

2017 CIH Summary of Changes

Listed below are the changes to the FCIC 18010 Crop Insurance Handbook with significant content change. Minor changes and corrections are not included in this listing.

Para. 909 D	Clarified the determination of total value of harvested production.
Para. 1002	Clarified that only planted acres are used to determine the appropriate BU discount factor and that discount applies to planted and PP acres, if applicable, when determining premium.
Para. 1005	Clarified that if the insured certifies production on the production report at a level below the BU, they must have acceptable records at the level reported or assigned yields will apply.
Para. 1021 F(1)(c)	Clarified when NI practice is not insurable in the county, the NI corners cannot be insured as IRR acreage with the center-pivot irrigation system.
Para. 1021 G	Added additional information regarding OUs by organic practice that was previously contained in Para. 1165 B.
Para. 1026	Clarified that to be acceptable, the production evidence must account for all planted acreage and production used to determine the production guarantee for each OU.
Para. 1033 (3)	Clarified that the additional center pivot instructions in Para. 1021 F(2) for determining irrigated and non-irrigated acreage also apply to EUs.
Para. 1038	Clarified that if the insured certifies production on the production report at a level below the EU, they must have acceptable records at the level reported or assigned yields will apply.
Para. 1047 A(3)	Incorporated changes in the CCIP-BP that allows an insured to elect one coverage level for all irrigated practices and a different coverage level for all non-irrigated practices for all crops within the WU.
Para. 1074	Clarified that the legally identified parcel(s) the insured is adding to the parcel in which they farm could be greater than 640 acres to form a “section equivalent” under the UDO. Defined what legally identifiable means and provided reminder that OUs must be established according to the order of precedence.
Para. 1074 D	Clarified that a UDO does not automatically transfer when an insured transfers a policy to a different AIP.
Para. 1083 B	Clarified that prorated actual production is identified with the “PA” yield descriptor.
Para. 1087	Clarified prorated actual production is identified with the “PA” yield descriptor and duplicated actual production is identified with the “DA” yield descriptor
Para. 1103 & 1104	Incorporated MGR-15-009 by adding applicable efficient irrigation procedure.
Para. 1104	Added Para. 84 K from 2015 LAM instructing AIPs to notify the applicable RMA RO if an area is suspected to have inadequate irrigation water.
Para. 1109 C	Clarified when the NI practice is not insurable for the county, the NI corners cannot be insured as IRR acreage with the center pivot irrigation system.

Part 11 Section 4	Removed organic practice procedures. General organic practice procedures were added to the GSH. Any special APH requirements for organic practices were integrated throughout the CIH.
Para. 1161	Moved to GSH Para. 871.
Para. 1162	Moved to GSH Para. 872.
Para. 1163	Moved to GSH Para. 873.
Para. 1164	Moved to GSH Para. 874.
Para. 1165	Moved to GSH Para. 875 except for B which was moved to Para. 1021 G.
Para. 1166	Moved to Para. 1747.
Para. 1167	Moved APH database instructions for acreage transitioning to certified organic with a plan for Cat. B crops to Para. 1708 D and for Cat. C crops to Para. 1854.
Para. 1168	Moved APH database instructions for acreage transitioning to certified organic without a plan for Cat. B crops to Para. 1702 P and for Cat. C crops to Para. 1854.
Para. 1169	Removed.
Para. 1211	Added Identification Number Type to Spouse's Name and Identification Number element; incorporated MGR-16-005 by changing Farm/Tract/Field number element to Field Location Identification and adding plans of insurance that field location identification reporting is required and the means the insured can meet requirement for field location identification; and removed acreage determination source element.
Para. 1216 A(4)	Moved program indicator code language for native sod acreage to GSH Para. 405.
Para. 1216 A(5)	Clarified that buffer zone acreage must be included in the acreage of the unit that it buffers.
Para. 1216 B(4)	Moved program indicator code language for native sod acreage to GSH Para. 405.
Para. 1302 A(2) & (4) and Para. 1303 A(1)	Clarified that if the insured certifies production on production report at level below the unit structure that applies for the current crop year, they must have acceptable records at the level reported or assigned yield provisions will apply.
Para. 1304 H	Added acreage reporting requirements for organic acreage affected by prohibited substances (previously contained in Para. 1167 G).
Para. 1308	Removed AIP as a required element; added zero planted acreage as a record type; clarified acres to be reported; and added New Crop/P/T/TMA to the Added Land element.
Para. 1310 B(2)(e)	Clarified that claims where total production shown is from multiple years due to production being commingled between crop years is not used for APH purposes.
Para. 1415	Added potatoes to the list of crops requiring verifiable records.
Para. 1421 B	Clarified pick record requirements.
Para. 1451	Added examples of direct marketing.
Para. 1504	Added information regarding yield descriptors for organic practices (previously contained in Para. 1167 E). Removed the use of transitional actual yield descriptor "G" and the certified organic actual yield descriptor "V" when establishing APH

