

February 23, 2021

Dear Industry Partners:

Re: 2021 Crop Insurance Program

Today, the Honourable Donna Harpauer, Saskatchewan Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, announced details of the 2021 Crop Insurance Program. I would like to take this opportunity to provide more information about the changes and coverage available to Saskatchewan producers.

For 2021, Crop Insurance coverage will reach a record level due to higher commodity prices and increased yield coverage. Crop Insurance coverage will increase to \$273 per acre from \$224 per acre in 2020. This represents a 22 per cent increase in coverage. The average total premium will be higher than in 2020-21, however, due to the increased coverage the average premium cost per dollar of coverage will be lower. The average premium per acre is \$8.59, up from \$7.40 in 2020-21.

In consultation with our industry partners, the changes to the Crop Insurance Program will help ensure it remains relevant to the evolving needs of Saskatchewan producers. For the 2021 Crop Insurance Program:

- Producers growing tame hay have additional options when insuring their hay acres. Crop Insurance customers now have the choice to insure their tame hay acres under the Forage Rainfall Insurance Program (FRIP) or the Multi-peril Crop Insurance Program. Coverage options can be tailored to fit a producer's needs. Under FRIP, payments will be calculated based on rainfall levels instead of overall yields.
- Forage producers will see an increase in Native Forage Establishment Benefit coverage. The Native Forage Establishment Benefit provides coverage on newly seeded native forage acres. The coverage is increasing from \$75 to \$200. The Forage Establishment Benefit coverage for tame hay and sweetclover are also increasing.
- SCIC is developing programming for large-scale vegetable operations. The impact of a crop failure on vegetable operations could be significant as a relatively small acre base has extremely high value. The Commercial Vegetable Pilot Program will provide stand-alone coverage for damage to cabbage and pumpkin crops. A minimum of eight acres is required to participate.
- SCIC is updating the base grade for large-seeded Kabuli chickpeas to reflect current production and marketing patterns which increases the insured price and the quality coverage.
- Establishment benefit values are reviewed annually. This year, the values for canola, corn, lentils and chickpeas have increased.

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As we head towards the 2021 growing season, I encourage all Saskatchewan producers to consider Crop Insurance and other SCIC programs for their 2021 year. We know each farm is unique. That's why our programs can be customized to meet the individual needs of each operation, with a variety of features that go above and beyond basic coverage.

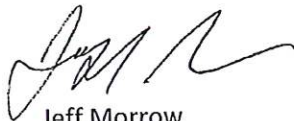
Our team of experts is available at 21 SCIC office across the province. With many of our staff members actively farming themselves, we understand the challenges producers face and we are ready to help.

March 31, 2021, is the deadline for producers to apply for, renew, reinstate, or make changes to Crop Insurance contracts. This is also the deadline to select insured crops and coverage levels.

I invite you to share this 2021 Crop Insurance Program information with your members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

More information about the 2021 Crop Insurance Program can be found at www.scic.ca/ci.

Sincerely,



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