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THIS HANDBOOK CONTAINS THE OFFICIAL FCIC-ISSUED LOSS ADJUSTMENT STANDARDS FOR THIS CROP FOR THE 2012 AND SUCCEEDING CROP YEARS. ALL REINSURED COMPANIES WILL UTILIZE THESE STANDARDS FOR BOTH LOSS ADJUSTMENT AND LOSS TRAINING.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES/CONTROL CHART

The following list contains significant changes to this handbook, as determined by us. It may not represent all changes made. All changes made to this handbook are applicable regardless of whether or not listed

Major Changes: See changes or additions in text which have been highlighted. Three stars (***) identify where information has been removed.

Changes for Crop Year 2012 (FCIC-25770-1):

- A. Throughout handbook: Made editorial and syntax changes so handbook text tracks with current RMA-approved handbook formatting, and updated examples and forms as needed.
- B. Throughout the handbook: Comments that pertained to grammar, punctuation, deleting unneeded words, rewording to make a sentence flow better, corrections of reference numbers, formatting, etc. were incorporated if accepted, but are not listed.
- C. **Subsection 4 E. FEDERAL OR STATE ORDERED DESTRUCTION:** Added instructions for handling claims when a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised insured crop or production to be destroyed.
- D. **Subsection 5 A:** Added that Stand Reduction appraisal method is also used for insurability inspections.
- E. **Subsection 5 C (1) (d):** Added instruction for the adjuster to contact the mini-still operator to determine the number of pounds required to run a test involving a mini-still.

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- F. **Subsection 5 C (1) (f):** Revised language to clarify what to do if the total weight of all required samples for the unit is less than 20 pounds or the amount required by the mini-still operator.
- G. **Subsection 7 B (5):** Added language instructing the adjuster to refer to the LAM for all zero appraisals,
- H. **Subsection 8 B (8):** Added language instructing the adjuster to refer to Paragraph 67 K of the LAM for PW completion instructions if the AIP determines the claim is to be DENIED.
- I. **Subsection 8 C, item 5 – Cause(s) of Damage:** Deleted statement “If the claim is denied, enter “DC” and refer to the LAM for further instructions.”
- J. **Subsection 8 C, item 34 - Production Pre QA:** Clarified that entry is to be rounded to whole pounds.
- K. **Subsection 8 C, item 35 - Quality Factor:** Added instructions for claims where a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised crop or production to be destroyed.
- L. **Subsection 8 C, item 36 - Production Post QA:** Clarified that entry is to be rounded to whole pounds.
- M. **Subsection 8 C, item 40 - Quality:** Added procedure for claims where a quality is a factor.
- N. **Subsection 8 C, item 41 - Mycotoxins exceed FDA, State, or other health organization maximum limits. Check “Yes:”** Added procedure for claims where a quality is a factor.
- O. **Subsection 8 C, Narrative – item “s.”** – Added documentations requirements for claims where a Federal or State destruction order has been issued.
- P. **Subsection 8 C, item 65 - Quality Factor:** Added instruction to refer to subsection 3 A (8) if a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised crop or production to be destroyed.

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EXAMPLE:

The insured has 100% share in 100 acres of peppermint;

The production guarantee is 50 pounds of oil per acre;

The price election is \$23 per pound; and

There is not an adequate stand on 50 acres by the date WCO coverage ends because an insured cause has damaged the stand.

The payment for this option would be calculated as follows:

- (a) 60 percent x 50 pound guarantee = 30 pound (WCO) guarantee per acre
 - (b) 30 pound (WCO) guarantee per acre x 50 acres without an adequate stand = 1,500 pounds
 - (c) 1,500 pounds x \$23 price election = \$34,500
 - (d) \$34,500 x 100 percent share = \$34,500
- (6) Acreage for which a WCO payment has been made is no longer insurable under the Crop Provisions for the current crop year. Any mint production subsequently harvested from uninsured acreage for the crop year and not kept separate from production from insured acreage will be considered production to count from the insured acres.

Acreage for which a WCO payment has been made will receive an amount of production of zero when computing subsequent year's approved yield.

- (7) In addition to the requirements of the Crop Provisions, the insured must give notice to the AIP and obtain consent to put any mint acreage to another use before a determination can be made if there is an adequate stand on the acreage. The AIP will inspect the acreage and the insured must agree in writing that no payment or indemnity will be made for the acreage put to another use. The total production to be counted for acreage put to another use with consent in accordance with this section will not be less than the approved yield.

Example:

The insured has 100% share in 100 acres of peppermint insured under the WCO;

The approved yield is 77 pounds of oil per acre;

Due to anticipated market conditions, the insured intends to destroy 50 acres of peppermint and plant that acreage to soybeans, however the crop is not out of dormancy and it is too early in the growing season to determine if there is an adequate stand of mint.

