



CRC/RA 2011 Prices...  
 Corn - \$6.01/ BU.  
 Beans - \$13.49/ BU.

## Was this the worst Spring ever?

Crop Insurance Adjusters have been very busy this year as the challenges of getting this crop in the ground have been severe and widespread over the majority of our territory this year. There is potential for problems to start when actions are taken without prior notification, or approval.

### Communication is the key to a successful claim experience.

Do not hesitate to ask about your coverage— that is what we are here for. Use our toll-free office phone, cell phone, text, e-mail or a personal visit—whatever works for you—but do not put yourself in the position of having this wonderful coverage in place and missing out on

Some of the basic rules are as follows:

#### Replant

- To qualify for a payment,

*the replanted acres must add up to the smaller of 20% of a unit or 20 acres on a per crop, per county basis.*

- Typically replants of less than 50 acres do not require inspection prior to the replanting. **All replant claims are to be submitted prior to replanting.**
- If you decide to replant to a **DIFFERENT** crop than originally planted, it **requires prior inspection before proceeding.**

#### Late Plant

- A late planting option is automatically available if you choose to plant a crop after the published final plant date for your county. *The late planted crop is still insured under this provision, but the guarantee is*

*reduced 1% for each day the planting was delayed—up to a 25% reduction.*

#### Prevented Plant

- If during the “Late plant period” you decide you no longer want to try to plant due to weather, you may declare **Prevented Planting** by submitting a claim to us within 3 days, no later than July 3rd. Subject to the 20/20 rule this payment is 60% of the normal guarantee.

Please contact us immediately to file claims or need any clarification of these basic rules.

### Customer Picnic

Saturday July 23rd

- Social/Putt Putt 5-6 PM
- Dinner 6-7 PM
- Mike Silver 7:00 PM
- Door Prizes 7:15 PM

### Important Dates

Corn and Bean Acreage Report	7/15/2011
Certification at FSA	7/15/2011
Sales Closing Date Wheat & Mint	9/30/2011
RP Harvest Price for Soybeans..	Oct. ave. Nov. CBOT
RP Harvest Price for Corn...	Nov. ave. Dec. CBOT
End of Insurance (last day to turn in claims)	12/10/2009
2012 TWI Quotes From Weatherbill Begin	11/??/2011

### Contacting us...

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## Hail, Drought, Heat , Freeze, we can *still* cover that !

Murphy's Law seems to come in to play more often than anyone would wish and at the most inopportune times. Not that I wish problems on anyone—but with the way this year has started, it does make one wonder what might be in store weather-wise for the balance of the growing season. Fortunately all those growing season challenges we have experienced to date have left the grain markets in relatively good shape. Remember that for those with a reve-

nue crop policy there is still time to forward market grain at attractive prices above not only the cost of production but also above the Spring discovery prices. If you need help determining appropriate bushel targets for any forward sales—based on you crop insurance protection, we would be happy to assist either manually or with a complementary GrainBridge account. Due to attractive subsidies, most producers now carry Enterprise units which while

it is great for marketing, can still leave farmers exposed to significant risk from Hail and many other perils that can be addressed with separate coverage that can be selected even at this late date. Typically the Hail, fire transit and Stored grain coverage can be bound within a couple of hours of your decision for any amount you wish to protect. Other named perils, such as drought or heat typically will not start for 10-14 days from the date quoted. More Info? Call today!

# Wind Farms Supply Renewable Energy

On a clear still day last April, Curt, Dave and I took a little road trip to tour the windmills of Norm and Norma Copas just south of Earl Park Indiana. While there was not much wind during our visit, usually the Copas' windmills are among the most productive in the whole county according to Norm— who was happy to showcase his setup. Norm is extremely happy his farm was chosen for windmills. Here are a few facts he shared about windmills: There are 500 towers in Benton County built by BP. The company (Orion) will erect no more than one tower per 85 acres. Each tower uses 1 1/2 acre of ground which is leased for a “generous” rent. Money is also paid to the farmer based on the electricity generated. Norm has a 20 year lease, with another 20 year extension available. His



Towers are 300 feet high with 150' Blades. The base is 8' deep and 200' wide with a taper as it radiates out. Once the base is in they can erect the entire windmill in a day! There are 120 gallons of oil in the huge gearbox which gets changed every 2 years. A 5 MPH wind will generate the maximum 17 RPM (regulated by a governor) and 60 MPH wind results in automatic shutdown. Thanks for the tour Norm! Call us to get connected for more info! —Steve Sims



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**WE NEED YOUR ACRES..**  
Please certify acres or prevent plant with FSA as soon as possible and complete crop insurance Acreage Reports, sign and return to us. Final date for reports is July 15th.  
If you planted Triple Stack and want the discount—please send all seed receipts with signed BE form.

## **Annual Picnic will be Saturday July 23rd**

**What:** 12th annual Dick Sims Agency, Inc. Customer Appreciation Picnic for current clients and their immediate families. We will be serving Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken dinners, including sides and drinks. Snacks, mini-golf and rides will be available. Door Prize Drawing after dinner.

**When:** Arrive early Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to socialize, play or snack. Food will be served from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Logansport Riverside Park Carousel (see web or call for directions). It is a beautiful air-conditioned pavilion attached to the historic Dentzel Carousel on the south bank of the beautiful Eel River.

**Please RSVP adults and children by July 10th or before!**

Logansport's Riverside Park