	databases for transitional or certified organic or transitional acreage beginning with the 2017 crop year.
Para. 1507 C	Changed header to “Non-Actual Yields Transfer” to more accurately reflect procedures contained in subparagraph.
Para. 1508	Clarified the BFR must obtain permission to use another person’s APH history or copies of the other person’ acreage and production records and that the BFR is responsible for providing acceptable production evidence for any APH reviews.
Para. 1511	Removed AIP element; added Insured’s Printed Name, Signature and Date, to be used when the insured elects YE opt-out; and added Comments element.
Para. 1557	Removed transitional and certified organic yield descriptors.
Para. 1572	Removed transitional and certified organic yield descriptors.
Para. 1575	Added example of transitioning without an organic plan as a different production method.
Para. 1701	Added requirement that AIPs must transmit all active APH databases to RMA, regardless of whether such APH databases have acreage attached in the current crop year.
Para. 1702 C	Clarified new producer determinations are made on a crop/county basis, which includes all types and practices (including certified organic and transitional) of the crop.
Para. 1702 E	Removed restriction of SA T-Yields not being applicable for organic practices.
Para. 1702 P	Added requirements for transitioning to a certified organic practice without a plan, removing the requirement to use analysis database to determine the approved APH yield reduction due to a change in production method.
Para. 1702 Q	Added APH Database requirements for certified organic or transitional acreage affected by prohibited substances (previously in Para. 1167 G).
Para. 1708 D	Added requirement to use variable T-Yields to complete certified organic APH databases instead of using actual yields from transitional APH databases.
Para. 1715	Added information for commingled organic practices (previously contained in Para. 1167 F).
Para. 1733	Clarified if it is later determined that the insured did not qualify as a new producer, the policy must be corrected.
Para. 1738 (1)(c)	Removed has produced the crop for more than two APH crop years but not within the most recent 10 calendar years (11 calendar years for crop with a lag year) as a situation that an insured can request RO Determined Yield.
Para. 1747	Added requirement that all APH databases, individual and MY summary APH databases, must be transmitted to RMA when MY applies. Also added exceptions that MYs do not apply to any acreage transitioning to organic without an organic plan or written documentation from an organic certifying agent and that MYs do not apply to any acreage or any crop/P/T insured by a WA that assigns a yield (see WAH).
Para. 1752 A(2)(e)	Removed statement “a Request for Actuarial Change if a WA is required for coverage and RO criteria”