After inspection by the AIP, the insured agrees in writing that there will be no claim and no indemnity will be paid on the acreage to be put to other use. Upon receiving such agreement, the AIP may release the acreage.

The production to count per acre on the released acreage will be the approved yield (77 pounds per acre). This production amount will also be used for APH purposes.

C. PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES NOT APPLICABLE TO CAT COVERAGE

Refer to the CIH and LAM for provisions and procedures not applicable to CAT.

D. UNIT DIVISION

Refer to the insurance contract for unit provisions. A basic unit, as defined in the Basic Provisions, will be divided into additional basic units by each mint type designated in the Special Provisions.

E. FEDERAL OR STATE ORDERED DESTRUCTION

Under section 15 (j) of the Basic Provisions, if due to insured causes, a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised insured crop or production to be destroyed, on the claim form enter the factor “.000” in column 35 for appraised production or column 65 for harvested production, as applicable. Instruct the insured to complete and submit a Certification Form stating the date the crop or production WAS DESTROYED and the method of destruction (refer to item 40 and the Narrative in the claim form instructions). Also refer to LAM paragraphs 96 J (2) and 102 A for additional information. Otherwise, MAKE NO ENTRY.

4. MINT APPRAISALS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

There are two mint appraisal methods, weight method and stand count method. Potential oil production from acreage the insured does not intend to harvest is determined by harvesting and distilling a representative sample of the crop. Harvested appraisal methods rely on the AIP to designate portions of the field to be harvested and distilled by the insured. In counties where mini-stills are available within a reasonable distance, the insured and AIP may agree to collect representative samples using the weight method described in subsection 5 C (1) and distill the sample using the mini-still, if harvesting and distilling a representative sample using the method in 5 C (2) would create a hardship for the insured. The insured is responsible for the cost of distilling samples for loss adjustment purposes.

B. SELECTING REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES FOR APPRAISALS

- (1) Determine the minimum number of required samples for a field or sub-field by the field size (refer to **TABLE A**), the average stage of growth, age (size) and general capabilities of the plants, and variability of potential production and plant damage within the field or sub-field.
- (2) Split the field into sub-fields when:
 - (a) variable damage causes the crop potential (plant numbers or ground cover variation) to appear to be significantly different within the same field; or
 - (b) the insured wishes to destroy a portion of a field.
- (3) Each field or sub-field must be appraised separately.
- (4) Take not less than the minimum number (count) of representative samples required in **TABLE A (Minimum Representative Sample Requirements)** for each field or subfield.

5. APPRAISAL METHODS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

These instructions provide information on appraisal methods for:

Appraisal Method....	Use....
Weight Appraisal Method	at maturity to determine weight of mint oil (Mini-still Appraisals and Representative Harvest Production Appraisals)
Stand Count Method	for Winter Coverage Option and insurability inspections

B. DEFERMENT OF MINT APPRAISALS BEFORE PHYSIOLOGICAL MATURITY

- (1) Defer all appraisals until the crop reaches maturity or the date harvest is general in the area, unless the mint crop has no production potential such as:
 - (a) the plants will not reach a height of 4 inches or more at maturity;
 - (b) has severe water damage; or
 - (c) has turned abnormal in color.
- (2) Complete the preliminary inspection with special attention to the type of damage and its severity.
 - (a) Inspect all fields thoroughly. It is important to note the acreage that is not damaged.
 - (b) Explain to the insured that, at this time, the amount of loss cannot be determined accurately.
 - (c) Do not attempt to estimate the damage for the insured.
- (3) Inform the insured that if the acreage is put to other use prior to final adjustment, the representative samples the AIP has specified must be preserved and cared for. Refer to the LAM.
- (4) Winter Coverage Option appraisals may be deferred until the date coverage ends to determine if an adequate stand is present.

C. WEIGHT APPRAISAL METHODS

(1) Mini-still Appraisals:

The following devices used for representative samples can be constructed in each region. Materials needed and construction steps are as follows:

(a) Round hoop with 3, 4, and 5 square feet inside area:

- 1 Material required for round hoop (3 square feet) is 73.7 inches of 2-inch inside diameter plastic hose and 3 inches of one-half inch wooden dowel.
- 2 Material required for round hoop (4 square feet) is 85.1 inches of one-half inch inside diameter plastic hose and 3 inches of one-half inch wooden dowel material.
- 3 Material required for round hoop (5 square feet) is 95.2 inches of one-half inch inside diameter plastic hose and 3 inches of one-half inch wooden dowel material.
- 4 Construction. Insert a 3 inch dowel pin in one end of a one-half inch hose, form a circle and connect together.

(b) Collapsible wood frame with 4 square feet inside area:

- 1 Collapsible wood frame 24 inches inside.
- 2 Frame Material: Four 1 inch x 2 inches x 28 inches wood pieces. Four 3 inch x 2 inch stove bolts with wing nuts and 8 flat washers.

