

Crop Insurance Unit Activities and Resources

Suggested Activities:

- Invite a farmer to speak about risk management in his or her farm business
- Invite an insurance agent to speak to your class about crop insurance and careers
- Organize a field trip where students can determine planting populations and stage the growth of plants in the field. Invite a crop insurance adjuster or agronomist along to help identify crop damage
- Have students engage in role play activities where “farmers” visit with “agents” and “adjusters” about their management goals and insurance products.
- Invite an agricultural education professional to class to discuss farm risk management strategies

Sources of Information:

Agents

All crop insurance is sold by agents in the private sector. You may use the Risk Management Agency’s website (www.rma.usda.gov) to locate an agent in your area. Developing a good working relationship with your agent will be an asset to your risk management plan.

Agricultural Education Professionals

State agricultural extension agents and farm business management instructors can serve as outstanding resources and sources of information. Check out www.nfrbmea.org or www.ncfmc.org for contacts.

Websites

Outstanding websites available to you for finding out more about crop insurance products and risk management plus links for other resources are:

- Risk Management Agency, USDA
www.rma.usda.gov
- Crop Insurance Research Bureau
www.cropinsurance.org
- National Crop Insurance Services
www.ag-risk.org
- National Ag Risk Library
www.agrisk.umn.edu
- Center for Farm Financial Management
www.cffm.umn.edu
- National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association
www.nfrbmea.org