

## **BACKGROUNDER:**

### **Seeded Acreage Reports**

- Saskatchewan Crop Insurance customers use Seeded Acreage Reports to declare all acres they are operating in 2008; the completion of a Seeded Acreage Report is a requirement of the contract of insurance. All acres, whether insured or uninsured, must be reported by June 25.
- Customers will receive one of two possible Seeded Acreage Reports, depending on their 2008 endorsements:
  - The Seeded Acreage Report (for regular and Saskatchewan Management Plus customers); or
  - The Organic Management Seeded Acreage Report (for organic customers).
- The Seeded Acreage Report will enable Crop Insurance customers to report additional information, including crop variety and seeding dates. Customers are encouraged to provide as much information as possible on their Seeded Acreage Reports, but must complete the minimum requirements outlined in their report packages.
- The information provided in the Seeded Acreage Reports is used to calculate a customer's level of insurance and process any claims. Crop Insurance also compiles the information it collects into specialized production reports. Customers who complete the new requirements of their Seeded Acreage Reports will receive these reports as part of their personalized Farm Management Package. Each package will include a Yield by Crop Variety report, along with the customer's historical individual field report. Other reports will be made available online. Individual confidentiality is strictly maintained.
- All stored grain which is being carried over from a previous year must be reported no later than June 25. All customers will receive a separate Stored Grain Declaration. All stored grain must be accounted for or it will be considered new production during any claims.
- Customers received personalized Seeded Acreage Report and Stored Grain Declaration forms in May. Non-personalized replacement forms are available at [www.saskcropinsurance.com](http://www.saskcropinsurance.com) under Forms.
- Crop Insurance customers without a claim on file or any pending land changes may complete their Seeded Acreage Reports online through CropConnect. Stored grain must still be reported to the customer service office. Customers who are not currently enrolled in CropConnect must contact Crop Insurance at 1-800-422-1943 with their current contract number and a valid e-mail address before they can complete their Seeded Acreage Report online.

- If customers fail to submit their Seeded Acreage Reports or are late, a penalty of \$60 may be applied and an adjuster may visit their farm to gather the required information at an additional charge.

### **Unseeded Acreage**

- Customers receive \$50 per eligible acre if they are unable to seed their normal seeded acreage by June 20 due to excessive spring moisture. Payments are based on the producer's historical seeding and insurance intensities.
- Compensation will not be paid on acres that are dry enough to seed within the normal frost-free period. Recommended seeding deadlines are available in the *Complete Guide to Understanding Crop Insurance 2008* and at [www.saskcropinsurance.com](http://www.saskcropinsurance.com).
- Unseeded Acreage claims may be reduced or denied if the loss is significantly greater than other producers' losses in the immediate area, and/or due to management practices.

### **Customer Service Line**

- Crop Insurance has implemented a new customer service line to provide better, more efficient service to customers. Detailed information about the new system is available at [www.saskcropinsurance.com](http://www.saskcropinsurance.com) under Contact Us.
- Customers who have questions about their Seeded Acreage Report or Stored Grain Declarations, or who require assistance to complete the form are asked to contact Crop Insurance's customer service line toll-free at 1-888-935-0000.