(c) Collapsible grid shown in **EXHIBIT 1**.

(d) Contact the mini-still operator in order to determine the number of pounds required to run a test.

(e) Use one of the measuring devices described above to outline each sample area by tossing the device into representative areas of the field. Cut off all plants within each sample area (pruning shears or scissors) at mowing-machine height (not to exceed three inches above the ground).

(f) Weigh the samples and enter the total weight on the Appraisal Worksheet. If the total weight of all required samples for the unit is less than 20 pounds or the amount required by the mini-still operator, take additional samples until the required sample size is reached. If the stand is extremely thin and there is difficulty in obtaining 20 pounds or the amount required by the mini-still operator, contacted the mini-still operator in order to determine the minimum number of pounds required to run a test.

(g) Put all the samples in an onion sack or other acceptable porous sack, label it with the insured's name, unit number, adjuster's name and address, and deliver to the mini-still location.

(h) When the oil production results are received from the mini-still location, complete the remainder of the appraisal worksheet.

EXAMPLE:

40 acres are appraised.
10 samples at 25 feet long each,
36 inch row width (3.0 feet)
1200 live plants counted.

The result is:

$1200 \text{ plants} \div [(25 \text{ feet/sample} \times 10 \text{ samples} = 250 \text{ feet}) \times (3.0 \text{ foot row width})];$

$1200 \text{ plants} \div [750] = 1.6 \text{ Plants Per Square Foot}$

6. APPRAISAL DEVIATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

A. DEVIATIONS

Deviations in appraisal methods require RMA written authorization (as described in the LAM) prior to implementation.

B. MODIFICATIONS

There are no pre-established modifications contained in this handbook. Refer to the LAM for additional information.

7. APPRAISAL WORKSHEET ENTRIES AND COMPLETION PROCEDURES

A. APPRAISAL WORKSHEET FORM STANDARDS

- (1) The entry items in subsection C are the minimum requirements for the Mint Appraisal Worksheet for the Mini-still Appraisal Method. The entry items in subsection D are the minimum requirements for the Mint Appraisal Worksheet for the Winter Coverage Option. All of these entry items are “Substantive,” (i.e., they are required).
- (2) Appraisal Worksheet Completion Instructions. The completion instructions for the required entry items on the Appraisal Worksheet in the following subsections are “Substantive,” (i.e., they are required).
- (3) The Privacy Act and Non-Discrimination Statements are required statements that must be printed on the form or provided to the insured as a separate document. These statements are not shown in the example form in this exhibit. The current Non-Discrimination Statement and Privacy Act Statement can be found on the RMA website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/regs/required.html> or successor website.

- (4) Refer to the DSSH for other crop insurance form requirements (e.g., font point size, etc.)

B. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WORKSHEET ENTRIES AND COMPLETION PROCEDURES

- (1) Include the AIP's name in the appraisal worksheet title if not preprinted on the AIP's worksheet, or when a worksheet entry is not provided.
- (2) Include the claim number on the appraisal worksheet (when required by the AIP), when a worksheet entry is not provided.
- (3) Separate appraisal worksheets must be completed for each unit appraised, and for each field or subfield or farming practice (applicable to preliminary and final claims). Refer to section 4 for sampling requirements.
- (4) Standard appraisal worksheet items are numbered consecutively in Subsections C and D. Example appraisal worksheets are also provided to illustrate how to complete all entries, except the last three items on the respective appraisal worksheets.

- (5) For all zero appraisals, refer to the LAM.

C. WORKSHEET ENTRIES AND COMPLETION INFORMATION (MINI-STILL)

Verify or make the following entries:

**Item
No.**

Information Required

Company: Name of AIP, if not preprinted on the worksheet. (Company Name).

Claim No.: Claim number as assigned by the AIP.

1. **Insured's Name:** Name of the insured that identifies EXACTLY the person (legal entity) to whom the policy is issued.
2. **Policy Number:** Insured's assigned policy number.
3. **Unit Number:** Unit number from the Summary of Coverage after it is verified to be correct.
4. **Crop Year:** Four-digit crop year, as defined in the policy, for which the claim has been filed.
5. **Type:** Type of mint being appraised and the three-digit code number, entered exactly as specified on the actuarial documents.
6. **Field ID:** Field or subfield identification symbol.

8. CLAIM FORM ENTRIES AND COMPLETION PROCEDURES

A. CLAIM FORM STANDARDS

- (1) The entry items in subsection C are the minimum claim form (hereafter referred to as “Production Worksheet”) requirements. All of these entry items are considered “Substantive,” (i.e., they are required).
- (2) Production Worksheet Instructions. The completion instructions for the required entry items on the Production Worksheet in the following subsections are “Substantive,” (i.e., they are required).
- (3) The Privacy Act and Non-Discrimination Statements are required statements that must be printed on the form or provided to the insured as a separate document. These statements are not shown in the example form in this exhibit. The current Non-Discrimination Statement and Privacy Act Statement can be found on the RMA website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/regs/required.html> or successor website.
- (4) The certification statement required by the current DSSH must be included on the form directly above the insured’s signature block and immediately followed by the statement below.

