

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR HIGH-RISK ALTERNATE COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT
(Released May 2016)**

The following is a brief description of the changes to the High-Risk Alternate Coverage Endorsement that will be effective for the 2017 crop year. Please refer to the provisions for complete information.

- Section 3 – Revised to allow enterprise units.
- Section 5 – Revised to allow written agreements for unrated land.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
HIGH-RISK ALTERNATE COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT**

In return for your payment of premium for the coverage contained herein, this Endorsement will be attached to and made part of the Basic Provisions and Crop Provisions, subject to the terms and conditions described herein.

1. Applicability

- (a) To be eligible for coverage under this Endorsement, you must have an additional coverage policy under the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions and applicable Crop Provisions in force.
- (b) This Endorsement is available where coverage is offered, as specified in the actuarial documents.
- (c) In addition to the provisions contained in section 3(b)(2)(ii) of the Basic Provisions that allow you to insure your high-risk land excluded from your additional coverage policy under a Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement (CAT), you may elect to ensure your high-risk land under this Endorsement by signing a High-Risk Alternate Coverage Endorsement (HR-ACE) form on or before the sales closing date for the first crop year you elect this Endorsement.
- (d) This Endorsement will continue from year to year unless you cancel or change your election by written notice on or before the sales closing date, or your coverage is otherwise canceled or terminated under the terms of your policy.

2. Coverage Level

- (a) You may insure your high-risk land at any coverage level not to exceed the coverage level on your additional coverage policy.
 - (1) If you purchase a yield protection policy to insure non high-risk land, the coverage on high-risk land covered under this Endorsement is limited to a lower yield protection coverage level. For example, if your corn policy is yield protection at the 85 percent coverage level, the coverage level for the high-risk land covered under this Endorsement is limited to yield protection with 80 percent or less coverage level; or

- (2) If you purchase a revenue protection policy to insure non high-risk land, the coverage level for the high-risk land covered under this Endorsement is limited to a lower level of revenue protection coverage or the same or lower level of yield protection coverage. For example, if your corn policy is revenue protection at the 85 percent coverage level, you may insure the corn planted on high-risk land covered under this Endorsement with revenue protection at 80 percent or less coverage level or you may insure it with yield protection with a coverage level of 85 percent or less.

- (b) If you purchase revenue protection for your additional coverage policy and elect to insure your high-risk land under revenue protection, you must select the same revenue plan of insurance as that of your additional coverage policy.
- (c) You must select a coverage level greater than CAT.
- (d) Options or endorsement that you elect on your additional coverage policy will be applicable to this Endorsement.

3. Units

- (a) In lieu of the provisions in section 34(a) of the Basic Provisions, whole-farm units are not available on acreage covered under this Endorsement.
- (b) In order to be eligible for an enterprise unit under this Endorsement, you must elect and qualify for an enterprise unit or enterprise units by practice on your additional coverage policy.
- (c) Enterprise units by practice are not allowed under this Endorsement.

4. Administrative Fees

A separate administrative fee will be owed for each crop insured under this Endorsement.

5. Written Agreements

Written agreements are only available in the following situations:

- a) The written agreement reduces the premium rate on the high-risk land covered under this Endorsement so long as the final premium rate is greater than what the final premium rate would be if the relevant acres were not in a high-risk map; and
- b) The written agreement is for unrated land for that crop in that county and meets the following requirements:
 - 1) The county has to have the crop listed as an insurable crop in the county at standard rates; and
 - 2) The written agreement contains rates on the crop in excess of standard rates for the county.