up with several questions about the NCIS structure and how they come to agreement on certain industry positions.

Next, the group met with Rep.-elect David Schmidt (R-KS) to learn about his day-to-day activity while on the campaign trail, and he also discussed the other elected positions he's run for, including Governor of Kansas. Mr. Schmidt also explained how his previous experiences have prepared him to be a Member of Congress, such as his time spent as a congressional staffer in Washington, DC. Next, the group met with RMA's Kansas City staff, who discussed the role of the people in their office vs. Washington, DC. They also explained how they needed to work together to ensure accurate information flow, and the leadership class members asked how they could assist the agency in improving the crop insurance program.

To close, the group had lunch with a fundraising professional who educated them on coordinating and hosting successful fundraising events in DC and their local areas. He highlighted the importance of supporting industry PACs and explained why PACs are one key way industry representatives can get their foot in the door with a new or long-serving member of Congress.

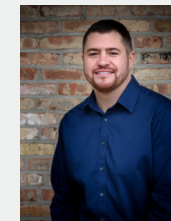


### Leadership Class Graduates

AACI wants to recognize the following individuals for successfully completing all four courses of the association's leadership development program, Seeding the Future.



**Liz Bair** –  
Great American Insurance Group



**Kale Love** –  
Great American Insurance Group



**Kellen Corbett** –  
Rain & Hail Insurance



**Andy Martin** – AgCountry  
Farm Credit Services



**Hope Floberg** –  
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**David Moll** –  
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Services



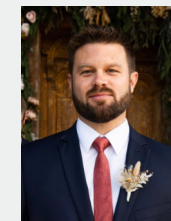
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**Wes Moss** –  
Storm Insurance



**Joe Kirksey** –  
Gallagher



**Jason Stoermer** –  
Storm Insurance



**Mark Krakau** –  
Rain & Hail Insurance



**Tom Timko** –  
Compeer Financial



## Updates from the USDA Risk Management Agency

### USDA Makes Indemnity Payments to Producers Impacted by Hurricane Debby

**August 23** – USDA announced the counties that triggered for payment under the Hurricane Insurance Protection-Wind Index (HIP-WI) endorsement for Hurricane Debby. RMA first offered HIP-WI for the 2020 hurricane season, and last year, the endorsement was expanded to include the Tropical Storm Option. Under HIP-WI, producers will receive over \$200 million in indemnities for hurricane-related losses from Hurricane Debby. Estimated indemnities include: Florida: \$11.8 million for hurricane, and \$300 thousand for tropical storm; Georgia: \$45.6 million for tropical storm; North Carolina: \$97.8 million for tropical storm; South Carolina: \$54.3 million for tropical storm.

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### USDA Expands Shellfish Insurance Program

**August 30** – USDA announced it's expanding the Shellfish insurance program beginning with the 2025 crop year. RMA is expanding coverage to an additional 27 counties in Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and North Carolina. Additionally, RMA is modifying the program to allow insurance on seeds initially purchased smaller than 4 mm once they reach the minimum insurable size of 4 mm, allowing producers to use existing records for coverage in adjacent program counties, and allowing alternative yield procedures. RMA worked with stakeholders on these program enhancements.

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### USDA Offers Disaster Assistance to Agricultural Producers in Ohio Impacted by Drought

**September 5** – Agricultural operations in Ohio have been significantly impacted by recent drought. The USDA has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover from these adverse weather events. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

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### USDA Reminds Hawaii Producers of Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Crop Insurance Sales Closing Date

**September 9** – USDA reminded producers in Hawaii that the sales closing date to purchase Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage (PRF) rainfall index insurance is Dec. 1, 2024, for the 2025 crop year. The PRF program protects livestock producers against feed loss due to lack of precipitation, providing producers on the Big Island of Hawaii with coverage for grazing acres. This expansion was announced earlier this year and is part of RMA's efforts to increase and enhance insurance options in Hawaii. Policy documents are now available for the PRF Hawaii program on the RMA website. The PRF Hawaii program will use Hawaii Climate Data Portal information and will utilize a five-kilometer by five-kilometer grid. The program will also use a new county base value methodology due to minimal hay production on the island and limited data on grazing lease rates of the Hawaiian cattle industry.

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### USDA Offers Resources, Adds Flexibilities to Disaster Assistance Programs to Help Hurricane Helene-Impacted Farmers, Forest Landowners and Communities

**October 4** – In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, USDA deployed staff to assist with response and recovery efforts. USDA is also putting in place contingency plans and program flexibilities to ensure farmers, and foresters and communities are able to get the support they need. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Farm Service Agency Administrator Zach Ducheneaux traveled to Florida and Georgia with President Biden to assess damage and meet with farmers and residents in the wake of the storm. Secretary Vilsack highlighted that USDA is taking measures like extending program signup opportunities and using waivers and emergency procedures to expedite recovery efforts on America's working lands. The department has also deployed 190 staff, including many from the U.S. Forest Service, to assist with response efforts, including removal of debris from roads.

