

#ProtectCropInsurance Social Media Toolkit 3.3

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The Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau (CIRB) and coalition partners collaborated to create a "Crop Insurance Myths vs Facts" resource guide that debunks common misconceptions about the crop insurance program. Using the resource guide as a foundation, CIRB shares a weekly social media messaging toolkit. We invite crop insurance coalition partners to use these templates as a starting point for your organization (and members) to share positive crop insurance messages on Twitter and Facebook.

If you have resources that you would like to see featured in future toolkits, please contact CIRB!

Coalition Update

D.C. Update

President Trump has approved federal disaster declarations for [Nebraska](#) and [Iowa](#). This week, the Senate could hold a vote on a \$14.2 billion disaster aid package that the House passed in January. Secretary Perdue [expects](#) flood relief to be included in the final bill.

Another legislative [option](#) Congress could consider is offering tax breaks for disaster victims which could include deductions for casualty losses, extending tax filing deadlines, easing limits on deductible contributions to charity or waiving penalties for tapping retirement accounts.

RMA Regional Director Collin Olsen [encouraged](#) farmers and ranchers to contact their crop insurance agent if they are concerned about prevented planting. "The agent can provide details on your prevented planting coverage and how and when to file a claim," he explained. To help farmers recover, USDA has set up a resource center at farmers.gov/recover.

Our thoughts are with those across the Midwest who have been impacted by major [flooding](#) that has damaged billions of dollars worth of agriculture, businesses and infrastructure. If CIRB can be of assistance, please reach out to our staff. Please use this toolkit as an opportunity to emphasize the timeliness and certainty of the crop insurance program during natural disasters.

Resources

Click [here](#) for common myths and facts on disaster assistance.



Click [here](#) to read more about USDA's options to assist farmers impacted by flooding. Click [here](#) to learn more about prevented planting insurance provisions from USDA RMA.

Click [here](#) for information about the positive impact crop insurance has had in your state.

Social Media Posts

Sample Twitter Posts

Click [here](#) to see a list of coalition partners' twitter accounts. Follow and retweet messages from these groups to show the broad support for crop insurance.

Key hashtags: #ProtectCropInsurance, #cropinsurance, #realagfact

- #CropInsurance keeps farmers farming through tough times and is the only #farmsafetynet available to producers of all sizes in all regions. #ProtectCropInsurance
- States like #NE, #IA and others continue to see catastrophic flooding and many fields are still underwater. Access USDA RMA fact sheet for prevented planting insurance provisions here: <http://bit.ly/2Wp6Ctf>
- "#CropInsurance provides growers with a much-needed safety net to mitigate the effects [of natural disasters]" -@wheatworld President and farmer @ScholzBen. Read more to understand how recent flooding demonstrates the importance of #CropInsurance <http://bit.ly/2CyBSyH>
- Beginning farmer Luke Howard said, #CropInsurance "was a lifesaver for us." Read more to understand why new producers call the program vital to their operations: <http://bit.ly/2Wq2YQ4>
- Recent natural disasters underscore the importance of a strong #farmsafetynet. #CropInsurance is a rapid response to natural disasters. #ProtectCropInsurance (Include below graphic.)



- Private sector delivery allows #farmers who have losses & have met their deductible to receive their indemnity payment in < 30 days. #ProtectCropInsurance (Include below graphi.c)





- When disaster strikes, #cropinsurance helps farmers recover quickly. Ad hoc disaster payments require congressional approval and can take months or even years to distribute payments to producers. #ProtectCropInsurance Watch here: <http://bit.ly/cieconomy>



- Retweet this important resource from USDA RMA: <https://twitter.com/usdaRMA/status/1110230369897340928>
- Retweet this message from the National Association of Wheat Growers: <https://twitter.com/wheatworld/status/1110252318061199361>

Sample Facebook Posts

Feel free to cut and paste or customize the below posts.

- #CropInsurance is a true insurance product proven to be efficient and effective when natural disasters strike. With the flooding in the Midwest, I understand how vital our crop insurance program is for our nation's farmers, ranchers and food supply.
- Farmers across the Midwest have been impacted by catastrophic flooding this week. This is why #CropInsurance is vital to the rural economy. When disaster strikes, this public-private partnership helps farmers recover from losses or, in this case, prevented planting. While ad hoc disaster assistance can take months or even years, private sector delivery allows farmers to receive their indemnity payment in less than 30 days. *(Include below graphic.)*





Did You Know?

While ad hoc disaster assistance can take months or even years, farmers who face natural disaster can receive their indemnity payment in less than 30 days.

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