

# Corn Seed Settlement Program

## Program Update No. 1

### Notices of Rejection for Producers with No Matching Corn Acreage

This Program Update is intended for you if you are a Producer who received a Notice of Rejection stating that there is no FSA or RMA data matching the Taxpayer Identification Number (“TIN”) you provided on your Claim Form.

To determine eligible Corn acres, we must match the TIN and name provided on your Claim Form with data reported on Form FSA-578 or through the Crop Insurance (RMA) program. Your TIN is your Social Security Number (“SSN”) if you are filing a personal claim or your Employer Identification Number (“EIN”) if you are filing a claim for a business.

If you received a Notice of Rejection stating that the FSA and RMA could not find Corn acreage data for your farm, but you believe you reported Corn acres in Marketing Years 2013-17, please read this Program Update for further information on how you can resolve this issue.

**The Notice of Rejection is not a final determination that your claim has been denied. You can cure your Notice of Rejection by providing us with the correct information.** We are issuing this Program Update to help guide you in this process so we can find your FSA or RMA data.

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- I. If your Notice of Rejection includes the reason in the box below, it means we confirmed that your TIN is correct but there was no FSA or RMA acres matching your TIN (“Rejection Reason P-05”).**

What is Missing	What You Must Provide
<p>You indicated that you reported your Corn acreage to the USDA on an FSA-578 form or you purchased crop insurance, but there is no government acreage data matching the Taxpayer Identification Number (“TIN”) you provided.</p> <p>This may be because you use a different TIN to report your acreage on an FSA-578 or for crop insurance (RMA). The claims process ordered by the Court uses this government data for eligible Producers who reported their Corn crop to the USDA FSA.</p>	<p>On the Taxpayer Identification Number Sworn Written Statement, enter your complete, correct TIN, your own name, and the business or trust name for your Corn farm, if applicable.</p> <p>If you reported your Corn acreage to the USDA FSA or purchased crop insurance using a different TIN, you must also provide the name and TIN that you use to report your Corn acreage to the USDA FSA or to purchase crop insurance.</p> <p>If you did not report your Corn acreage to the FSA and did not obtain Crop Insurance, correct your answer on the Claim Form and then complete the table, “Corn Acreage Not Reported to the USDA FSA.”</p>

**Why we issued Rejection Reason P-05:** You told us that you reported all Corn acreage to the FSA or RMA and we confirmed that the TIN on the Claim Form is valid. However, the FSA and RMA databases do not have any Corn acres matching your TIN. The most likely reason we could not find any Corn acres with the FSA or RMA is that the acres were reported under a different TIN.

**Here are some common reasons why you might have received Rejection Reason P-05 and how to resolve the issue:**

- 1. Landlords and Tenants.** If you farm as a renter or tenant and you reported to the FSA or RMA under your landlord’s TIN, then you need to provide us with the landlord’s TIN.

**How to resolve this:** Complete the Taxpayer Identification Number Sworn Written Statement (“SWS-02”). Do not update the Claim Form with the landlord’s TIN; instead, complete the SWS-02 to authorize us to obtain Corn acreage data for your landlord’s TIN.

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You should enter your own TIN in Section I of the SWS-02 and enter your landlord's TIN in Section II of the SWS-02. If you farmed for more than one landlord, you should provide the TINs for all of your landlords.

The SWS-02 is attached to the Notice of Rejection and is also available on your Portal. The online Portal is the most secure and quickest way to respond to a Notice of Rejection and submit the SWS-02. Review Program Update No. 2 for instructions on how to complete and submit the SWS-02.

- 2. Trusts and Businesses.** If you farm as a trust or business, you might have provided your personal TIN instead of the TIN for your trust or business. Similarly, some businesses or trusts provided the correct corporate TIN on the Claim Form, but they report their Corn acreage under a different TIN.

**How to resolve this:** You should submit the SWS-02 to authorize us to obtain Corn acreage data for the trust or business. You must provide the TIN of the trust or business that would be paid in Section I of the SWS-02, and the TIN that the trust or business used to report Corn data to the FSA or RMA in Section II of the SWS-02.

The SWS-02 is attached to the Notice of Rejection and is also available on your Portal. The online Portal is the most secure and quickest way to respond to a Notice of Rejection and submit the SWS-02. Review Program Update No. 2 for instructions on how to complete and submit the SWS-02.

- 3. Businesses and Trusts that Changed EINs.** In some cases, businesses reported their Corn acreage to the FSA and RMA using a TIN that subsequently changed when the business or trust re-organized. In these cases, we confirmed that the TIN on the Claim Form is the current TIN for the business or trust, but the FSA maintains the Corn acres under the earlier TIN under which they were reported.

**How to resolve this:** You should submit the SWS-02 to authorize us to obtain Corn acreage data maintained under the previous TIN of the trust or business. You should provide the current TIN of the trust or business that would be paid in Section I of the SWS-02, and the TIN that the trust or business used to report Corn data to the FSA or RMA in Section II of the SWS-02.

