



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Crop insurance runs on a strict calendar. Missing a deadline can mean losing coverage for the year or losing the chance to file a claim. This fact sheet gives you a quick overview of the key dates every producer should know.

Sales Closing Date

This is the deadline to buy a new policy or make changes to an existing one for the crop year. It varies by crop and county, and once it passes, you generally cannot get coverage until the following year.

Production Reporting Date

At the end of the season, you report your actual harvested production. This builds your Actual Production History (APH), which is used to set your guaranteed yield in future years.

Acreage Reporting Date

This is the deadline to buy a new policy or make changes to an existing one for the crop year. It varies by crop and county, and once it passes, you generally cannot get coverage until the following year.

Premium Billing Date

This is when your premium payment is due. It typically falls later in the crop year, often after harvest, though the exact date depends on your policy.

Cancellation and Termination Dates

These dates control when you can drop a policy without penalty (cancellation) or when a policy ends because of non-payment or other issues (termination).

Where to Find Your Exact Dates

Every one of these dates can differ by crop, county, and policy. Your crop insurance agent can give you the exact dates for your operation. You can also look them up yourself using the USDA Risk Management Agency's Actuarial Information Browser or Map Viewer tools online.

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Dates shown are regional examples. Confirm deadlines for your crop, county, and policy with your crop insurance agent.

* Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas Winter Wheat & Spring Wheat Production Reporting Deadline, 11/14; South Dakota and Wyoming Winter Wheat & Spring Wheat Production Reporting Deadline, 11/15

** Iowa Winter Wheat Acreage Reporting Deadline, 12/15

Source: Farm Credit Services of America, "Key Crop Insurance Dates 2026," accessed September 30, 2026.



Type	Corn	Soybeans	Winter Wheat	Spring Wheat
Sales Closing Date	3/15/26	3/15/26	9/30/26	3/15/26
Purchase / Cancellation/ Transfer/Change Date	3/15/26	3/15/26	9/30/26	3/15/26
Production Reporting Due Date	4/29/26	4/29/26	11/14/26*	4/29/26
Acreage Report Deadline	7/15/26	7/15/26	11/15/26**	7/15/26
Premium Billing Date	8/15/26	8/15/26	7/01/26	8/15/26

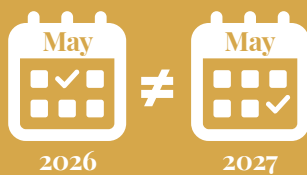
Key Takeaways

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Crop insurance has several key dates: sales closing, acreage reporting, production reporting, premium billing, and cancellation/termination.

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Deadlines vary by crop and county—don't assume they are the same every year.

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Missing a deadline can cost you coverage or the ability to file a claim.

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Your agent or RMA's online tools can confirm the exact dates that apply to you.



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