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## Crop Insurance and Flood Claims

TOPEKA, Kan., July 11, 2014 — The USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds agricultural producers in areas where heavy rainfall and flood conditions have caused crop damage and slowed planting that they should contact their crop insurance companies at the first sign of damage to insured acreage.

“We want to make sure that insured producers affected by the current flooding along the Mississippi River and its tributaries understand the process for reporting damaged crops”, said RMA’s Topeka Regional Office Director, Rebecca Davis. RMA’s Topeka Region includes Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Producers who have an insured crop or acreage damaged by this event must notify their crop insurance agent within 72 hours of discovering the damage. If they had insured crops planted that are now underwater, they will be asked to provide documentation to show the crop was planted (e.g seed tickets). Please note that before a producer takes any action on the damaged crop or acreage, they must receive approval, in writing, from their insurance company.

For acreage damaged by this flood event, there may be several options available for the producer.

“Crop insurance is critical to many farm operations in our region”, said Davis. “We encourage producers affected by this flood event to contact their crop insurance agent to report damaged acreage and to discuss all possible options”.

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