Prevented Planting for Corn Acres
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Wet fields across the state have led to a historically long delay in planting. When considering unplanted acres, Iowa cattle producers should be aware of insurance options that allow them to plant a second crop and potentially provide additional forage options.

**Prevented Planting** occurs when an insured crop is not planted prior to the *final planting date* due to an insured cause of loss general to the surrounding area that prevents other producers from planting acres with similar characteristics. Final planting dates vary between states and crops.

**Prevented Planting Timelines:**

- To receive full insurance production guarantee for an insured crop, it must be planted prior to the final planting date. If crops are planted before the *late planting date* producers can receive a reduced insurance production guarantee.
- Listed below are the *final planting dates* and *late planting dates* for the state of Iowa.

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- If weather conditions prevent corn or soybeans from being planted prior to the final planting date, producers have several options regarding crop acreage.

**To consider all options producers need to contact their insurance agents ASAP.**

**Plant during the Late Planting Period**

- Insurance payments are reduced 1% every day planting is delayed after the final planting date.
  - For example, if a producer decides to plant corn during the late planting period and is not able to get into the field until June 10, their 80% insurance coverage level is now reduced to 70%.
  
  10 days @ 1% reduction = 10% total reduction of insurance coverage

**Prevented Planting Options**

- The prevented planting guarantee is 55% and 60% for corn and soybeans, respectively.
  - For example, a producer has 250 acres of corn insured with a guarantee of 100 bushels/acre. The corn indemnity price for 2019 is slated at $4.00.
  
  - If he was prevented from planting 100 acres of his farm he will receive $240 per acre.
    
    100 bushels @ 60% = 60 bushels x $4.00 = $240/acre prevented planting payment
Producers are eligible for this option if they contact their insurance agent within 72 hrs of:
  - The final planting date (June 3) if they do not plant during the late planting period.
  - Not being able to plant the crop during the late planting period.

- Prevented planting is only applicable to parcels of land over 20 acres.
- Prevented planting payments are not available for acres with an undefined APH (CRP acres).
- Prevented planting payments are provided at a reduced level for seed corn or beans.

**Planting a Second Crop**

- **Soybeans**
  - Soybeans planted prior to the June 15 late planting date, on corn-intended acres, become the insured main crop.
  - Soybeans planted between June 15 and June 25, will receive a 1% plan reduction for every day planting is prevented.
    - For example, if a producer is able to plant beans on June 20, they will receive a 5% reduction on their original insurance coverage.
  - If soybeans are planted after June 25, a producer is eligible for a reduced prevented planting payment for the corn and reduced insurance payment for the soybeans.
    - For example, if a producer plants soybeans on June 30, they will receive 85% of their soybean along with 35% of their prevented planting payment ($240 x 35% = $84/acre according to the example above).

- **Cover Crops**
  - When selecting a cover crop remember the following:
    - Some options simply provide a cover crop.
    - Some options can provide significant forage production during the summer or early fall at an expense to prevent plant payment.
    - Some can provide some aspect of grazing or harvested forage after November 1.
  - The species you select will depend heavily upon your end goal. Be sure to check on seed availability as well due to increased demand.
  - If the cover crop is not grazed or harvested before November 1, the full prevented planting payment will be distributed ($240/acre for the example above).
  - If the cover crop is grazed or harvested before November 1, the prevented planting payment will be reduced to 35% of the total ($240 x 35% = $84/acre prevented planting payment).

***Please note a cover crop or emergency forage CANNOT be grazed or harvested for forage until after November 1 and cannot ever be harvested for grain without reduction to the prevented planting payment. ICA is seeking clarification on harvesting haylage. For specific questions talk to your local crop adjustor.

Many options exist for Iowa producers regarding preventive planting. All producers should contact their insurance agent to ensure they choose the most economical option.