“I understand the certified information on this Production Worksheet will be used to determine my loss, if any, to the above unit. The insurance provider may audit and approve this information and supporting documentation. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, an agency of the United States, subsidizes and reinsures this crop insurance.”
- (5) Refer to the DSSH for other crop insurance form requirements (e.g., point size of font, etc.)

B. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR **WORKSHEET ENTRIES AND COMPLETION PROCEDURES**

- (1) The Production Worksheet is a progressive form containing all notices of damage for all preliminary and final inspections on a unit.
- (2) If a Production Worksheet has been prepared on a prior inspection, verify each entry and enter additional information as needed. If a change or correction is necessary, strike out all entries on the line and re-enter correct entries on a new line. The adjuster and insured should initial any line deletions.
- (3) Refer to the LAM for instructions regarding the following:
 - (a) Acreage report errors.
 - (b) Delayed notices and delayed claims.

- (c) Corrected claims or fire losses (double coverage) and cases involving uninsured causes of loss, unusual situations, controversial claims, concealment, or misrepresentation.
 - (d) Claims involving a Certification Form (when all the acreage on the unit has been appraised to be put to another use, or other reasons described in the LAM).
 - (e) “No Indemnity Due” claims (which must be verified by an APPRAISAL or NOTIFICATION from the insured that the production exceeded the guarantee).
- (4) The adjuster is responsible for determining if any of the insured’s requirements under the notice and claim provisions of the policy have not been met. If any have not, the adjuster should contact the AIP.
 - (5) Instructions labeled “**PRELIMINARY**” apply to preliminary inspections only. Instructions labeled “**FINAL**” apply to final inspections only. Instructions labeled “**WCO**” apply to WCO inspections only. Instructions not labeled apply to ALL inspections.
 - (6) Account for all acreage on the unit when completing a WCO claim or a basic claim. Designate the acreage appropriately.
 - (7) Enter “Winter Coverage Option” in the heading of the claim when completing a WCO claim.
 - (8) If the AIP determines the claim is to be DENIED, refer to Paragraph 67 K of the LAM for PW completion instructions.

C. FORM ENTRIES AND COMPLETION INFORMATION

Verify or make the following entries:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Information Required</u>
1.	Crop/Code #: “Mint” (0074).
2.	Unit #: Unit number from the Summary of Coverage after it is verified to be correct.
3.	Location Description: Land location that identifies the legal description, if available, and the location of the unit (e.g., section, township, and range; FSA Farm Numbers; FSA Common Land Units (CLU) and tract numbers; GPS identifications; or Grid identifications) as applicable for the crop.
4.	Date(s) of Damage: First three letters of the month(s) during which the determined insured damage occurred for the inspection and cause(s) of loss listed in item 5 below. If no entry in item 5 below MAKE NO ENTRY. For progressive damage, enter the month that identifies when the majority of the insured damage occurred. Include the SPECIFIC DATE where applicable as in the case of hail damage (e.g., Aug 11). Enter additional dates of damage in the extra spaces, as needed. If more space is needed, document the additional dates of damage in the Narrative (or on a Special Report). Refer to the illustration in item 6 below.

If there is no insurable cause of loss, and a no indemnity due claim will be completed, MAKE NO ENTRY.

5. **Cause(s) of Damage:** Name of the determined insured cause(s) of damage for this crop as listed in the LAM for the date of damage listed in item 4 above. If an insured cause(s) of damage is coded as “Other,” explain in the Narrative. Enter additional causes of damage in the extra spaces, as needed. If more space is needed, document the additional determined insured causes of damage in the Narrative (or on a Special Report). Refer to the illustration in item 6 below.

If it is evident that no indemnity is due, enter “NO INDEMNITY DUE” across the columns in Item 5 (refer to the LAM for more information on no indemnity due claims).

6. **Insured Cause %:**

PRELIMINARY: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL AND WCO: Whole percent of damage for the insured cause of damage listed in item 5 above. Enter additional “Insured Cause %” in the extra spaces, as needed. If additional space is needed, enter the additional determined “Insured Cause %” in the Narrative (or on a Special Report). The total of all “Insured Cause %” including those entered in the Narrative must equal 100%.

If there is no insurable cause of loss, and a no indemnity due claim will be completed, MAKE NO ENTRY.