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### USDA Makes Indemnity Payments to Producers Impacted by Hurricane Helene

**October 15** – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced additional assistance to help producers impacted by Hurricane Helene in the recovery process. USDA is announcing the counties that have triggered for payment under the Hurricane Insurance Protection-Wind Index (HIP-WI) endorsement for Hurricane Helene. Under HIP-WI and TS, producers with the endorsement will receive over \$233 million in indemnities for hurricane-related losses from Hurricane Helene. Currently, Hurricane Helene estimated indemnities for both HIP-WI and TS by state include: Alabama: \$5.0 million; Florida: \$12.8 million; Georgia: \$207.7 million; North Carolina: \$4.1 million; South Carolina: \$4.1 million; and Virginia: \$61,000.

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### USDA to Issue More than \$235 Million to Farmers Hit by Natural Disasters, Including Hurricane Milton

**October 30** – USDA is issuing payments this week to agricultural producers impacted by natural disasters, including \$143 million in crop insurance indemnities for Florida producers impacted by Hurricane Milton and about \$92 million for livestock producers, nationwide, who faced increased supplemental feed costs as a result of forage losses due to 2022 qualifying drought and wildfire. The payments for Milton-impacted Florida producers are for those who have Federal crop insurance coverage through the Hurricane Insurance Protection-Wind Index (HIP-WI) endorsement and the Tropical Storm (TS) option. These crop insurance payments are part of USDA's broader support to help producers after Hurricane Milton. The payments for livestock producers are through the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) 2022, and are a second round of payments to producers using remaining funds in the program.

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### USDA Announces New Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board Members

**November 13** – Secretary Tom Vilsack appointed three new members of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors, which oversees the Federal crop insurance program available through the USDA. The FCIC Board of Directors provides guidance to USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) on administering crop insurance. The Federal Crop Insurance Act requires that the four producer board members come from diverse geographic areas and represent a cross-section of agricultural commodities. Ryan Lankford, Brandon Willis, and Donna King will serve four-year terms, which began in November, and Nicole Berg was reappointed to serve a second term.

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## USDA Announces More than \$2 Billion to Strengthen Specialty Crops Sector, Expand Crop Storage for Producers Following 2024 Natural Disasters

**November 19** – Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the creation the Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops initiative, which provides \$2 billion to assist specialty crop growers in maintaining a strong domestic supply and expanding market opportunities for their crops. USDA also created the Commodity Storage Assistance Program, which will provide \$140 million to help producers gain access to a packinghouse, grain elevator, or other facility necessary for the marketing of agricultural commodities. This program is designed for farmers nationwide due to disaster-related challenges, and USDA anticipates high signup rates in the Southeast due to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Debbie, Helene and Milton.

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## USDA Expands Revenue Protection to Flax Producers, Expands Options for Specialty and Organic Growers

**November 27** – Flax producers can now benefit from revenue protection, a crop insurance option available through the USDA. RMA has expanded Small Grains Crop Provisions to now offer revenue protection for flax for the 2025 crop year, which is already offered for barley, rye, wheat and oats. RMA is also continuing efforts to expand crop insurance options for specialty and organic growers by allowing enterprise units by organic farming practice, adding enterprise unit eligibility for several crops and making additional policy updates. Additionally, RMA also expanded the availability of enterprise units as well as enterprise units by organic farming practice to sugar beets, onions, popcorn and processing beans.

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## USDA to Enhance Support for Farmers with Increased Replant Payments

**December 5** – USDA is bolstering support for farmers facing crop setbacks by announcing an increase in replant payments for most producers beginning with the 2026 crop year. This initiative aims to provide financial assistance to farmers who need to replant insured crops damaged by early insurable causes of loss. Replant payment factors have not been updated since they were established in the 1990s. RMA reviewed replant payment factors to ensure they reflect current replanting costs. The agency determined most small grains and coarse grains crops will receive a significant increase. RMA will consider future updates based on new data, further analysis, and stakeholder feedback from these changes. RMA plans to announce the new replant payments with additional crop insurance improvements in the summer of 2025.

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## USDA Announces Final \$300 Million in Automatic Assistance for Distressed Farm Loan Borrowers

**December 20** – USDA announced the final approximately \$300 million in assistance to distressed direct and guaranteed farm loan borrowers under Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act. Over the past two years, USDA acted swiftly to assist distressed borrowers in retaining their land and continuing their agricultural operations. Since President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law in August 2022, USDA has provided approximately \$2.5 billion in assistance to more than 47,800 distressed borrowers. The assistance announced today is expected to provide \$300 million in assistance to over 12,800 distressed direct and guaranteed Farm Loan Programs (FLP) borrowers.

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# AACI-PAC Raffle

**How to Enter the AACI-PAC Raffle:** You will receive one entry for the AACI-PAC raffle for each \$50 you contribute to AACI-PAC. Winners will be drawn before AACI's mid-year and end-of-year reports are published.

**Congratulations to 2024 Year-End PAC Raffle Winner** Chad Byrd from Rain & Hail.

## Thank You To Our 2024 AACI-PAC Contributors

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