

## **COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND DATA (PRIVACY ACT) STATEMENT**

To the extent that the information requested herein relates to your individual capacity as opposed to your business capacity, the following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). The Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501-1524) (Act) and the regulations contained in 7 C.F.R. chapter IV provides the authority to request the information on this form.

Collection of the social security account number (SSN) or the employer identification number (EIN) is authorized by section 506 of the Act and is required as a condition of eligibility for participation in the Federal crop insurance program. The primary use of the SSN or EIN is to correctly identify you, and any other person with an interest in you or your entity of 10 percent or more, as a policyholder within the systems maintained by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). Furnishing the SSN or EIN is voluntary. However, failure to furnish that number will result in denial of program participation and benefits.

Your policy also specifies other information that must be provided. The principle purposes of this information are to provide insurance; reinsurance; determine eligibility; determine the correct parties to the agreement; determine and collect premiums or other monetary amounts (including administrative fees and over payments); and pay benefits. The routine uses of this information include: (1) Referral to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local or foreign including the Department of Justice, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting a violation of law, or of enforcing or implementing a statute, rule regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, of any record within this system when information available indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute or by rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto; (2) Disclosure to a court, magistrate or administrative tribunal, or to opposing counsel of any record within the system that constitutes evidence in that proceeding, or which is sought in the course of discovery, to the extent that FCIC determines that the records sought are relevant to the proceeding; (3) Disclosure to a congressional office in response to any inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual; (4) Disclosure to Approved Insurance Providers (AIP), contractors, cooperators, partners of FCIC, and other Federal agencies for any purpose relating to the sale, service, and administration of the Federal crop insurance program and the policies insured under the authority of the Act; (5) Disclosure to other Federal agencies and contractors, cooperators, and partners of FCIC for the purpose of conducting research, development, analyses, and evaluation into all aspects relating to new and existing crop insurance programs and other risk management tools; (6) Disclosure to contractors or other Federal agencies to conduct research and analysis to identify patterns, trends, anomalies, instances and relationships of AIP's, agents, loss adjusters and policyholders that may be indicative of fraud, waste, or abuse; (7) Disclosure to AIPs, contractors, and other applicable Federal agencies to determine whether information has been accurately provided to FCIC and the AIPs and to determine compliance with program requirements; and (8) Disclosure to the Comprehensive Information Management System (CIMS) authorized under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Section 10706 (All information disclosed to CIMS may be further disclosed to any contractor engaged in the development or maintenance of CIMS, to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and to AIPs, their insurance agents and loss adjusters, for information associated with their insured producers and only with regard to such policies); and (9) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when: (a) USDA suspects or has confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (b) USDA has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

Furnishing other information is also voluntary. However, failure to report the information specified in your policy may result in rejection of any claim for indemnity, replanting payment, or other benefit; ineligibility for insurance; a unilateral determination of any monetary amounts due; or any remedy provided in the policy.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (Voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### **REINSURANCE STATEMENT**

"This insurance policy is reinsured by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC.) under the provisions of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) (Act). All provisions of the policy and rights and responsibilities of the parties are specifically subject to the Act. The provisions of the policy are published in the Federal Register and codified in chapter IV of title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under the Federal Register Act (44 U.S.C. et seq. ), and may not be waived or varied in any way by the crop insurance agent or any other agent or employee of FCIC or the company. In the event we cannot pay your loss, your claim will be settled in accordance with the provisions of this policy and paid by FCIC. No state guarantee fund will be liable for your loss.

Through out this policy, "you" and "your" refer to the named insured shown on the accepted application and "we", "us", and "our" refer to the insurance company providing insurance. Unless the context indicates otherwise, use of the plural form of a word includes the singular and use of the singular form of the word includes the plural."

### **AG-SPECIALIST INSURANCE PRIVACY NOTICE**

Ag-Specialist is committed to respecting the individual privacy of our policyholders and their significant beneficial interest owners (Customers). We collect nonpublic personal information about Customers from information we receive from them such as information provided on applications or other forms, which may include name, address and social security numbers and from third parties such as a consumer reporting agency. To serve our Customers and to service our business our employees have access to Customers personal information in the course of doing their jobs and we may share or disclose non-public personal information about the Customers to affiliates within Ag-Specialist or with non affiliated third parties with whom we have a contractual relationship such as agencies within the United States Department of Agriculture, with your insurance agent and other insurance companies or with banks where a written permission to transfer such information has been granted by the policyholder. We may also share non-public personal information with affiliates and with non-affiliated third parties as permitted by law. Ag-Specialist will not sell or share your personal information with anyone for purposes unrelated to our business functions with out our offering to the Customer the opportunity to "opt-out" or to "opt-in" as required by law.