Example entries for items 4-6 and the Narrative, reflecting entries for multiple dates of damage, the corresponding insured causes of damage and insured cause percents:

4. Date(s) of Damage	MAY	JUN 30	JUN 30	AUG	AUG
5. Cause(s) of Damage	Excess Moisture	Tornado	Hail	Drought	Heat
6. Insured Cause %	10	20	15	25	20
Narrative: Additional date of damage – SEP 5; Cause of Damage – Freeze; Insured cause percent - 10%.					

7. **Company/Agency:** Name of company and agency servicing the contract.
8. **Name of Insured:** Name of the insured that identifies EXACTLY the person (legal entity) to whom the policy is issued.
9. **Claim #:** Claim number as assigned by the AIP.
10. **Policy #:** Insured’s assigned policy number.
11. **Crop Year:** Four-digit crop year, as defined in the policy, for which the claim is filed.

12. **Additional Units:**

PRELIMINARY: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL AND WCO: Unit number(s) for **ALL** non-loss units for the crop at the time of final inspection. A non-loss unit is any unit for which a Production Worksheet has not been completed. Additional non-loss units may be entered on a single Production Worksheet.

If more spaces are needed for non-loss units, enter the unit numbers, identified as “Non-Loss Units,” in the “Narrative” or on an attached Special Report.

13. **Est. Prod. Per Acre:**

PRELIMINARY AND WCO: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL: Estimated yield per acre, in whole pounds, of **ALL** non-loss units for the crop at the time of final inspection.

14. **Date(s) Notice of Loss:**

PRELIMINARY AND WCO:

- a. Date the first or second notice of damage or loss was given for the unit in item 2, in the 1st or 2nd space, as applicable. Enter the complete date (MM/DD/YYYY) for each notice.
- b. A notice of damage or loss for a third preliminary inspection (if needed) requires an additional set of Production Worksheets. Enter the date of notice for a third preliminary inspection in the 1st space of item 14 on the second set of Production Worksheets.
- c. Reserve the “Final” space on the first page of the first set of Production Worksheets for the date of notice for the final inspection.
- d. If the inspection is initiated by the AIP, enter “Company Insp.” instead of the date.
- e. If the notice does not require an inspection, document as directed in the “Narrative” instructions.

FINAL AND WCO: Transfer the last date (in the 1st or 2nd space from the first or second set of Production Worksheets) to the FINAL space on the first page of the first set of Production Worksheets if a final inspection should be made as a result of the notice. Always enter the complete date of notice (MM/DD/YYYY) for the “FINAL” inspection in the final space on the first set of production worksheets. For a delayed notice of loss or delayed claim, refer to the LAM.

25. **Intended Use:** Three-digit code number, entered exactly as specified on the actuarial documents for the intended use of the crop grown by the insured. If “No Intended Use Specified” is shown in the actuarial documents, enter the appropriate three-digit code number from the actuarial documents (e.g., 997). If an intended use is not specified on the actuarial documents, MAKE NO ENTRY.
26. **Irr. Practice:** Three-digit code number, entered exactly as specified on the actuarial documents for the irrigated practice carried out by the insured. If “No Irrigated Practice Specified” is shown in the actuarial documents, enter the appropriate three-digit code number from the actuarial documents (e.g., 997). If an irrigated practice is not specified on the actuarial documents, MAKE NO ENTRY.
27. **Cropping Practice:** Three-digit code number, entered exactly as specified on the actuarial documents for the cropping practice (or practice) carried out by the insured. If “No Cropping Practice (or Practice) Specified” is shown in the actuarial documents, enter the appropriate three-digit code number from the actuarial documents (e.g., 997). If a cropping practice (or practice) is not specified on the actuarial documents, MAKE NO ENTRY.
28. **Organic Practice:** Three-digit code number, entered exactly as specified on the actuarial documents for the organic practice carried out by the insured. If “No Organic Practice Specified” is shown in the actuarial documents, enter the appropriate three-digit code number from the actuarial documents (e.g., 997). If an organic practice is not specified on the actuarial documents, MAKE NO ENTRY.
29. **Stage:**

PRELIMINARY: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL AND WCO: Stage abbreviation as shown below.

<u>STAGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
“P”.....	Acres abandoned without consent, put to other use without consent, damaged solely by uninsured causes, or for which the insured failed to provide acceptable records of production to the AIP.
“H”.....	Harvested.
“UH”.....	Unharvested or put to other use with consent.
“W1”.....	Acres to be paid under a WCO claim. (Must be at least the lesser of 20 acres or 20% of the insurable planted acres in the unit.) TO BE USED FOR WCO CLAIMS ONLY.
“W2”.....	Acres NOT PAID under a WCO claim, or acres released with consent during the WCO period.
“W3”.....	Acres previously paid under WCO.

GLEANNED ACREAGE: Refer to the LAM for information on gleanning.

30. **Use of Acreage:** Use of acreage. Use the following “Intended Use” abbreviations.

