

## **2011 CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM BACKGROUNDER**

### Unseeded Acreage Benefit

- The Unseeded Acreage Benefit is increasing from \$50 to \$70 per eligible acre for producers affected by excess moisture.
- The seeding intensity calculation has also been revised to increase benefits to producers affected by excess moisture.

### Young Farmers

- Young farmers starting a new contract can now use yields and premium discounts from an immediate relative phased in over three years.
- Producers on a joint contract for three years can now start their own contracts using existing yields and discounts without adjustments.

### Forage Insurance

- Forage producers can now supply Crop Insurance with yield records to establish individual coverage, as opposed to using area averages.
- Values for the Forage Establishment Benefit Option are increasing for alfalfa, grass, and alfalfa/grass, from \$40 to \$55 per acre, and sweetclover, from \$30 to \$55 per acre.
- The Variable Price Option will now use September price forecasts for forage crops, as opposed to July.

### Other Program Enhancements

- Establishment Benefit values are increasing for large green lentils, from \$40 to \$45 per acre, and canola and identity-preserved (IP) canola, from \$45 to \$50 per acre.
- Crops eligible for the Crop Averaging Program, which allows producers to insure up to the 90 per cent coverage level, will now include irrigated acres, as well as IP canola; red and other-coloured lentils; brown, oriental and yellow mustard; extra strong wheat; and hard white spring wheat.
- Field pea pricing methodology has been revised to more accurately reflect the increased market for human consumption.

### Budget and Coverage

- The 2011 Provincial Crop Insurance budget is a record high \$161 million. This compares to \$127 million in 2010 and \$155 million in 2009.
- 2011 coverage is increasing by \$42 per acre to a record high \$173 per acre, on average (up from \$131 per acre in 2010).

### Deadline

- The deadline to apply for, change or cancel a Crop Insurance contract is March 31, 2011.
- Producers can find more information by visiting 21 Crop Insurance offices across Saskatchewan and head office in Melville, calling 1-888-935-0000 or visiting [www.saskcropinsurance.com](http://www.saskcropinsurance.com).