Para. 1758	Clarified yield substitution does not apply to individual APH databases when MY applies.
Para. 1759	Clarified yield exclusion does not apply to individual APH databases when MY applies.
Part 17 Section 9	Incorporated procedures from PM16-007 throughout section.
Para. 1760	Added procedures for organic practices (previously contained in Para. 1166).
Para. 1771	Added that added land procedures apply to organic practices and clarified SA T-Yields are not allowed for a crop/P/T insured by a WA that assigns a yield (see WAH).
Para. 1775	Incorporated bulletin PM-16-007.
Para. 1776	Removed instructions for requesting RO Underwriting Review for use of SA T-Yield.
Para. 1788	Added new crop/practice/type procedures apply to organic practices.
Para. 1817	Clarified when top-worked the RO reduces the yield, but the leaf year is not affected. A grafted year is not applicable when a tree is only topworked.
Para. 1821	Clarified required response to questions: Has damage (e.g., disease, hail, freeze) occurred to trees/vines/bushes/bog that will reduce the insured crop's production from previous crop years?; and Have practices or production methods (e.g., removal, dehorning, grafting, transitioning to organic) been performed that will reduce the insured crop's production from previous crop years?
Para. 1840	Changed deadline for completion of PAIR to 60 calendar days after the PRD and removed request for extension since the deadline was extended.
Para. 1841 D	Clarified if the insured fails to notify the AIP by the PRD, an amount equal to the reduction in the yield will be added to the production to count due to uninsured causes for any notices of damage. Also clarified if a condition is unreported and occurs before the beginning of the insurance period, the AIP must make additional determinations such as whether the crop is insurable and if misrepresentation penalties apply.
Para. 1854	Modified to include procedures for establishing APH databases for acreage transitioning to certified organic and acreage affected by prohibited substance.
Para. 1858	Clarified topworking is not considered "grafting".
Para. 1859	Clarified use of Weighted Average Age/Density Worksheet with YA and YE.
Para. 1862	Clarified impact of YE to yield variance testing and APH database reduction. Also clarified APH database testing for peaches, stonefruit, figs, table grapes and grapes.
Para. 1872	Clarified AIPs must transmit the applicable special case yield indicator and yield limitation flag to RMA.
Para. 1881	Added yield exclusion and reference. Clarified floors, cups, and YE are not applicable to RO Determined Yield requests; YA will apply, as authorized by the RO for specific situations. Added

	special case yield indicators “NS, P or PM, PB, AF, DF, D, F, UC.”
Para. 1920	Incorporated procedure from MGR-12-016.1.
Para. 1952	Removed statement “If a claim for indemnity has been completed, total marketable production from the claim prior to adjustment for quality is used for APH purposes.”
Para. 2025	Clarified that the leaf year is not affected when top-worked the RO reduces the yield and that a grafted year is not applicable when a tree is only topworked
Para. 2146	Clarified required responses to the questions: Has damage (e.g., disease, hail, freeze) occurred to trees/vines/bushes/bog that will reduce the insured crop’s production from previous crop years?; and Have practices or production methods (e.g., removal, dehorning, grafting, transitioning to organic) been performed that will reduce the insured crop’s production from previous crop years?
Para 2150	Removed requirement of a PAIR being required within the most recent five years for a RO Determined Yield Request unless triggered by the PAW or new applicant.
Para. 2167	Added special case indicators “H, PS, P, PM, PS” for SRH databases.
Part 22	Removed requirements for added land/new crop/P/T requests.
Para. 2212 A(2) and (3)	Removed request to extend a RO Determined Yield deadline.
Exh. 11 I - L	Removed examples for transitional and certified organic practices and placed them in appropriate exhibits.
Exh. 11 D, E, F	Clarified that skip-row yield conversion factors only apply to NI cotton and NI ELS cotton.
Exh. 15 V	Added special case yield indicators.
Exh. 15 FF	Added example for transitional and certified organic practices.
Exh. 17 A	Added examples of Category B Crops APH databases certified organic or transitional acreage affected by prohibited substances, converted back to conventional farming practices and suspended or revoked certification.
Exh. 18 J, M, W	Modified apple examples. Removed block production worksheet. Added example APH databases for transitional and certified organic-prohibited substances.
Exh. 22	Added RO Determined Yield Type, Yield Limitation Flag and Rate Yield Chart.