# **AVAILABILITY**

ECO is available in all states within the FMH writing area. Coverage is available for spring-planted crops with a contract change date of November 30 or later.

### **Covered crops include:**

- Alfalfa Seed
- · Almonds\*
- Apples\*
- Barley Blueberries\*
- Buckwheat
- Burley Tobacco
- Canola
- Cigar Binder
- Tobacco
- · Citrus\*\* Corn
- Cotton
- · Cotton-Ex. Long
- Staple

- Dark Air Tobacco
- Dry Beans Dry Peas
- Fire Cured Tobacco
- Flue Cured Tobacco
- Wheat
- Forage Production Grain Sorghum
- · Grapes\*
- · Hybrid Corn Seed
- · Hybrid Seed Rice · Hybrid Sorghum

- Cultivated Wild Rice Millet
  - Oats Peanuts
  - Popcorn
  - Rice
  - Rye
  - Safflower
  - Sesame
  - Silage Sorghum
  - Soybeans
  - Sugar Beets Sugarcane
  - Sunflowers
  - Walnuts\*
- Seed

<sup>\*\*</sup>Where SCO is currently available in California and Arizona starting with the 2026 Crop Year



## RESTRICTIONS

- The underlying policy and ECO coverage must be insured with the same AIP and agent.
- ECO may not be purchased in conjunction with:
  - Margin Protection (MP)
  - Stacked Income Protection Policy (STAX)
  - Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI)
  - · Hurricane Insurance Protection Wind Index Endorsement (HIP-WI)
- · ECO doesn't cover high-risk acres excluded from the underlying policy under the Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement (CAT), High-Risk Land Exclusion Option (HRLE), or High-Risk Alternative Coverage Endorsement (HR-ACE), unless ECO is elected on the HR-ACE policy when on the base policy.





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## **ENHANCED COVERAGE OPTION**

The Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) provides area-based coverage for a portion of the deductible of your underlying policy, similar to the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), but at a higher coverage level. ECO is an optional endorsement to supplement your underlying policy (RP, RP-HPE, YP, YDO, and APH).

### How Does It Work?

- ECO provides area-based coverage for a portion of the deductible of your underlying policy, similar to the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO).
- ECO is based on your underlying policy plan of insurance. For example, with Yield Protection ECO covers yield loss.
- The amount of ECO coverage depends on the liability, coverage level, and approved yield for your underlying policy.
- Coverage must be elected by the sales closing date for your underlying policy.

### Benefits

- Overage up to 95% of expected crop value
- > Kicks in where SCO coverage stops
- Uses same SCO figures for expected and final area yields, projected and harvest prices, and payment factors
- No premium credits or offsets against individual policy
- ARC or PLC participation has no impact on eligibility

# **COVERAGE OPTIONS**

- 1. Choose a coverage band option:
  - 86% to 95% (9% coverage band)
  - 86% to 90% (4% coverage band)
- 2. Choose a Coverage Percentage of 50% 100%, in 1% increments
- 3. Calculate amount of ECO coverage
  Liability of underlying policy/Coverage level of underlying
  policy x ECO coverage band x Selected coverage percentage

## **COVERAGE LEVELS AND PREMIUM SUBSIDIES**

- Premium rates are generally released in November of each year for spring crops
- Includes separate administrative fee
- · Billing dates match underlying policy billing dates
- Same 80% premium subsidy rate for both Revenue or Yield Protection underlying policy

# New for 2026!

The premium subsidy rate has increased from 65% to 80% for all crops with the passing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

# Sample Estimate of ECO Cost for Corn

### REVENUE OR YIELD PROTECTION

Coverage Band	Amount of Coverage*	Total Premium**	Producer Premium
86%-90%	\$32	\$15	\$3
86%-95%	\$73	\$35	\$7

<sup>\*</sup> This is based on a yield of 180 bushels/acre with an expected price of \$4.50.

# LOSS REQUIREMENTS AND TRIGGERS

ECO differs from the underlying policy in how a loss payment is triggered.

- The underlying policy pays a loss on an individual unit basis and an indemnity is triggered when you have an individual loss in yield or revenue.
- ECO pays a loss on an area (generally county) basis and an indemnity is triggered when there is an area-level loss in yield or revenue.

ECO payments are determined by county average revenue or yield and are not affected by whether you receive a payment from your underlying policy. It is possible to experience an individual loss, but not receive an ECO payment, or vice-versa.

### INDEMNITY

Indemnities are determined after RMA provides Final Yields/Revenues, which is a similar process to SCO, MP, and ARPI. An ECO indemnity is not affected by whether you receive a payment on your underlying policy.

# **ECO REVENUE** SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

### COVERAGE AND PREMIUM CALCULATIONS

Area Expected Yield: 200 bu/ac	Corn Projected Price: \$4.50/bu
Elected ECO Coverage: 95%	Producer's Approved APH: 210 bu/ac
Coverage Range: 9% (95% - 86%)	Premium rate: 45%

\$4.50 x 210 bu/ac x 9% = **\$85.05/ac ECO Amount of Insurance** 

\$85.05/ac x 0.45 = <b>\$38.27/ac Total Premium</b>
\$38.27/ac x 0.80 = <b>\$30.62/ac Premium Subsidy</b>
\$38.27/ac - \$30.62/ac = <b>\$7.65/ac</b> Producer Premium

### INDEMNITY CALCULATION

Harvest Price: \$4.00/bu	Final Area Yield: 190 bu/ac
Final Area Revenue: \$760/ac	

95% - [\$760 / \$900] = **11%** Loss Percentage 11%/9% = **100%** Payment Factor \$85.05/ac x 100% = **\$85.05/ac** ECO indemnity



<sup>\*\*</sup> This is intended to give a general indication of potential cost of ECO. Actual cost will vary based on actual yields, actual prices, implied market volatilities, and other factors.