



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION  
RAINFALL AND VEGETATION INDEX PLAN OF INSURANCE BASIC PROVISIONS  
FARM BILL AMENDMENT**

(This is a Continuous Amendment)

This amendment modifies the provisions of the Rainfall and Vegetation Index Plan of Insurance Basic Provisions (RIVI) for the 2018 and succeeding crop years.

The changes to the above policies are required as the result of changes mandated by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (commonly referred to as the 2014 Farm Bill), enacted on February 7, 2014, and consistent with the changes made in the Final Rule effective in the Federal Register on June 30, 2016.

The revised provisions are as follows:

In addition to section:	The following provisions have been added:
3(g)(4)(iii)(D)	If authorization for reinstatement, as defined in 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, is granted, your policies will be reinstated effective at the beginning of the crop year for which you were determined ineligible, and you will be entitled to all applicable benefits under such policies, provided you meet all eligibility requirements and comply with the terms of the policy; and
3(g)(4)(E)	There is no evidence of fraud or misrepresentation.
11(h)(2)(ii)	To be eligible for premium subsidy paid on your behalf by FCIC, it is your responsibility to assure you meet all the requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Compliance with the conservation provisions specified in section 7(h)(1) of this section; and</li> <li>(B) Filing form AD-1026, or successor form, to be properly identified as in compliance with the conservation provisions specified in section 7(h)(1) of this section</li> </ul>

In lieu of section:	The following provisions will apply:
1- definition of beginning farmer or rancher	<b>Beginning farmer or rancher</b> means an individual who has not actively operated and managed a farm or ranch in any state, with an insurable interest in a crop or livestock as an owner-operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper for more than five crop years, as determined in accordance with FCIC procedures. Any crop year's insurable interest may, at your election, be excluded if earned while under the age of 18, while in full-time military service of the United States, or while in post-secondary education, in accordance with FCIC procedures. A person other than an individual may be eligible for beginning farmer or rancher benefits if there is at least one individual substantial beneficial interest holder and all individual substantial beneficial interest holders qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher.
1- definition of limited resource farmer	Limited resource farmer has the same meaning as the term defined at: <a href="http://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/LRP_Definition.aspx">http://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/LRP_Definition.aspx</a> or successor web site.
3(g)(4)(ii)(C)	You submit a written request for reinstatement of your policy to us no later than 60 days after the termination date or the missed payment date of a previously executed written payment agreement, or in the case of overpaid indemnity or any amount that became due after the termination date, the due date specified in the notice to you of the amount due, if applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) If authorization for reinstatement, as defined in 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, is granted, your policies will be reinstated effective at the beginning of the crop year for which you were determined ineligible, and you will be entitled to all applicable benefits under such policies, provided you meet all eligibility requirements and comply with the terms of the policy; and</li> </ul>
3(g)(4)(iii)(A)(2) and (3)	(2) The amount of the payment was clearly transposed from the amount that was otherwise due, (For example, you owed \$892 but you paid \$829); or

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	(3) You timely made the full payment of the amount owed but the delivery of that was payment was delayed, and was postmarked no more than seven calendar days after the termination date or the missed payment date of a previously executed written payment agreement, or in the case of overpaid indemnity or any amount that became due after the termination date, the due date specified in a notice to you of an amount due, as applicable;
3(g)(4)(iii)(C)	You submit a written request for reinstatement of your policy to us in accordance with 7 CFR part 400, subpart U, and applicable procedures no later than 30 days after the termination date or the missed payment date of a previously executed written payment agreement, or in the case of overpaid indemnity or any amount that became due after the termination date, the due date specified in the notice to you of specified in the notice to you of the amount due, if applicable; and
3(g)(9)	A determination made under: (i) Section 3(g)(4)(ii) may only be appealed to the National Appeals Division in accordance with 7 CFR part 11; and (ii) Section 3(g)(4)(iii) may only be appealed in accordance with section 15.
11(h)(2)(i)	(i) Notwithstanding section 11(h)(2), if you demonstrate you began farming for the first time after June 1 but prior to the beginning of the reinsurance year (July 1), you may be eligible for premium subsidy the subsequent reinsurance year without having form AD-1026 on file with FSA on or before June 1. For example, if you demonstrate you started farming for the first time on June 15, 2015, you may be eligible for premium subsidy for the 2016 reinsurance year without form AD-1026 on file with FSA.
20(a)(1)	For the purpose of premium amounts owed to us or administrative fees owed to FCIC, interest will start to accrue on the first day of the month following the issuance of the notice by us, provided that a minimum of 30 days have passed from the premium billing date.