<u>USE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
“To Millet,” etc.,.....	Use made of the acreage
“WOC”.....	Other use without consent
“SU”.....	Solely uninsured
“ABA”.....	Abandoned without consent
“H”.....	Harvested
“UH”.....	Unharvested
“W3”.....	Acreage previously paid under WCO.

Verify any “Intended Use” entry. If final use of the acreage was not as indicated, strike out the original line and initial it. Enter all data on a new line showing the correct “Final Use.”

GLEANED ACREAGE: Refer to the LAM for information on gleaning.

31. **Appraised Potential:**

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL: Per-acre appraisal in whole pounds of POTENTIAL production for the acreage appraised as shown on the appraisal worksheet. Refer to section 5, “Appraisal Methods” for additional instructions.

If there is no potential on UH acreage, enter “0.” Refer to paragraph 85 in the LAM for procedures for documenting zero yield appraisals.

For acreage with Stage Code “W3”, MAKE NO ENTRY.

WCO: MAKE NO ENTRY

- 32a. **Moisture %:** MAKE NO ENTRY.

- 32b. **Factor:** MAKE NO ENTRY.

33. **Shell %, Factor, or Value:** MAKE NO ENTRY.

34. **Production Pre QA:**

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL: Result of multiplying column 31 times column 19, rounded to whole pounds. If no entry in column 31, MAKE NO ENTRY.

WCO: **W1:** Enter zero (“0”).
 W2: MAKE NO ENTRY

35. **Quality Factor:** Refer to subsection 3 E if, due to insured causes, a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised crop or production to be destroyed. Otherwise, MAKE NO ENTRY.

36. **Production Post QA:** Result of multiplying column 34 times column 35, rounded to whole pounds. If no entry in column 35, transfer entry from column 34.

37. **Uninsured Cause:**

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL: Result of per acre appraisal for uninsured causes (taken from appraisal worksheet or other documentation) multiplied by column 19, rounded to whole pounds. Refer to the LAM for information on how to determine uninsured cause appraisals. If no uninsured causes, MAKE NO ENTRY.

a. Hail and Fire exclusion NOT in effect.

- (1) Enter the result of multiplying column 19 entry by NOT LESS than the insured's production guarantee per acre, in whole pounds, for the line, (calculated by multiplying the elected coverage level percentage times the approved APH yield per acre shown on the APH form), for any "P" stage acreage.
- (2) On preliminary inspections, advise the insured to keep the harvested production from any acreage damaged SOLELY by uninsured causes separate from other production.
- (3) For acreage that is damaged PARTLY by uninsured causes, enter the result of multiplying the APPRAISED UNINSURED loss of production per acre in whole pounds, by column 19 entry for any such acreage

b. Refer to the LAM when a Hail and Fire Exclusion is in effect and damage is from hail or fire.

c. Enter the result of adding uninsured cause appraisals to hail and fire exclusion appraisals.

d. For fire losses, if the insured also has other fire insurance (double coverage), refer to the LAM.

WCO: MAKE NO ENTRY

38. **Total to Count:**

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL: Result of adding item 36 and item 37.

For acreage with Stage Code "W3", MAKE NO ENTRY.

WCO – W1: Enter zero ("0").

39. **Total:**

PRELIMINARY: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL AND WCO: Total determined acres (column 19), to tenths.

40.

Quality:

WCO: MAKE NO ENTRY.

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL: Check all qualifying conditions that apply to the unit's appraised and harvested production (refer to the crop provisions and SP), otherwise check "None."

Qualifying Condition:
Test Weight (TW)
Kernel Damage (KD) and Total Defects
Garlicky (Grade)
Aflatoxin
Vomitoxin
Fumonisin
Dark Roast (for Sunflowers only)
Sclerotinia (for Sunflowers only)
Ergoty
COFO (commercially objectionable foreign odor) (includes Musty and Sour Odor)
Other
None

a. For all qualifying conditions checked, in the Narrative (or on a Special Report):

- (1) Document the level for each qualifying condition as indicated by approved test results, and the name and location of each testing facility that verifies the presence of the qualifying condition and the date of the test(s); or
- (2) Enter "See documentation included in the claim file" (e.g., include copy of the test facility certificate, grade certificate, summary or settlement sheet, etc., that documents the condition).

b. If "Other" is checked, in addition to the above documentation requirements, document in the Narrative (or on a Special Report):

- (1) A description of the qualifying condition;
- (2) The name of the controlling authority that considers this qualifying condition to be injurious to human and animal health and why.

41.

Mycotoxins exceed FDA, State, or other health organization maximum limits. Check "Yes:"

WCO: MAKE NO ENTRY.

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL: Check “Yes” if any mycotoxins listed in item 40 (including any identified as “Other”) exceed the FDA, state, or other health organization maximum limits, otherwise leave blank. Document in the Narrative (or on a Special Report), the disposition of the production that was:

- a. Sold (Document the name and address of the buyer); or
- b. Not sold (Document the date(s) of the disposition, how the production was used, or how it was destroyed.).