The SWS-02 is attached to the Notice of Rejection and is also available on your Portal. The online Portal is the most secure and quickest way to respond to a Notice of Rejection and submit the SWS-02. Review Program Update No. 2 for instructions on how to complete and submit the SWS-02.

- 4. Family Members.** In some cases, spouses or other family members filed separate Claim Forms with the Settlement Program. These family members farm together but report all their Corn acres to the FSA and RMA using one family member's TIN. The FSA and

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RMA maintain Corn acreage by TIN, not by name. The FSA and RMA cannot provide separate data for each family member who filed a claim.

**How to resolve:** Many spouses or other family members submitted individual claims (e.g., one claim for the wife and one for the husband). In these cases, the Settlement program will pay for all eligible Corn acres using the claim with the TIN that matches the FSA and RMA data. If all acreage was reported to the FSA using the wife’s TIN, the FSA will not have any data associated with the husband’s TIN and the husband cannot make a claim for part of this acreage. If you report acreage to the FSA and/or RMA using a TIN other than your personal TIN, you must complete the SWS-02. Do not update the Claim Form with the other TIN; instead, complete the SWS-02 to authorize us to obtain Corn acreage data for the other TIN.

The SWS-02 is attached to the Notice of Rejection and is also available on your Portal. The online Portal is the most secure and quickest way to respond to a Notice of Rejection and submit the SWS-02. Review Program Update No. 2 for instructions on how to complete and submit the SWS-02.

**II. If your Notice of Rejection includes the reason in the box below, we could not confirm the EIN or SSN on the Claim Form belongs to you, and there are no matching FSA or RMA acres for that EIN or SSN (“Rejection Reason P-19”).**

What is Missing	What You Must Provide
<p>You indicated that you reported your Corn acreage to the USDA on an FSA-578 form or you purchased crop insurance, but there is no government acreage data matching the Taxpayer Identification Number (“TIN”) you provided.</p> <p>This may be because you entered an incorrect TIN on the Claim Form, or because you use a different TIN to report your acreage on an FSA-578 or for crop insurance (RMA). The claims process ordered by the Court uses this government data for eligible Producers who reported their Corn crop to the USDA FSA.</p>	<p>On the Claim Form, enter your complete, correct TIN, your own name, and the business or trust name for your Corn farm, if applicable.</p> <p>If you did not report your Corn acreage to the FSA and did not obtain Crop Insurance, correct your answer on the Claim Form and then complete the table, “Corn Acreage Not Reported to the USDA FSA.”</p> <p>If you reported your Corn acreage to the USDA FSA or purchased crop insurance using a different TIN, you must also complete the Taxpayer Identification Number Sworn Written Statement.</p>

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**Why we issued Rejection Reason P-19:** We could not match the TIN provided on the Claim Form with the name listed on the Claim Form. Also, there are no matching FSA or RMA acres for the TIN you provided.

**Here are some common reasons why you might have received Rejection Reason P-19 and how to resolve the issue:**

- 1. TINs mis-typed or illegible on the Claim Form.** You may have transposed digits on the TIN on your Claim Form (for example, 111-11-1211 rather than 111-11-2111), or your handwritten Claim Form was unclear (for example, a “6” appeared as a “0”). In these cases, we could not confirm that the TIN on the Claim Form belongs to you. We checked with the FSA and the RMA and these agencies did not have any Corn acres matching the unconfirmed TIN.

**How to resolve this:** You should carefully enter your TIN on the Claim Form attached to the Notice of Rejection or on the online Portal, and re-submit the Claim Form. To protect your privacy, we did not print the previously provided TIN on the Claim Form attached to the Notice of Rejection.

If you report your Corn acres to the FSA or RMA using a TIN that is different than what is on your Claim Form, you should also complete the SWS-02 to authorize us to request acreage data for that additional TIN.

- 2. TINs Entered in the Wrong SSN/EIN Format.** You may have reported a TIN on your Claim Form that is not in the proper format. SSNs must be formatted as XXX-XX-XXXX, and EINs must be formatted as XX-XXXXXXX.

**How to resolve this:** Carefully enter your TIN on the Claim Form attached to the Notice of Rejection or on the online Portal and re-submit the Claim Form. The hard-copy Producer Claim Form allows for TINs to be written in either EIN or SSN form, so be sure to correctly format the TIN.

- 3. No Business Entity Listed.** If you are claiming for a business, make sure you have listed the business name (trust, corporation, etc.) on your Claim Form so we can match the business with the EIN.

**How to solve this:** Make sure that a claim for a business lists the correct business name and EIN.

If you have any questions or need help, contact us at 1-833-567-CORN (2676) or send an email to [Questions@CornSeedSettlement.com](mailto:Questions@CornSeedSettlement.com). For more information about the Program, visit the Settlement Website at [www.CornSeedSettlement.com](http://www.CornSeedSettlement.com) to read the Frequently Asked Questions.