Refer to subsection 3 E if, due to insured causes, a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised crop or production to be destroyed

Refer to the LAM and the SP for additional information on claims involving mycotoxins

42. **Totals:** Total of entries in columns 34, 36, 37 and 38. If a column has no entries, MAKE NO ENTRY.

NARRATIVE:

If more space is needed, document on a Special Report, and enter “See Special Report.” Attach the Special Report to the Production Worksheet.

- a. If no acreage is released on the unit, enter “No acreage released,” adjuster’s initials, and date.
- b. If notice of damage was given and “No Inspection” is required, enter “No Inspection,” the unit number(s), date, and adjuster’s initials (do not enter unit numbers for which notice has not been given). The insured’s signature is not required.
- c. Explain any uninsured causes, unusual, or controversial cases.
- d. If there is an appraisal in Section I, column 37 for uninsured causes due to a hail/fire exclusion, show the original hail/fire liability per acre and the hail/fire indemnity per acre.
- e. Document the actual appraisal date if an appraisal was performed prior to the adjuster’s signature date on the appraisal worksheet, and the date of the appraisal is not recorded on the appraisal worksheet.
- f. State that there is “No other fire insurance” when fire damages or destroys the insured crop and it is determined that the insured has no other fire insurance. Also refer to the LAM.
- g. Explain any errors found on the Summary of Coverage.
- h. Explain any commingled production. Refer to the LAM.
- i. Explain any entry for “Production Not to Count” in Section II, column 62 and/or any production not included in Section II, column 56 or column 49 - 52 entries (e.g., harvested production from uninsured acreage that can be identified separately from the insured acreage in the unit).
- j. Explain a “No” checked in item 44, “Damage Similar to Other Farms in the Area.”

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k. Attach a sketch map or aerial photo to identify the total unit:

- (1) If consent is or has been given to put part of the unit to another use;
- (2) If uninsured causes are present; or
- (3) For unusual or controversial cases.

Indicate on the aerial photo or sketch map, the disposition of acreage destroyed or put to other use with or without consent.

- l. Explain any difference between date of inspection and signature dates. For an ABSENTEE insured, enter the date of the inspection AND the date of mailing the Production Worksheet for signature.
- m. When any other adjuster or supervisor accompanied the adjuster on the inspection, enter the code number of the other adjuster or supervisor and the date of inspection.
- n. Explain the reason for a “No Indemnity Due” claim. “No Indemnity Due” claims are to be distributed in accordance with the AIP’s instructions.
- o. Explain any delayed notices or delayed claims as instructed in the LAM.
- p. Document any authorized estimated acres, as instructed in the LAM, shown in Section I, column 19.
- q. Document the method and calculation used to determine acres for the unit. Refer to the LAM.
- r. Specify the type of insects or disease when the insured cause of damage or loss is listed as insects or disease. Explain why control measures did not work.
- s. If a Federal or State destruction order has been issued, attach to the claim form a copy of the Federal or State destruction order and the insured’s completed Certification Form. Refer to the LAM for additional documentation requirements.
- t. Note any acreage left for harvest under “Winter Coverage Option,” but not insurable for basic coverage.
- u. Note any acreage insured under the “Winter Coverage Option” for which consent was given to put to another use before it was possible to determine if there was an adequate stand. The appraised production to count for such acreage will be the approved yield from the insured’s policy.
- v. Document the plants per square foot and that acreage qualifies for payment under the “Winter Coverage Option.”
- w. Document the name and address of the charitable organization when gleaned acreage is applicable. Refer to the LAM for more information on gleaning.
- x. Document any other pertinent information, including any data to support any factors used to calculate the production.

SECTION II – DETERMINED HARVESTED PRODUCTION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (1) Account for ALL HARVESTED PRODUCTION (for **ALL ENTITIES** sharing in the crop) except production appraised BEFORE harvest and shown in Section I because the quantity cannot be determined later (e.g., released for other uses, etc.).
- (2) For production commercially stored, sold, etc., make entry in columns 49 through 52 as follows: Name and address of storage facility or buyer.
- (3) If acceptable sales or weight tickets are not available, refer to the LAM.
- (4) If additional lines are necessary, the data may be entered on a continuation sheet.
USE SEPARATE LINES FOR:
 - (a) Separate storage facilities.
 - (b) Varying names and addresses of buyers of sold production.
 - (c) Varying determinations of production (value, etc.).
 - (d) Varying shares: e.g., 50 percent and 75 percent shares on the same unit.
- (5) There will generally be no harvested production entries in columns “47” through “66” for preliminary or Winter Coverage Option inspections.
- (6) If there is harvested production from more than one insured practice (or type) and a separate approved APH yield has been established for each, the harvested production also must be entered on separate lines in columns “47” through “66” by type or practice. If production has been commingled, refer to the LAM.

Verify or make the following entries:

Item

No.

Information Required

43. **Date Harvest Completed:** (Used to determine if there is a delayed notice or a delayed claim. Refer to the LAM.)

PRELIMINARY: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL AND WCO:

- a. The earlier of the date the ENTIRE acreage on the unit was (1) harvested, (2) totally destroyed, (3) put to other use, (4) a combination of harvested, destroyed, or put to other use, or (5) the calendar date for the end of the insurance period.

- b. If at the time of final inspection (if prior to the end of the insurance period), there is any unharvested insured acreage remaining on the unit that the insured does not intend to harvest; enter “**Incomplete.**”
- c. If at the time of final inspection (if prior to the end of the insurance period), **none** of the insured acreage on the unit has been harvested, and the insured does not intend to harvest such acreage, enter “**No Harvest.**”
- d. If the case involves a Certification Form, enter the date from the Certification Form when the entire unit is put to another use, etc. Refer to the LAM.

44. **Damage similar to other farms in the area? :**

PRELIMINARY: MAKE NO ENTRY.

FINAL AND WCO: Check “Yes” or “No.” Check “Yes” if the amount and cause of damage due to insurable causes is similar to the experience of other farms in the area. If “No” is checked, explain in the “Narrative.”

45. **Assignment of Indemnity:** Check “Yes” **only** if an assignment of indemnity is in effect for the crop year; otherwise, check “No.” Refer to the LAM.

46. **Transfer of Right to Indemnity:** Check “Yes” **only** if a transfer of right to indemnity is in effect for the unit for the crop year; otherwise, check “No.” Refer to the LAM.

47a. **Share:** RECORD ONLY VARYING SHARES on SAME unit to three decimal places.

47b. **Field ID:**

- a. If only one practice and/or type of harvested production is listed in Section I, MAKE NO ENTRY.
- b. If more than one practice and/or type of harvested production is listed in Section I, and a separate approved APH yield exists, indicate for each practice/type the corresponding Field ID (from Section I, column 16).

48. **Multi-Crop Code:** The applicable two-digit code for first crop and second crop. REFER TO THE LAM FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ENTRY OF FIRST CROP AND SECOND CROP CODES.

49. – 52. **Buyer or Processor:** For production sold or stored, enter the name and address of the buyer or storage location.

53. – 55. MAKE NO ENTRY.

56. **Bu., Ton, Lbs., Cwt.:** Circle “Lbs.” in column heading. Enter the gross production in whole pounds of distilled mint oil, as determined by delivery records, production recaps, sales receipts from processor (must be NET weight), etc.

Any oil distilled from plants growing in the mint will be counted as mint oil on a weight basis.

57. – 60b. **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

61. **Adjusted Production:** Transfer result from column 56.

62. **Prod. Not to Count:** Net production NOT to count, in whole pounds, WHEN ACCEPTABLE RECORDS IDENTIFYING SUCH PRODUCTION ARE AVAILABLE, from harvested acreage which has been assessed an appraisal of not less than the guarantee per acre, or from other sources (e.g., other units or uninsured acreage) in the same storage structure (if the storage entries include such production).

THIS ENTRY MUST NEVER EXCEED PRODUCTION SHOWN ON THE SAME LINE.
EXPLAIN ANY “PRODUCTION NOT TO COUNT” IN THE “NARRATIVE.”

63. **Production Pre-QA:** Result of subtracting column 62 from column 61.

64a.-64b. **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

65. **Quality Factor:** Refer to subsection 3 E if, due to insured causes, a Federal or State agency has ordered the appraised crop or production to be destroyed, otherwise **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

66. **Production to Count:** Transfer entry from column 63.

67. Total of column 63. If no entry in column 63, **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

68. **Section II Total:**

PRELIMINARY AND WCO: **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

FINAL: Total of column 66 to whole pounds.

69. **Section I Total:**

PRELIMINARY: **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

FINAL AND WCO: Enter figure from Section I, column 38 total.

70. **Unit Total:**

PRELIMINARY: **MAKE NO ENTRY.**

FINAL AND WCO: Total of column 68 and column 69, to whole pounds.

71. **Allocated Prod.:** Refer to the LAM for instructions for determining allocated production. Enter the total production, rounded to whole pounds, allocated to this unit that is included in Sections I or II of the Production Worksheet. Document how allocated production was determined and record supporting calculations in the Narrative or on a Special Report.

72. **Total APH Prod.:** Result, rounded to whole pounds, of subtracting the total of column 37 (item 42 “Totals”) and item 71 (Allocated Prod.) from item 70 (Unit Total). If no entries in column 37 and item 71, transfer the entry in item 70. **MAKE NO ENTRY** when separate APH yields are maintained by type, practice, etc., within the unit.